



A Welcome from the Campus Executive Officer

For the past 16 years, I have had the pleasure of writing for the *Lion's Eye* a few words of welcome to our students. I gladly do so again this year and with as much enthusiasm and sincerity as the very first time I welcomed our students.

It is truly a pleasure to have you with us. I know that I speak for all my colleagues when I say that we hope you will do well not only during your college days but on into the future when you take your important place in the broader society. We hope you enjoy being a Penn State student at the Delaware County Campus.

Beyond the mere words of welcome, however, other thoughts run through my mind as I think about you and the start of another academic year. The start of a new year always brings with it new hopes, new challenges, new opportunities, and new expectations. This year is no exception.

Perhaps the greatest expectation we have of you is that you will think creatively, in class and out of class. Stretch to the ultimate that mind of yours that is so young and so fertile. Somewhere among you is that fresh idea so desperately needed to turn our confused world around. You whose eyes read these words may very well be the one who, eventually, will come up with the ideas that may correct the ills of society. What an awesome expectation, what an important expectation.

Somewhere among our student body may be hidden that seed of original thought that will save us all. New ways of doing things are desperately needed and we hope that you will nurture every idea that comes to mind and put it to the test. If it does not work, discard it and start all over again. Every idea deserves to be examined and put to a rigid test for validation.

You have an opportunity now, perhaps for the first time in your life, to work with ideas. To do so may mean breaking old habits and old ways of doing things. The collegial setting into which you now find

yourself will provide you the knowledge base needed to think. What a joyful experience this will be for you!

Grab passionately onto every chance you get to think. Do not see these opportunities only as dreadful assignments to be avoided like the plague and which, with good luck, will soon go away. The truth is that the opportunity to think is a precious luxury that you cannot afford to waste.

Perhaps at no other time in history have we been faced with so many complex social problems, many of which seem to defy correction. The questions you face now as a student and the problems that will haunt you throughout your life are all based upon the broader question of whether life in its present condition is worth saving at all. I, along with many others think that it is and I have assumed some responsibility of doing my little part in correcting some of the wrongs. My hopes is that you will help me and the others in carrying out that responsibility, again, not only as a student but throughout your life. Somewhere among you is that fresh idea that might save us all in spite of ourselves. I must admit, however, to a high degree of worry and frustration because of the way so many people have accepted as normal the disorders of life.

To engage in productive thinking requires a knowledge base. Penn State offers this to you. The courses you take, the interaction between you and the faculty and among fellow students, will provide opportunities to build a knowledge base upon which you then will be able to think creatively.

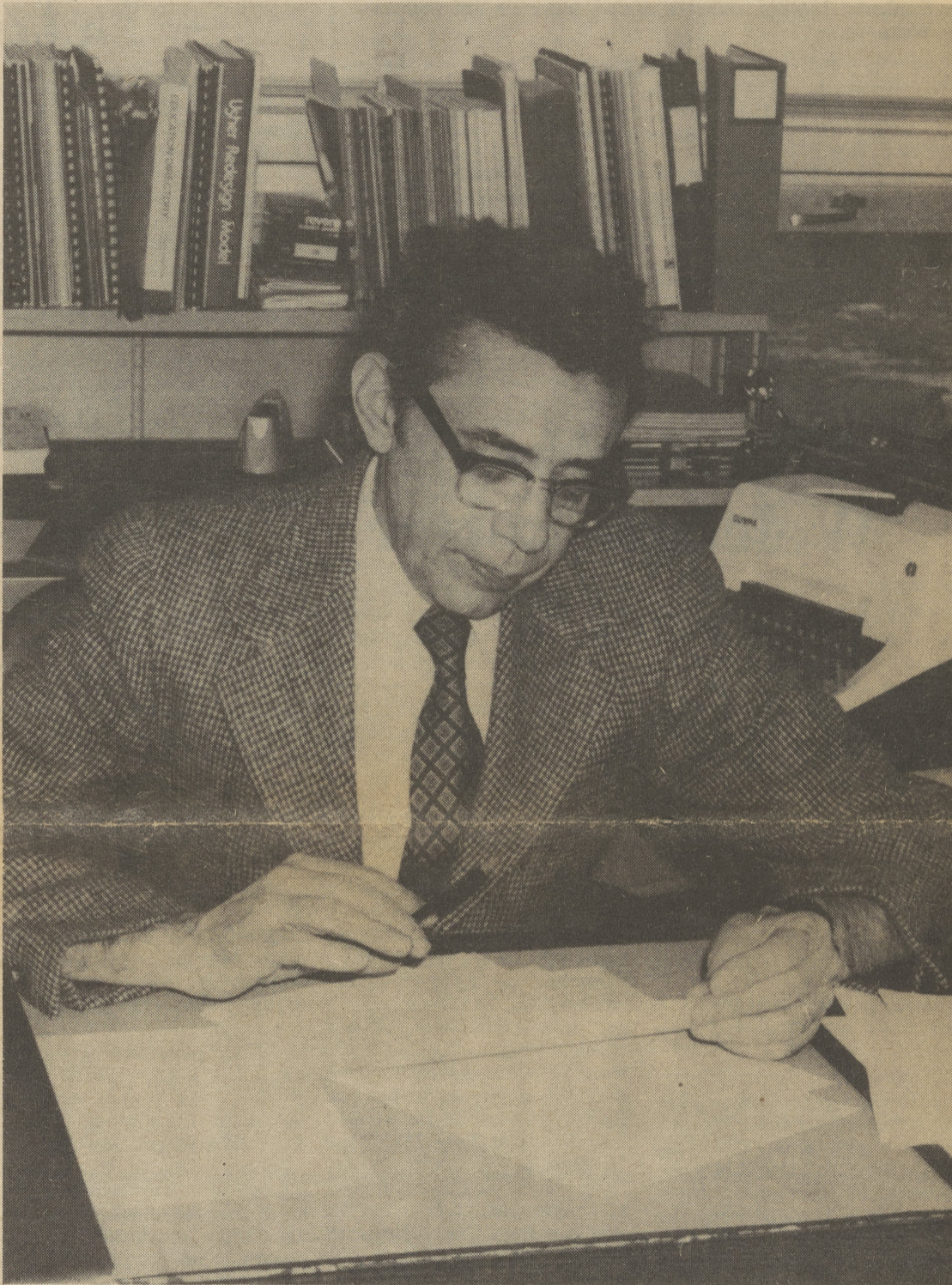
When you turn the first page of the first textbook you use in your first course you will have started a pursuit after truth that has no ending. You may race through that book, do the necessary assignments, submit whatever papers are required, take a final examination, and receive a grade, throw away the book — and forget everything you learned. This would be a

waste of your brain and of your time, not to mention a waste of the knowledge and time of your teachers. On the other hand you

may cherish what you read and use the material to refine your intellect which will, in turn, let you think creatively. We know

you have the desire and the ability to do so. Please do, now and throughout your life.

John D. Vairo



John Vairo, Campus Executive Officer.

Welcome from Director of Student Services

All of us in Student Programs and Services welcome you to the Delaware County Campus! I am pleased to send greetings once again to those of you whom I have met and to you students I have yet the pleasure of meeting, as you embark on one of the most memorable periods of your life, your college career.

Congratulations are also in order to you for being chosen to attend the University. Naturally, this speaks well of your academic performance up to this time. However, I should like to point out that the years you are in college will probably be the last time in your life you will be able to devote most of your energies toward self-improvement. So choose your academic and social activities

wisely as you move forward on the road to professionalism by being a "thinking doer" not a "wishing hoper". The future is yours . . . go get it!

Once again, I hope that this experience will be a happy one for you, full of fond memories and pride at being able to call yourself a student of The Pennsylvania State University. Take advantage of what is here. In the Penn State tradition, work hard, play hard, and most of all, contribute something of yourself to the life of the Campus.

Best Wishes to All of You.

Edward F. Linder, Jr.
Director of Student Programs and Services



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