

Getting the Most Out of PSU Delco

by Bob Reap

Your decision to enter college and Penn State should be considered your most important career move. Now that you have made this substantial investment, there are a number of programs and facilities at PSU that will enable you to get the most out of your money, provided you use them. Here are just a few.

Every full-time student at Penn State is assigned an adviser who can aid the student in many ways. Scheduling courses within the guidelines of your major can be frustrating to even a seasoned senior, but our advisers are knowledgeable in requirements to the major, alternative minors, university policy, and specialize in that confounded red tape. Want to know if that job you held can count as college credits? What it takes to enter a certain major? How about the average starting salary of graduates of your major? Don't wait until senior year to find out you made a grave mistake. Come in today and say hello to your adviser. She/he is working for you.

Have a term paper deadline drawing near? Our library holds over forty-five thousand books and subscribers to over two hundred periodicals. Also available at the library are three typewriters, four IBM PC's, four Zeniths, three Apple II-E's, and two Apple II+'s, all available with word processing software. Our LIAS computer catalog can be accessed by a home-computer with a modem. This

system can instantly tell you the status of over two million titles at any of the university campus libraries. These books can be obtained through inter-campus loan in as little as two days. There are always helpful people manning the information and checkout desks, and during the last month of the semester there are extended hours. Stop in our library and get smart today.

I know, you see those signs announcing club meetings and you say, "That sounds like fun!" But something always comes up. Joining a club at PSU can not only be fun, it can be very rewarding as well. Every job application you ever fill out will ask for your extracurricular activities. The dynamics of group organization can prepare you for many useful areas of life beyond college. You also get to meet many interesting fellow students who will help shape tomorrow. Today the Camera Club, tomorrow *Life* magazine! So get off your duff and join a student organization today.

Ever wonder if you are taking the right major? This will be the most important decision you ever make in college. Well, help is available in the form of DISCOVER, a computer-based career guidance system. The system is composed of nine parts (although all need not be completed), and can take from three to five hours (your disk can be saved at any time and completed at a later date). When you have completed the system, you will have a list of best suited and least compatible career fields, majors, and programs of study. It will tell you

how to improve job seeking skills and create a resume. It can even inform you of graduate schools, financial aid, and military programs that personally suit you. After using Discover, it is recommended that you discuss your results with an adviser. See Mary Bell Fillipone in 106 Main for more information. You'll thank me later!

Ever dream of studying Greek history in Athens, Arabic in Cairo, or architecture in Florence? Penn State's Education Abroad Programs allows you to do just that while collecting PSU credits. In all, there are thirty programs offered abroad in addition to summer and winter break programs, such as Biology 499. This course runs December 17-31 and will study the tropical ecology in Belize, Central America! All programs require prerequisites, so check with your adviser or the Education Abroad Programs Office, 222 Boucke, University Park.

Transferring up to the Park for spring or summer 1990? You can help minimize the trauma of selecting housing and dining plans by reading DELAWARE COUNTY CAMPUS INTRO-UP, an informative publication for students facing a change of assignment. Topics include "off-campus living at University Park," "choosing a roommate," "counselling and health care at University Park," and more. If you are considering a change of assignment, you should read the "OTIS 88-89 Apartment List," which is packed with info on off-campus housing, including rents and parking fees, utilities, noise transmission, and

subletting rights. Dormitory rules and regulations are also available. It is recommended that transferring students plan a visit to the Park, and contact Off-campus Programs, Organization for Town Independent Students (OTIS), or the Assignment Office for Campus Residences. More information is available from Mrs. Payne in 106 Main.

Finally, Penn State has an information phone line called TIPS that can be accessed from any touchtone phone, or from any centrex phone anywhere on campus. Just call (814) 863-1234 and dial the code of the message you wish to hear. There are hundreds of topics covered, including financial aid, foreign studies programs, how to study for exams, football tickets, resume-writing advice, living in a fraternity, pregnancy testing, what to do if arrested, assertiveness, anorexia, the pill, marijuana, stopping smoking, protecting yourself from rape, and a great many more. The index for the codes is available in 106 Main, and there is also a phone located just inside the door, from which calls may be made to TIPS free of charge. TIPS can be accessed via computer modem, and there is also a video bulletin board within the system. If you don't know the answer, then TIPS does.

Although there are many other helpful people and programs available to the Delco student, these listed are great places to start. You owe it to yourself to get the most out of your education dollar, so be smart and do it right the first time. Good luck, friend!

November

Entertainment Roundup

by Chuck McCarthy

DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR
1	Readings of Elizabeth Spencer	Bryn Mawr
1 until 11	9th Annual Juried Arts Exhibit of Local Artist	D.C.C.C.
1 until 30	"NUNSENSE"	S.H.P.
1 until June	Photography Sisquicentennial Project	P.C.V.B.
1 until Jan. 21	"Lafayette: A Hero Of Two Worlds"	T.H.S. of PA
1 until 5	"An Inspector Calls"	Anne. Center
2	(8 p.m.) Lecture/300 years of Philadelphia Architecture	D.C.C.C.
2	(8 p.m.) Colorado String Quartet	Bryn M.
2 until 5	Philadelphia Craft Show	P.C.V.B.
4	Howie Mandel	V.F.M.F.
4 until 5	Sammy Davis Jr.	V.F.M.F.
5	Barbara Mandrell	V.F.M.F.
8	Career Day	Linc. Univ.
9 until 12	Philadelphia Craft Show	P.C.V.B.
12	EAGLES vs. WASHINGTON	Vet.
12 until 13	Childrens Expo	P.C.V.B.
14	George Plimpton/"Out of My League"	Univ. Penn
14	"NUNSENSE"	Kirby Center
14 until 26	"ANYTHING GOES"	Playhouse Thea.
15	"THE WINTER'S TAIL"	Anne. Center
17	(8 p.m.) Penderecki String Quartet	Widener
17	(8 p.m.) "THE LUNATIC, THE LOUR and THE POET"	Anne. Center
17 until 18	Little Theatre of the Deaf	Anne. Center
18	"THE LIGHT PRINCESS"	D.C.C.C.
18	(1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.) KIDSTUFF	D.C.C.C.
18	"THE MAD HATTER'S MAGIC TEA PARTY"	D.C.C.C.
18	(8 p.m.) "THESE ARE WOMEN"	Anne. Center
19	EAGLES v. MINNESOTA	Vet.
19	FAIRMOUNT PARK MARATHON	P.C.V.B.
23	ANNUAL CHANNEL 6 THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE	
24	NEW KIDS on the BLOCK	H.P.A.
24	Lee Greenwood/Tanya Tucker	V.F.M.F.
24 until 26	11th Annual GIANT TINKERTOY EXTRAVAGANZA	
24 until Dec. 17	"THE GLASS MENAGERIE"	P.D.G.
25 until 26	Jackie Mason	V.F.M.F.
30 until Dec. 2	Engelbert Humperdinck	V.F.M.F.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Annenberg Center	(215) 898-6791
Bryn Mawr	(215) 526-5139
Delaware County Community College (ArtsLine)	(215) 359-5075
Hershey Park Arena; Kirby Center; Playhouse Theatre;	
Society Hill Playhouse	(215) 885-2515
Lincoln University	(215) 932-8300
Philadelphia Chamber Music Society	(215) 569-8587
Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau	(215) 636-3318
Philadelphia Drama Guild	(215) 563-PLAY
Shubert Theatre; Veterans Stadium (Ticketron)	1-800-233-4050
The Historical Society of Pennsylvania	(215) 732-6201
Valley Forge Music Fair	(215) 644-5000
Widener University	(215) 499-4385

What Are You Getting for Your Money?

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several different ways to hold on to the students' attention. One disturbing fact that came out of this particular question is that a certain math teacher was constantly brought up as having "prehistoric teaching habits" and only is teaching through theorems and not explaining what they really mean.

The third question of the survey asked students what department had the best teaching staff on campus. The English Department took this category with a total of 38% of the vote. Second place was taken by the History Department with a total of 15%, and in third was the Math Department with 9% of the vote. The reason the English Department did so well is because most of the students feel that the teachers there are more "down to earth" and present "all the information in a manner that is easy to understand."

In our next question, "What faculty member cares the most about the students?", we have a three way first place tie. A total of 27% was earned by Mr. Drake, Dr. Franz, and Dr. Mitnick; second place was bestowed upon Mrs. Fava, with a 19% total. A large number of the students who chose the above teachers stated that they all "were for the benefit of the student" and "because they enjoy teaching."

A surprising 50% of students felt they should get a refund when a teacher doesn't show up for class, with 30% feeling they shouldn't. This surprised me, because how many students would buy a ticket to a rock concert and not go? But then there was the point that how many teachers get paid when they stay after class to help the students?

When asked what they thought about the tutoring resources, 34% thought they were "very good," with 14% saying they are just "good," and 13% stating "I do not know, I never used them before."

An overwhelming 71% think that the resources in the Library are helpful to them, largely due to the fact that the "ladies go out of their way to be of some help." Many other students, 11%, would like to see more demonstrations on how to properly use the LIAS.

One of the biggest debates that has been going on at the Delaware Campus is the involvement of students in activities. I always hear from the different clubs, "None of the students want to get involved because they don't want to

take the time out of their schedules," while the students are saying, "Well, I never know where to go to sign up for the clubs. There should be more signs to tell us what is going on." Of the students surveyed, 34% of them don't participate in any activities, 11% are in just one activity, and 18% are involved with 2 clubs or more. I am sure that campus life would be enhanced if both parties, the students and the activities, would meet half way and solve these "problems."

A surprising 59% feel that sporting activities are worth their expense, as long as a large number of students stay involved with the sports, and 16% feel that the money given to the sports isn't worth it because they don't know what is going on, or who is playing whom. Again we see the problem of the students not finding out and really having no one to blame.

When asked if they had time for an activity, 29% said they would like to be in some type of sporting event, 10% said they would get involved with the Camera Club, and 6% would either get involved with the *The Lion's Eye* or S.A.D.D.

A question that became more confusing than any was the one where we asked the students who the Campus Executive Officer of the Delaware County Campus was. Only 22% could tell us that it was Dr. Ed Tomezsko. Even worse than that was the fact that only 1% of that 22% could spell his last name!

When asked what should be done with funds/grants, 19% would like to see it used for tuition, 11% for activities, and 7% on students and sports.

When asked, "What would be the first thing you would change?" 13% would like to have a walkway from the Main Building to the Commons, another 13% would like to see dorms on the campus, and 5% would like to see a light at Yearsly Mill Road and Route 352. Now that is a good idea!

One of the comments about activities is why do you have to be in the R.O.T.C. to be in the Rifle Club? Other suggestions are a Nude Twister Day, a larger cafeteria with an optional bar, and a Keg Kicking Club.

I would like to thank all the students who took the time out to fill in a survey, and comments or replies on anything covered here are welcomed.