

Student Survey Questions

- 1) Are you a Frosh/Soph?
- 2) Do your teachers present information in the classroom in a way that you learn from them? If not what do you think they should do to solve this problem?
- 3) What department has the best teaching staff on campus? Why?
- 4) What faculty member, in your view, cares the most for the students? Why?
- 5) Do you think you should get a refund when a teacher doesn't show for class?
- 6) How accessible are the tutoring resources?
- 7) Are the resources in the library helpful to you?
- 8) How do you feel about the activities on campus? How about the great number of students who don't get involved? How many activities have you participated in? If none or few, why?
- 9) Do you feel the sporting activities are worth their expense?
- 10) If you had the time for only one club, which one would it be?
- 11) Who is the Campus Executive Officer of the Delaware Campus? If you know, can you spell his/her name?
- 12) If funding/grants were available, what should they be used for?
- 13) What would be the first thing you would change about the campus?

Black Student League is Alive and Well Here

by James Henegan

The tradition marches on. The Black Student League is proud, prominent, and strong. This active organization is spear-headed by a talented and energetic executive board: Craig Lewis - President, James Henegan - Vice President, Carmen Simmons - Secretary, and Ja-

neen Saunders - Public Relations. This board is also backed and supported by a wise board of advisors: Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. Boswell, and Ms. Ware.

Before I go on, let me clear up a big misconception that a lot of students are blinded by. It has been said, "The BSL is only for Black Students!" Now, say something a little more stupid! All stu-

STUDENT SURVEY:

What Are You Getting for Your Money?

by Chuck McCarthy

On the 12th and 13th of October one hundred surveys were handed out throughout the Library/Learning Center and the Main Building. The main purpose of the survey was to see what the students at the Delaware County campus thought about the expense of tuition, the way their teachers present information, and several other questions that most students would not think about. The freshmen who took the survey made up 76% of the total, while the sophomores only made up 24%. In the results that follow you will notice

that not all the questions surveyed will add up to 100%; this is because not everyone answered every question and because many of the questions raised many different answers and it is impossible for them all to be placed in the column.

When asked if their teachers presented information in the classroom in a way that they could learn from them, 57% of the respondents said yes, with 18% saying sometimes, and only 7% saying no. This shows one of two things, either the students are paying more attention or the teachers have devised

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NEWS BRIEFS

FROM MAIN CAMPUS . . .

*A 6% increase in tuition rates for 1990-1991 was proposed by the PSU Board of Trustees at its September meeting. "I'm disappointed that it's going to be that high," said Trustee Obie Snider, "but we have no other choice. It's a constant project of the Board to keep increases as low as we can." The University's tuition rates are currently among the highest in the country at major public research universities. "This proposal is brought forth reluctantly," commented President Jordan, "since the University recognizes that Penn State students and their families have had to assume a rising burden of educational costs."

*Three main campus students are suing the University to force the administration to disclose its budget to the public. One of the students, John Orr, argues that the school's annual tuition increases are unjustifiable. "The trustees always claim they don't have funds. An open budget will allow students to prove money is there to fund needed programs." American Civil Liberties Union lawyers are representing the students in the case.

*The University has been named one of three universities in the nation designated as Space Grant Colleges by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Washington were also named. Penn State's grant is for five years and \$1.25 million, and is renewable. Beginning in 1990, each of the Space Grant Colleges also will receive \$100,000 annually to support the Space Grant Fellowship program. Space-related research currently is under way in the College of Engineering, the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, the College of Medicine, the College of Science, and the College of Liberal Arts. New programs include one for undergraduates called "Space - the Last Frontier," a course for non-science majors that will expose students to the wide diversity of subjects and opportunities in space-related fields.

*A series of cultural diversity workshops aimed at creating a more hospitable environment for people of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds is being offered to business owners, supervisors, and managers, both from the campus and the community at University Park. The sessions feature lectures, films, and exercises in stereotyping and prejudice, case studies, and role playing situations. "Owners and managers are often the key in how employees react and respond to customers, no matter what the issue. We hope the workshops will assist in lessening cross-cultural misunderstandings and foster greater appreciation for cultural diversity," commented Dr. W. Terrell Jones, workshop coordinator. Other groups on campus are also being exposed to the workshops.

FROM THE STATE . . .

*Pennsylvania continues to have one of the nation's worst manufacturing climates despite top-rated incentives being offered by the state, according to a recent study by Grant Thornton, an accounting firm. It ranked 24th among 29 states with high levels of manufacturing. Delaware ranked first this year. The study is based on the rankings of 21 factors in five categories: government policies and taxes, unemployment compensation, labor costs, resources, and "quality of life."

*Tips gathered through Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers have helped solve nearly 450 criminal cases since the program started in 1986. A reward of up to \$1,000 is offered to individuals providing information through a toll-free telephone number (1-800-4-PA-TIPS). These tips have led to the apprehension of 89 fugitives, recovery of more than \$1.8 million in stolen property and nearly \$100,000 in narcotics. In addition the tips have helped solve six homicides, 21 armed robberies, 106 burglaries, 94 thefts, 18 auto thefts, and several other crimes.

FROM THE NATION . . .

*University of Wisconsin at Madison students forced Miller Beer to apologize for a sexist ad in the school's newspaper and persuaded the brewing company to pull the ad from 65 college papers nationwide. A spokesperson for Miller Brewing Company said, "It was not our intention to offend anyone. It was an example of humor that failed to be funny. We made a mistake."

*Students at the University of Vermont have come up with perhaps the most comprehensive campus plan in the nation for solving environmental solid waste problems. A resolution adopted by the Students Senate, and waiting for approval by the school administration, calls for:

- reductions in the amount of paper used by students, faculty, and administrators;
- a ban on the purchase of materials that cannot be re-used, including plastic and paper diningware in the school cafeteria;
- initiation of an organic composting program to dispose of food waste;
- creation of a mandatory recycling program for paper, cardboard, metals, glass, and plastics; and
- establishment of permanent waste management internships to allow students a direct role in implementing the plan.

dents can participate in this club. It's not just a black thing - it's a Penn State thing. Is it not true that all students like cultural experiences, music, films, parties, and food? If so, then all students are BSL material. The Black Student League was founded to be a base for African-American students and a catalyst for cultural diversity, and this will always be its main goal. But the BSL has grown and matured and is ready to reach new horizons via a rainbow coalition of members. So, will the real Penn Staters wake up and join the cause!

Now let me fill you in on some of our activities. The biggest event sponsored by the BSL to date was a retreat to Camp Tockwogh in Maryland. On Friday, October 6, we departed from Delco, filled with enthusiasm, ready for fun, and ready to network with other students. When we got to the beautiful camp site, overlooking the Chesapeake Bay, we weren't disappointed. Just being off school grounds for the weekend brought us closer together. We all actively participated in well-developed workshops that made us laugh and made us cry. We learned so much about ourselves as individuals and as a group that our minds and souls coalesced and the BSL became a united force. I would like to thank all of the student participants, Mrs. Myra Dillingham, who was our workshop leader, and the advisory board.

Other activities sponsored include a "house party" held on October 20, a bake sale coming up very soon and the

Cram-n-Jam scheduled in December to help all students prepare for finals and have some fun.

Spring semester will start off with our annual Martin Luther King Commemoration Celebration in January. In February, look forward to an exciting Ski Trip to Scranton, Pa. (look for the flyers!) and our Black History Month celebration, which will include a variety of activities, such as prominent speakers, films, and dance artists. In March, the BSL will also participate in Cultural Awareness Week, when all clubs and organizations celebrate our proud heritages. A Study-a-Thon to raise money for a worthy cause, our annual International Smorgasbord, and the spring semester Cram-n-Jam are all scheduled for April and May.

So GET INVOLVED! There's plenty to do and enjoy! The BSL meets every second and fourth Wednesday in the Lion's Den. We'll be looking for you. But remember, "It's not just a Black Thing; it's a Penn State Thing!"

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The Penn State Bookstore: Not Just A Job, An Adventure



Your Bookstore Staff, from left to right: Jim Edmunds, Mark Patrick, Amy Knight and Judy Belson.

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by Judy Belson

On September 29, Penn State sadly had to say farewell to its former bookstore manager, Bette Cooke. A retirement party was held in her honor on her last working day made up of many tearful and caring family and friends.

Mrs. Cooke had brought about the evolution of the sixteen-year-old bookstore from its meager beginnings to the cultivated store that it is today. She is a warm-hearted person who capably balanced the difficult workings of the bookstore with genuine concern for her customers. Now Mrs. Cooke plans to enjoy her family, especially her newest grandchild.

But let's go from mourning our loss to welcoming the addition of two new friendly faces in the bookstore: Amy Knight and Jim Edmunds. Amy is the new full-time clerk at the bookstore. Her father, Ronald, also works at Penn State. Amy's warm personality and willingness to help have greatly enriched the bookstore.

Jim Edmunds is joining us as the new bookstore manager. He comes from the University Park campus bookstore and knows a lot about the tough intricacies of running a bookstore. He is working on updating many things.

Many new products will be available soon. His great sense of humor and flair for business will greatly enhance the bookstore. Stay tuned folks!