

# Coffeehouse: Mellow Mood, Good Music

By: Susan M. Siciliano

"Who's Jim Price?" They might have asked the same question several years ago about a guy from South Philly who played at a coffeehouse in Bryn Mawr. But this wasn't as big a star as Croce, or as famed a place as the Mainpoint. This was Delaware County's first coffeehouse of the season. With a donut in hand, a soda to cool

the heat, the kids sat back as Jim strummed through songs from Simon and Garfunkle to the Beatles with a smooth and relaxing style. There was no hurrying and from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight the number of listeners grew to 100 the largest turnout for a coffeehouse ever at this campus.

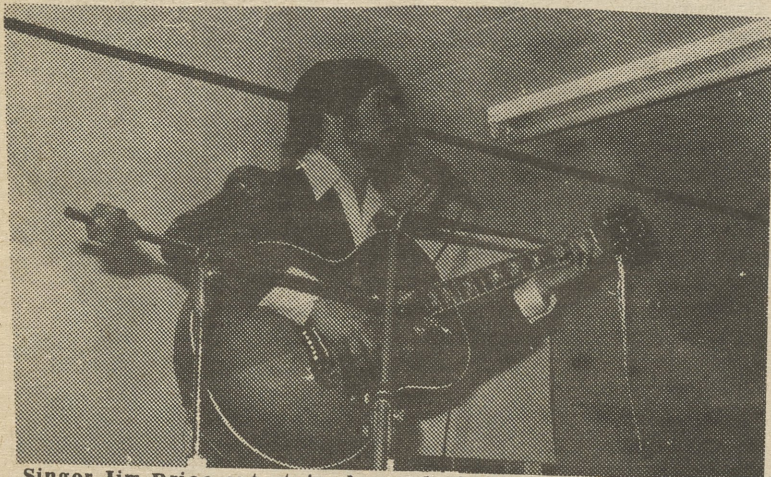
It wasn't by reputation of either

the singer or past coffeehouses that made Sept. 5th such a success. The majority there were freshmen and Jim, who works in construction, is recently forming another group. Maybe it was curiosity. Whatever it meant somewhere to go on a Friday night where the kids could sit and eat and listen all for the price of the gas to get them there.

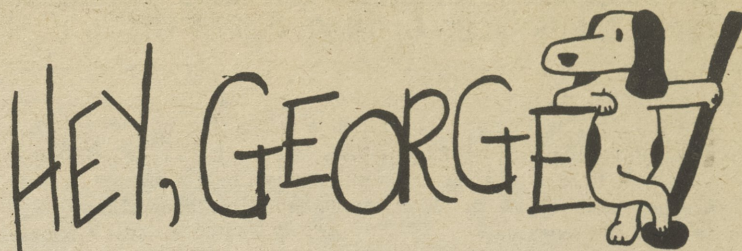
The feeling generated by the kids was so "together". Even Jim could feel it. For an encore, he sang his last song with two guys from his future group, highlighting more of Jim's talents and the mellow combination of their voices and own material.

The price of the Coffeehouse is being raised to 50¢ to allow for more of a variety in entertainment, but that doesn't detract from the night. There'll be other Jim Prices', groups, maybe even a bellydancer.

Delaware County's Coffeehouse...a successful start, but where it goes from there depends on the students.



Singer Jim Price entertained crowd of 100 at first Coffeehouse of the year. Picture by Richard Squadrito



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It's fascinating! A whole column dedicated to a dog, and still most of the freshmen refer to her as "here, pooch," POOCH! Honestly now, poor ol' George has had enough on her mind recently without such defamations. In fact, I just saw her storm out of the lounge. George?! Run away when food's present? Let's see if we can track her down to find out why.

ME: Hey, George! Can you stop and talk a minute?

GEORGE: Not if I'm to keep up with that guy and his delicious hoagie.

ME: Oh, it's food then. I thought you were mad.

GEORGE: No chance. Got my shots yesterday.

ME: Then what's this mumbling I hear about the system?

GEORGE: Nervous system. It's a strange disorder that attacks anyone trying to survive both bureaucracy, democracy and the sharp turn onto Yearsley Mill Road all within the same day.

ME: It sounds like some pretty heavy stuff has been going on.

GEORGE: Depends on how many free periods you can spend in the lounge and if the machines are feeling well.

ME: Not that kind of heavy. What could these kids possibly know of bureaucracy at 18 or 19?

GEORGE: There are questions to answer before you get here, tests to tell you where you stand, cards to complete for pre-registration, lines for registration, forms to drop a course, add a course, change a major, use a room, get money for a club. . .

ME: Well, this is college, not high school.

GEORGE: Yeah, but they should at least help the kids adjust to the change. You know, prerequisites like Form Filling 101 or Run Around 203.

ME: The University has more important things to worry about.

GEORGE: Yeah, so much that a class of 300 at "The Park" had to wait an hour before they found out the University forgot to assign a Prof. Probably lost the form.

ME: Is there anything you DO like?

GEORGE: Sure. For one thing, the administration believes in togetherness.

ME: Well then, that's more like it.

GEORGE: But there's such a thing as overdoing something. Take for example the U.S.A. office, the Lion's Eye office, Student Activities office, Keystone office and PSEA office; all located in room A in the Student Affairs' building. The other day someone opened a drawer in the file cabinet at the same time someone opened the door and sent the person working at the desk through the window.

ME: Was anyone hurt?

GEORGE: No, thank goodness. Think of the form for property damage they'd have to fill---

ME: Thank you, George. Would you like to redeem yourself with a few parting words?

GEORGE: Life is like a maze. Unless you understand "the system" you spend your life running around in circles. Happy heartburn.

## Helpful Hints . . . . . To Freshmen

By: Laura Keryluk

Here are a few tips to keep in mind as you work your way through college. These are things that often have to be taught the hard way and perhaps by sharing them with you, the often tiresome and seemingly never ending road will be a little easier on you.

your bumper. Besides its flair of sophistication, it has become a symbol of intellectualism across the country.

- #2 Learn to develop a look of bewilderment whenever an upperclassmen speaks to you (practice this facial expression at least 6 times a day, besides toning up muscles it gives you an excuse not to be faced with questions you can't answer from the "uneducated.")
- #3 (similar to #2) Know everything about anything, but in case you don't know what a person is talking about.. when he finishes his sentence say "Hm... very thought provoking."
- #4 Get at least 3 hours sleep before classes..this is easily done by setting your psychology book in front of you.
- #5 File your fingernails and talk to a classmate while your instructor is teaching. This will show him that you really "know your stuff".
- #6 Always call your instructors by their first names right off to let them know you consider yourself on their level.

Well, I sincerely hope this advice benefits each and every one of you for true success in college--believe me, it works.

searching. I hope that by conditioning myself on when and how to study, I will be able to partake of the many extra-curricular activities available. Even though the facilities are limited, involving myself in clubs, teams, etc., will broaden my capabilities in dealing with people.

Most of the students are ready and willing to make new acquaintances. This helps to ease the stress after being in class for hours. Also, it's reassuring to know that I am not the only student who feels overwhelmed with books and studies.

The Delaware County Campus is an experience. As the days and years go by, I want to remember all my friends, the happenings, courses (maybe), failures and accomplishments. I sincerely believe that I will be a better and more experienced person while and after attending Penn State.

## Freshman Views Campus Life

By: Ivetta Stephens

The thought of entering college in September seemed to send warning signals to every corner of my brain. I was sort of lost because my title of "Big Bad Senior" was no longer applicable. All kinds of preconceived ideas about the campus popped into my head. O well! Now that I am here, most of the misconceptions have been dispelled. Still, a few things have yet to be explored.

I have found that the scenic landscape surrounding the campus is the most enjoyable feature of the Delaware County Campus. It's serenity, peace, calmness and bugs enveloped me the first day of orientation. Even though I commute quite a distance from the campus, it is well worth my while to get away from the rushing pace of the city. The educational opportunity offered to me by Penn State opens new outlets for career

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certs must be approved by the Concert Committee. PIRG failed to gain the approval of this committee, and the concert had to be cancelled only a few days previous to the scheduled date.

Penn PIRG is presently working in conjunction with the Concert Committee on new contracts in an attempt to organize future concerts. If these concerts are approved by the Concert Committee, PIRG may attain its long-sought financial backing. No specific dates or performers have been announced at this time.

In an effort to attain approval of PIRG itself, 16 members of Penn PIRG went to the meeting of the Board of Trustees. However, in accordance with the regulations of PSU, students were

not permitted to be present at the meeting, and the PIRG members were asked to leave.

Penn PIRG, with the aid of Michael Baker, Jr. and Dr. Helen Wise, is now attempting to change the rule which prohibits students from attending meetings of the Board of Trustees. Both Mr. Baker and Dr. Wise are members of the Board of Trustees elected by the alumni, and they support the admission of students to Board meetings. Mr. Baker is chairperson of the Executive Committee, of which Dr. Wise is also a member. Changing this rule requires a great deal of time but PIRG feels it is the best possible method of gaining entrance to the meetings and thereby helping its cause.

## Springsteen's "Born to Run": 'Good, But Not His Best'

By: Bill Lee Hagal

Bruce Springsteen's third album on Columbia Records is called "Born to Run". This is the album that is supposed to make Springsteen nationally known.

Up until now, only parts of the world have heard the music of this talented artist. "Born to Run" is supposed to change this. I think it will.

However, I hope newcomers listening to the Springsteen beat do not use this album as their sole judge of Bruce's work. This is a good album but not his best, in my opinion.

The lyrics, describing the life in a city mixed in with some love ballads, are better than ever. The music, though, is not played as controlled or masterful as his previous accomplishments. In some of the songs the loud horns, saxes, piano, guitar and an accomplished glockenspiel drown out the voice, sort of in the style of the Rolling Stones.

Springsteen starts his album with a song about a girl who he is trying to get into his car for an evening of love-making. The song is called "Thunder Road".

"Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out" has a really good sound to it. This song is one of Springsteen's best, musically. The song describes the roughness in a city.

Skipping over "Night", for it's one of Springsteen's worst, we come to "Backstreets". "Backstreets" is a song where Bruce mixes love and hate, as he did in "For You" on his first release.

## Poetry Corner

### I SHOULD HAVE

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Today I finished yesterday in a daydream  
Completing what I thought I should have done  
Adding in the words and little feelings  
Living out two days instead of one.

Looking through the eyes of a new sunrise  
Somehow yesterday was in my grasp  
Reaching through the minutes and the hours  
Changing every bitter moment's past.

Today I finished yesterday in a daydream  
Brushing the rough edges all away  
Stepping back I smiled at my achievement  
But tomorrow will I try to live today?

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