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Vairo Welcomes New Students To P.S.U. "Family"

By: John D. Vairo, Campus Director

I would like to express my personal greetings to each of the young men and women who are entering the Delaware County Campus this fall, and to extend a welcome to all of you as the newest members of the Penn State family. President Oswald, members of the Campus Advisory Board, the faculty and staff, all join me in saying that we are proud to have you as Penn State students.

You are joining the Campus on the eve of its tenth year of operation. Little did we realize back in September of 1967 when the campus opened, that we today would have an enrollment of 1200 students. Our beginnings in a converted fish market in Chester were humble. Today we rank as the third largest Campus in the system of Commonwealth Campuses.

We can all look with pride upon a past that includes many accomplishments. But more importantly, we look ahead to the future with high expectations of what we can accomplish if we all work together in our efforts to make this the best campus in the system.

We think that this is a great university. You too will come to respect the notion that Penn State is great because we are concerned not only with your intellectual development but also with your ethical, social, aesthetical, and physical development.

Penn State teaches more than subject matter. Our programs are structured in ways which will help you to appreciate life, to understand yourself, and to respect the uniqueness of other people.

This campus is dedicated to three distinct but equally important tasks. One is to equip you with the ability to think a unique skill which you will need to function regardless of what you plan to do with your life.

A second task is to provide you with particular skills needed to earn a living - as an engineer, an historian, a scientist, whatever career you have set for yourself.

The third task is to help you become intelligent and constructive critics of our society. We do not intend to inculcate a single set of values, but hope that you will be sensitive to many values and the need for making rational choices about them.

Real learning requires participation. The faculty cannot force learning. They can only guide you to and through a variety of learning experiences and your personal willingness to participate in the process will determine whether you learn enough to become all that you can become.

If one were to ask what is the major responsibility we have to you as young scholars, I would have to answer that we have the responsibility of making available to you a quality education that will

add a large measure of the ingredients needed to help you achieve a full life as a productive member of our world.

Can we succeed in this mission? Yes, I think so if you help us. We have the academic resources as seen in a quality faculty and courses. We have you, the students. And you are not ordinary students, for you have met the rigid requirements for admission into Penn State, and thus, you have the intellectual capacity to do well. We have a dedicated staff that will be available to you to help you in whatever ways they can. We have the support of your parents who have sent you to us with the high expectations to which parents are entitled.

More importantly, we have a genuine interest in you as individuals.

To help us fulfill our obligations to you, we do have expectations of you. You cannot be passive in the classroom nor out of the classroom. We expect that you will question and doubt what you hear and read. You have the right and the opportunity to engage in discussions with your teachers and fellow students in your pursuit after truth.

You have an obligation to help us forge a better Penn State and a better Delaware County Campus.

We will do everything we can to meet our obligations to you. Our hope is that you will do everything you can to meet our obligations to us.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

USA Seeks To Meet Student Needs And Interests

By: James J. Leemon

Dear Fellow Students. As the new freshman students at our campus, you are probably full of questions about anything and everything that concerns this campus and college life in general.

The first few days of your orientation program might seem hectic and you are probably a little worried about cramming all the information you will be receiving and making some sense out of it. The first week of classes might also seem hectic, finding out who your instructors are, buying books, and finding out where to go if you have any problems.

Even though it seems like everything is hitting you at once, remember that

it is something every freshman went through; just like everyone else, you will need some time to adjust.

The Undergraduate Student Association or U.S.A., is composed of students who had those very same questions just one year ago. The U.S.A. is composed of the many student organizations we have on campus that exist solely for your benefit to respond to your interests and activities.

The U.S.A. is the student government whose officers are elected by the freshmen during the spring term of every year. It is an organization where every student interested in helping another

student can join. We have a big responsibility in helping plan and coordinate all the activities you will see throughout the year.

Our services to the student body cover a wide range of areas from student insurance to the educational policies that can help you in the classroom. If you have any questions or need information about almost anything you have a problem with, just stop in the U.S.A. office in the Student Affairs module.

Remember though, that being a student organization, we are only as strong as you want us to be. The only way we can do our job to help our fellow students is if you help us and give us your support.