



Library Learning Center Dedication

by Debbie Lewis

The setting was perfect for the long awaited dedication of the library learning center at our campus. The sun shone brightly on hundreds of alumni, parents, faculty, guest speakers, and students who had come to enjoy and appreciate this formal dedication of our beautiful new facility on Sunday, September 27, 1981. The mood was festive for the formal cutting of the blue and white ribbon which stretched across the entrance of the \$2.5 million dollar library learning center.

The speeches were both enlightening and interesting and traced the history of the Pennsylvania State University's Delaware County Campus from its initial facility in Chester, Pennsylvania, having an enroll-

ment of 236 students in 1967 when our campus was opened.

"Fifty years from today this library will be the center of the campus, and it will always be the focal point," Vairo said. "It was built for the improvement of mankind, but what is inside is useless if it is not used. We hope it is used properly and daily."

Mr. Oswald, who is nearing his retirement in 1983, made some nostalgic comments and complimented Mr. Vairo on his competence as our director. "This building has been subject to many hurdles and obstacles," said Dr. Oswald. "We worried through recessions and a freeze on the building. It is the very core of the campus and will be put to the highest purpose and achievement."

Other speakers included

Judge Louis A. Bloom, president of the advisory board; Elwood Wertz, architectural chief; Stuart Forth, dean of the university libraries; Robert Scannel, vice president and Dean of the Commonwealth Education System; State Senator Clarence D. Bell; Jane Cooper, chairmen of the campus Faculty Senate; and Harrison Butler, president of the Undergraduate Student Government. The invocation was given by Reverend Joseph E. Walsh of St. Francis De Sales Church and the benediction was given by Judge Robert A. Wright.

Immediately following the dedication ceremony, refreshments were served outdoors on the campus grounds under beautiful yellow canapaies. The day's events ended with the dedication of the entrance wall to our campus, which was a gift from over 200 alumni of the Delaware County Campus of Penn State.

Spirit Week

by Jim Moore

From October 26 through 30, the students of the Delco Campus of Penn State whipped themselves into frenzied activity as they went through the memorable excitement of Spirit Week. For those of you who didn't realize that we had anything going on last week, well, we'll just have to fill you in on the incredible events that occurred right under your noses.

Spirit Week started Monday with an explosion of joyous paranoia over the Outing Club's baby pumkin sale. The sale turned out to be such a stunning success that it had to continue on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the Drama Club began where the Outing Club left off and sold more baby pumkins. The Keystone Club held a candy apple sale, while the Student Activities Commission (SAC) rose to the challenge with its own carnal apple sale. But that isn't all! The Lion's Eye con-



ducted its tremendously successful soft pretzel sale. What a stunning combination: hundreds of Delco students enjoyed feasting on these delicacies and helping their school.

In addition to food sales, other spirited activities took place. The cheerleaders held a carnation sale leaving the campus overflowing with flowers, and Blue and White Day was a triumph of school spirit! On Saturday, spirit continued

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Outing Club News

by Mary Sidoriak

On October 10 the Outing Club went canoeing on the Brandywine River. Everyone met at Penn State parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and then we all went to the place where we were to rent the canoes. Since we arrived a little bit early we headed for Howard Johnson's to keep warm. But who was going to order something to eat?

By 10 o'clock our canoes were in the river and we were just beginning our 13 mile paddle through winding and rapid waters. Two times along the

way we had to carry our boats over land and then put them back into the water. Two members of the Outing Club decided to help keep the environment clean by picking up empty beer bottles that were along the bank of the river.

The weather was perfect for canoeing. The sun was out and the sky was clear blue all day. The scenery along the way was beautiful with the leaves on the trees forming a collage of reds, yellows and greens and the water sparkling clear.

Other activities the Outing Club plans to do this year are a skiing trip in the winter, camp-

ing, white water rafting, and canoeing in the spring.

Loan Cuts Cut Students

by Peter Cook

As of October 1, 1981 college students whose families' total income is above \$25,000 instead of the previous cut off of \$30,000, are now exempt from most state and federal aid. This cut off has been decreased by the current Reagan Administration.

The National Direct Student Loan (NDSL), which is the most used loan, will be cut by \$100 million from \$286 million, and in the future could face an additional \$14.8 million in cuts. For Penn State the cut in the NDSL will near a \$700,000 loss in subsidies. Other student aid programs now available will also face cuts, including the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) by \$60,000; and the College Work Study Program (CWSP) by \$855,000.

Due to inflation and the resulting rise in the costs of education, a lot of families are forced out of the student loan

programs. At the Delaware County Campus the figures on students turned away will be released next year. Students are forced to seek other ways of funding their college education.

The few students next year who are fortunate to receive any aid in the form of loans will see higher interest rates on the loans.

At the Delaware County Campus, where students are commuters, they must contend with the expense with transportation in addition to tuition. College students will face grim times while the current Administration is in office. An 18th century writer once said, "These are the times that try men's souls." Now in the 20th century we can rewrite this to say, "These are the times that try the students souls, spirits, and pocketbooks."

A Possible Building For Delco

by Larry Fitzgerald

On October 7, 1981 a bill was passed by the State Senate that could provide up to \$20 million for Penn State University. This bill still must be approved by the House and then signed by Governor Dick Thornberg.

If the bill is passed, \$3.9 million will be allotted to Penn State Delaware County Campus for the construction of a multipurpose building. Among

other things the building will include a gymnasium and a student activity center. They will be a great asset to the campus along with the newly opened Library-Learning Center.

Delaware County Campus Director, John Vairo, said he would like to see the bill passed for the multipurpose building because, "it is greatly needed for everyone concerned" — this includes the staff as well as the students.

Delco's Blood Drive

by Alicia E. Fullmer

On October 7, the Red Cross held their Blood Donor Drive in the Student Lounge, Main Building. There were 163 donor sign-ups. The Red Cross Volunteers along with the camp medical staff were all enthused by the potential blood donors. At the day's end there was a total of 101 donors that had given blood; there were 18 deferrals for medical reasons and 44 who did not show up. The campus surpassed its' quota of 75 donors by a very large margin.

We hope that the donors who gave blood can come back for the April drive and we hope the others will try to come too. If you would like to donate blood but were not available on October 7, feel free to go to any Blood-mobile Center, (inquire at the Health Office, room 114 main), and ask that your donation be credited to the Delaware County Campus of Penn. State University.

Some New Faces at the Delco Campus

by Mike Grogan

This year on campus we have some new faces on the faculty, eighteen to be exact! Those working full time here at Penn State are; Capt. Marvin Chandler and Sgt. Frank Christen of the Army ROTC, Nancy Berkowitz in Speech & Comp., Doris Griffith in the Phys. Ed. Dept., Alessandra Graves in Spanish/German instruction, Susan Konyk in the English Dept., Robert Rodini in Computer Science, and from Greece to lecturer on the topic of Economics, we are pleased to welcome Mr. Stavras Xiarchas.

Those instructors lecturing on a part time basis are; Michael Rosenberg on Anthropology, John Tierney and Joanne Yurchak on Chemistry, Patricia Conboy on Economics, Donald Robinson on Agriculture, Gilbert J. Reilly on Statistics, James Diskin and C. Ralph Verno on Mathematics, and finally Josephine Knopp and Jean Fava on English and English & RCLED respectively.

On behalf of the Lion's Eye staff and the entire campus student body I would like to give you a hardy welcome to Penn State, and hopes tor a pleasant stay here with us.

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