

# Campus Ambassadors Show Dedication & Diversity

The group of students that assembled several weeks ago in a meeting room in the Commons to plan their activities for the upcoming academic year included:

- A young Vietnamese whose parents are still caught behind the Bamboo Curtain.
- A 52-year-old woman who is married and the mother of four grown children.

• A third semester student who works during the summer in Atlantic City as a black jack dealer or hotel cashier.

• A former platoon leader during four years in the U.S. Marine Corp.

• A U.S. Army veteran working his way through school.

• An honors student who will spend

this semester commuting to two campuses.

- A 20-year-old student who was born in Mexico City.

Those are only a few of the 20 outstanding students who make up this year's Campus Ambassadors — an organization formed three years as a dedicated service-oriented group.

Ambassadors render service to the campus as tour guides, spirit raisers, student recruiters, escorts and hosts at programs and gatherings ranging from awards ceremonies and advisory board meetings to admissions workshops and networking parties.

They also interact with administrators, professors, community and business leaders and the families of prospective students.

Marianne Rhodes of University Relations, the advisor to the group, said she has been impressed with the dedication, enthusiasm and contribution the Ambassadors have made to the campus, to Penn State and to their fellow students.

"These are young people who are academic achievers and eager to learn to make their mark in the world. But they are not content with just that. They want to help and give something back to their campus and their school," she said.

That attitude is reflected in the comments of Thanh H Nguyen, of West Chester, the Vietnamese student, when he applied for consideration as an Am-

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## Staff Spotlight

# Kearney Enjoys Security Work

On his first day on the job as a rookie Philadelphia policeman 33 years ago, Campus Community Relations Officer Andy Kearney was called into a home by a distraught woman and successfully captured a squirrel that had eluded

"Don't open the door," his partner, a veteran cop, yelled.

"What's the matter?" the eager rookie asked.

"You get on one side of the door and I'll get on the other," the veteran replied. When they were in position, Kearney's partner said, "Now open the door."

As Kearney did, there was a loud roar as both barrels of a double-barreled shotgun were fired through the open doorway.

"If I had opened that door initially and started up the steps, I would have gotten both barrels," he recalled. "My partner saved my life."

In his almost five years here as the campus security officer, Kearney may not have encountered the varied and exciting moments that he did during his 29 years on the Philadelphia Police Department, but he sees it as work with the same purpose — helping people and protecting the community.

"Police-type work is really a rewarding career. You have to like people and have to have a good sense of humor," he said.

"It is rewarding what you do for people and what you do for the general public. The things that you do, although you don't get a pat on the back for them, you feel as though you've done things to help people and I think that is a reward in itself.

"It isn't a police job, per se," he said of his position here. "You are connected with security, but I think what the job really calls for is to try and protect the young people from themselves. At age 19 all they think about is classes. They forget little things.

"My job is to kind of sit on them a little and make sure they don't make too many mistakes. And they are a good group of kids, as a rule.

"I relate to them very well and it makes me feel young again, like they are.

"It is such a beautiful job."

## — NEWS BRIEFS —

### FROM PSU DELCO . . .

\*Nittany Christian Fellowship President Louisa Ernst and Treasurer Mike Demetry recently presented a \$895 check to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The money was raised at a car wash on campus last spring.

### FROM MAIN CAMPUS . . .

\*With pro-democracy supporters being executed in China, some Chinese students at Main Campus are canceling plans to return home for fear of their lives. Most local Chinese students participated in a memorial service on campus June 6 or in the Washington D.C. march immediately after the massacre in Tiananmen Square.

One Chinese student, who wished to remain anonymous, said he planned to go home soon and get married. But because of his recent participation in protests, he said he fears the consequences of returning.

\*Eleven campus fraternities have been convicted of serving alcohol to minors, but seven of them have decided to appeal the Pennsylvania Superior Court ruling. The fraternities will argue that the State College Bureau of Police illegally entered the houses and that the beverage served was not chemically proven as beer. Each fraternity has been placed on one-year probation.

\*Courses on ethnic diversity as part of the general education requirement for all students will be considered by the Faculty Senate at its first or second meeting this fall. The courses were recommended last spring in the final social scientists' report on University Park's racial climate.

### FROM THE STATE . . .

\*A recent Gallup Poll shows that Pennsylvanians are willing to pay more taxes for schools, support higher teacher salaries, and believe smaller classes make a difference in student achievement. Another key finding revealed that by a 3 to 2 majority the public believes that teaching would be improved if the profession itself set standards through a state-certified board.

\*The state Transportation Department is now accepting applications for seven-character vanity license plates. Previously, six characters was the limit. The cost for a vanity plate is \$20.

\*Pennsylvania's Capitol building has been recognized by the Smithsonian Institute as the most beautiful Capitol in the nation!

### FROM THE NATION . . .

\*A new nurse educational scholarship program worth up to \$50,000 a person is being offered by the Air Force ROTC. Students interested in pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in nursing should call (609) 724-2585 to get more information. The scholarship pays for tuition and laboratory and textbook costs, as well as providing a \$100 nontaxable monthly allowance.

\*The top starting salaries are commanded by graduates in Petroleum Engineering who were offered an average of \$32,987, according to the July 1989 Salary Survey by the College Placement Council. Chemical engineers are second with \$32,987. Although men received 80% of the offers reported in engineering, women graduates in petroleum engineering were offered the highest overall average engineering salary of \$33,728.

The average starting salary offer to accounting graduates increased 5.4% over last year to \$25,290. Business administration graduates experienced a 3.8% increase to an average of \$22,274.

Graduates in human resources posted the biggest gain, a 13.4% jump to an average of \$23,035. Management Information Systems grads were offered an average of \$26,861, while Hotel and Restaurant Management graduates saw a slight decrease to \$19,859. In the Allied Health Fields, starting salaries averaged \$24,496.



Andy Kearney  
Campus Security Officer

discovery and had been wrecking havoc in the home for several days.

The very next day, Kearney jumped from a patrol car as it responded to a report of a man with a shotgun in a building and started to rush for a door.

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