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Dear Harry:

I commend you on your first try at the Lion's Eye. Producing a student newspaper is not the easiest thing to do. I know this from long experience as a student journalist as well as a professional newspaperman.

I want to issue a caution on a pet peeve of mine, one which you may come to respect as time goes on. The reference to this campus as "Delco" is illiteracy and inaccurate. A good headline writer will find accurate ways of saying, in abbreviated form, Delaware County Campus. Delco is a battery manufactured by General Motors. I also find it a form of il-

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literacy to refer to the University park campus as "the Park" or "u.p." as a few say. It is the University Park Campus. Thank you.

> Sincerely, John D. Vairo **Campus Director**

Freshman Experience The

Let me introduce myself, I am one of the many new freshmen who will be attending Penn State. I guess the best place to start is at the beginning. While in my senior year of high school, I applied to five colleges and was accepted by four of them; one of which was Penn State. I looked at what each college had to offer and which would be more helpful to myself as well as my future endeavors.

There are many reasons why I chose Penn State. One of the main and most important reasons is that I am going to be a psychology major. In con-sideration of this fact, I had to choose the college which would be more of a benefit to me. I felt that Penn State fit this particular category.

The high school from which I graduated is very small. As long as I have gone to school, I to my aid. However, I am sure

State Delaware County Cam- myself; but there is always a pus will be a much easier adjustment to make rather than if I was going straight up to the main campus or to any other large college. This is another factor of why I chose Penn State.

A person's surroundings and the people in those surroundings are very important to the individual's development and growth. When I went to Penn State's orientation program, I found that the people and the atmosphere were of a very amiable nature. This also affected my decision to choose Penn State.

I had a few troubles concerning transportation to and from school, but fortunately I have a couple of friends who are also attending Penn State who came

have always had a small class. that many other students are or Therefore, attending Penn were in the same boat as way so that things will work out all right.

I have much eagerness and enthusiasm for this coming year. I know it will be completely different than what I have been used to but that is just part of the challenge of it all. I also know that it will not be all fun and games either. There will be a lot of hard work and studying to be done. Each responsible student knows that if he really wants to achieve his goals that he is striving for, he has to work for it somewhere along the way. Penn State make way for us freshmen, cause we're going to make it in this world with your help!

-Judy Sealy

PHEAA Issues Record Amount of Aid

State-administered student aid programs for Pennsylanians at postsecondary schools within the Commonwealth's borders had a record high overall economic impact during 1978-79 academic of \$316,279,520, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) announced last June.

It was the ninth year an impact study was provided by PHEAA to the president of each school and college involved. The new figures were the highest in the 15-year history of Pennsylvania student aid.

Of the total, \$52,886,412 was from federal funds received by students due to the state's requirement that students apply

for both the Basic Educational **Opportunity Grant (federal)** when they seek aid from the state through the State Grant Program. The remainder of the funds (\$263,393,108) came from the State Grant program and the Guaranteed Student Loan Program that is operated by PHEAA for the Commonwealth, plus a program of direct aid to private schools, the Institutional Assistance Grants (IAG) Program.

State Grant recipients numbering 98,240 received \$63,978,967 from the State Grant Program. Of that number, 54,102 also received \$52,886,412 from BEOG.

Some 95,005 students both undergraduates and

graduates borrowed \$189,486,067 under the Student Loan program from participating private lenders. This, too, was a record.

Private institutions where state students receiving State Grants are in attendance received \$12,138,400 under the IAG program. The IAG Program was passed several years ago by the Legislature to help inflation-plagued private institutions to keep tuition costs. from soaring.

For details on PHEAA grants to Pennsylvania residents, contact the office of Student Affairs in the modular building or write: PHEAA, Towne House Apartments, Harrisburg, PA 17102.



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