

# Delco Holds Vigil For Students

by Marianne Rhodes

The sky was dark grey and somber as members of the campus community flanked the courtyard of the Lion's Den. They stood in silence in the misty cold and watched the Lion's Guard post the United States flag. One by one, they lighted candles and their sober faces, illuminated by flickering flames, reflected concern, uncertainty, sorrow — and hope.

Students and others gathered on Wednesday, January 30, in a candlelight vigil to show campus support for the forces involved in Operation Desert Storm. Aaron Coury, Chairman of Mittant Christian Fellowship, called on them to pray together for peace in the Middle East.

Then each person individually named a service member now on duty in that part of the world, and tied a memorial yellow ribbon in his or her honor onto a bush in the courtyard entrance.

"This ribbon is for Delco student Rich Gallo, United States Navy."

"This is in honor of Lieutenant Dave Walton, former Delco Army ROTC and Ranger."

"I'm tying this ribbon for Sergeant First Class Frederick Broughman of the 82nd Airborne, father of my three oldest children."

"This one's for my dad, Joe Irwin, United States Air Force."

"I'm tying this to remember my cousin, Shawn Day."

"This ribbon is for my daughter's pen pal, Marine Lance Corporal Tony Carvantes."

"...for Mark Perloff."

"...for Susan Hubbard."

"...Michael Homola."

"...Lieutenant Joe Gibbons."

"...Ralph Iezzi."

"...Lieutenant Bill Pickard."

"...for my buddy from high school."

"...for all the troops: come home safely."

The names were spoken with pride: fathers, brothers, cousins, classmates, friends.

The remembrance completed, campus executive officer Dr. Ed. Tomezsko spoke briefly about what had just occurred, calling it very "personal." It had become all the more personal to him with U.S. Marines

## Cont. Ed. Students Commended

by Pat McAdams

Nine Delco continuing education students were recently inducted into the newly formed Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society by Campus Executive Officer, Dr. Edward Tomezsko. Alpha Sigma Lambda recognizes the outstanding academic achievement and leadership qualities of continuing education students.

Inducted into the Society at the December ceremony were Barbara Bednar, Laurie Rappucci, Augusta Hixon, Joseph Cochran, Kimberly Sanford, Abraham Boughner, Marsha Davidson, Charles Hossack, and Patricia Lobb.

The following charter members were also inducted into the Society:

Dr. Mary Kay Cote, Dr. Madlyn Hanes, Dr. George Franz, Sylvia Schaffer, and Patricia Cape. All were instrumental in opening a chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society at the Delaware County Campus.

Sylvia Schaffer and Dr. Franz, who hosted the formal ceremony, explained the Society was founded in order to foster the belief that "the Love of Knowledge and the Pursuit of Wisdom are the cornerstones upon which Life itself should be constructed."

Following the ceremony, a reception was held for the honored guests, their families, and their friends.

drawing ground fire earlier the same day, since his daughter had begun exchanging letters with a young Marine lance corporal. Ten Marines were reported killed.

"Our Marine and the war are very real," he told the group. But whatever your feelings toward war and about why our country might be fighting, he said, we show our honor and caring for our people, and "the ribbons show them to be ours." He reminded the group that we in the United States enjoy the "undeniable right to thoughtful dissent," a right that many other countries would give everything to have. And freedom, he said, "does not come cheaply."

Adding to Tomezsko's remarks, Pete Coleman, director of student programs and services, asserted that as a Vietnam veteran, he could thoroughly appreciate the act of support. He said he remembered waiting eagerly for news from home, "even two week old newspapers," and how disheartening it was when the news told of demonstrations of non-support going on.

Just as the sky began to make good on its threat to rain, the clustered group blew out their candles and closed the vigil, leaving behind a reminder for the entire campus to see — an evergreen bush, blooming with bright yellow bows.

For Rich. And Dave. And Tony. And Joe. And Freddie. And Sue. And...

## Budget Crisis Hits PSU

by Angela Deal

A MID-YEAR TUITION INCREASE? Hopefully not. To the best of its ability Penn State University is trying to avoid such an annoyance.

It is important, however, that the staff, faculty and students recognize the financial status at Penn State.

In the Spring semester, which is the worst time of the year for a budget crunch and recycling of funds, most funding has already been committed. As a recipient of allocations from the Commonwealth, Penn State is required to "return funds" which essentially have never been received, and now will not be.

A total of 12.6 million dollars, 8.5 million in general funds and 4.1 million in Tuition Challenge Grant monies, is being returned. 12 thousand dollars has been returned from Delco campus alone.

As a result of the budget crisis, President Thomas has put into effect freezes on hiring, travel and purchases from general funds. Some freezes will probably last through June 30, 1991.

There are three budgets from which the University division heads have been asked to identify "unspent money" (money which had not been invoiced as of January 19). These budgets include Permanent, Temporary and Restricted funds, of which only Permanent funds can be recycled.

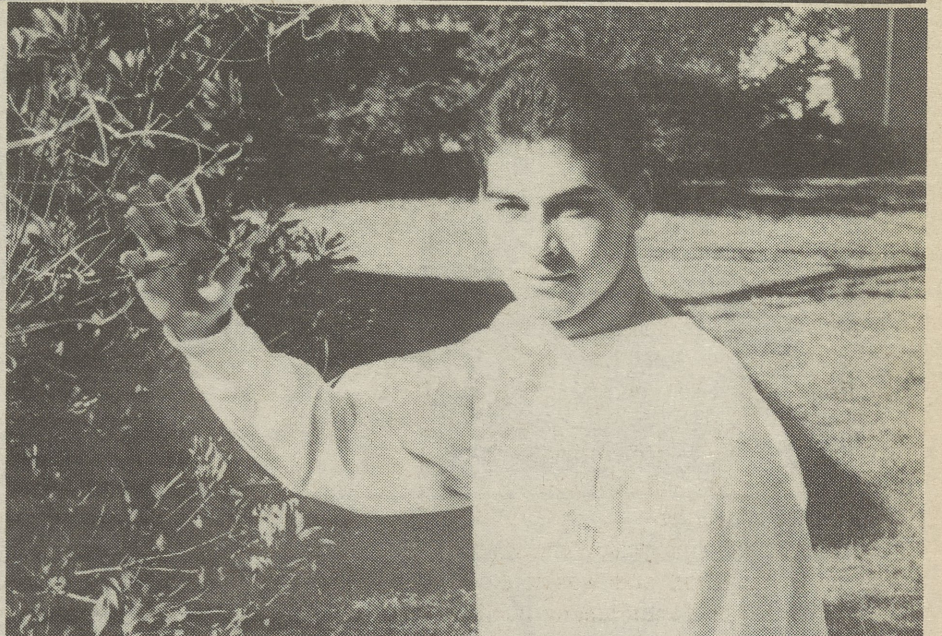
When these freezes are lifted, which will entail authorization of funds by Division Heads only, decisions on spending will be made on a case by case basis.

Priorities for spending will be based on the following: 1) academic programs, 2) professional development, 3) non-academic programs, and 4) other professional development.

Many actions to reduce costs have been suggested and concern faculty, staff and students. A few include limited use of laser printers (print only final copies and proofread the terminal screen), turning off lights, and discouraging waste and misuse of University resources.

Dr. Thomas, assumes the recycle will last for only the 90-91 fiscal year. However, the economy is not easily predicted.

Even before the state budget crisis,



Sophomore ROTC student, Brian Brittingham shows one of the many yellow ribbons tied to a shrub outside the Lion's Den in honor of a soldier serving in the Gulf.

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## McAdams Named Outstanding PA Student

One of Pennsylvania's "Outstanding Adult Students in Higher Education" is a member of the PSU Delco student body. She is Pat McAdams, a senior who will graduate from Delco this August with a Baccalaureate Degree in General Arts and Sciences. The award was announced by Dr. Madlyn Hanes, Director of Academic Affairs.

Pat is one of approximately ten adult students across the state receiving the award this month at the Midwinter Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association for Adult Continuing Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Pat's career as an "adult student" began



Outstanding Adult Student Pat McAdams.

in 1981 when she began Independent Study courses through University Park. She enrolled in an Associates Degree program. At the time she was the mother of three teenagers and a new baby and ran a small business from her home. She was involved in PTL at her children's schools and in church and 4H activities.

Yet, Pat said, the correspondence courses "were an intellectual lifeline, and they were presented so that you knew exactly what was expected of you."

Working on her own, Pat earned 42 credits over seven years. Then in 1988 she enrolled full-time here at Delco. (By that time her three older children were also Penn Staters.) "I found it much more enriching to be in classes with other people than learning on my own," she commented.

Finding her educational experiences successful and rewarding, Pat committed herself to the Baccalaureate GNAS program. "I was very fortunate to enjoy the support of the entire faculty and staff on campus, who very much welcome adult students and will happily do anything they can to assist us in meeting our goals," she said.

She added, "If my years at Penn State have taught me anything at all, it's that we haven't the slightest idea when a door might open that can change the direction of our lives. For me, at least, that's reason enough as to why we believe to be important."

## 10 Reasons To Go To College, and Not To

Can you think of *one* good reason why you are going to college? Can you think of *ten*? How about some good reasons *not* to go to college?

These were the questions discussed recently by a group of students, staff, and faculty at the sixth of the library's Tenth Anniversary Celebrations, led by English faculty member Barbara Daniel.

Panel members included students Natasha Brown, Scott Campbell, Jennifer Darr, Angelique Gilken, and Joan Impagliazzo, as well as faculty member John Terrell, and retention specialist Wanjiru Kamau. Audience members joined in adding their own reasons and challenging ones already given.

The reasons varied from the practical to the personal to the philosophical. They are listed below. Can you find your own reasons among the list? If not, let the *LION'S EYE* know. We will be glad to print your reasons too.

### 10 Good Reasons to Go to College

1. To experience a unique opportunity for intellectual stimulation and challenge.
2. To continue learning while your academic skills are still primed from high school.

3. To prepare yourself to make as much money as possible in the future and to open as many doors as possible.
4. To help build your world perspective, and so pompous people with college degrees won't intimidate you.
5. To give you time to make decisions about your life.
6. To obtain opportunities for growth and maturity through interaction with diverse people.
7. To become an instrument of change in the world.
8. To develop yourself holistically so as to interact with the world better.
9. To keep up with the business and technical world.
10. To gain entry to the job market at a decent level.

### 10 Good Reasons Not to Go to College

1. If you are offered a rewarding opportunity which doesn't require a college education.
2. If you lack academic or intellectual motivation.
3. If you really do not have enough money.