

OPINION and REVIEW

Editorial:

Open Mind: An Asset In College

by Angela Deal

"Presence is more than just being there," quoted the late Malcolm Forbes, a successful businessman, and by far one of the coolest. Forbes seemed to have led an interesting, diverse life, he wore conservative, quality suits and for a change of pace slipped into his leather and went for a ride on his Harley.

An open mind and diversity is what we all need. We need to question everything that comes our way. Too many students create their own beast of burden, they view learning as such a hassle and miss the whole point of being a college student. We need to realize that every experience is a learning one, and that all learning is an experience. Too often students become anxious and nervous over tests and fail to see the point in taking courses such as algebra. If nothing else, these things exercise your brain.

It sounds silly, but it is true! Psychologists have researched this concept of exercising your brain. Some psychologists believe that trivial tasks, such as trying an alternate route home or eating a pickle when you would normally eat an apple, expose your mind to different experiences and increase the number of folds in your brain, much like if you work out, you tone your muscles. It allows your brain to experience all that it can and, therefore, expands your mind.

Furthermore, it is important to be inquisitive and curious and form your own opinions, even theories! Do not take so many things for granted. Indulge in reading, and talk with professors and peers. Let these experiences spark your imagination and ingenuity. It is essential to utilize everything around you. Knowledge builds from many aspects of life, as many as you can experience.

Take initiative and take advantage. You only begin your college career once - and what better way than with an open mind and a diverse campus like P.S.U., Delaware County Campus!



DEAR ROBBY...

Dear Robby,

I am a first semester Freshman here at Penn State Delco, and I really don't know anyone. How do I get to meet people?

Alone

Dear Alone,

The people at this campus are generally pretty friendly. An easy way to meet other incoming Freshmen is through Orientation. Maybe there is another student who graduated with you or a year ahead of you at this campus. (After high school people tend to become more friendly because they're alone also.) Otherwise, there are the usual ways of meeting people: taking a class with them, playing a sport, joining a club, or taking advantage of one of the many SGA-sponsored events. Whatever you decide to do, remember the key to becoming friendly with many different people is to *get involved*.

Robby

Dear Robby,

Everyone is a commuter at this school and goes his/her own way at the end of the week. How can I have fun on weekends?

I Just Want To Have Fun

Dear I Just Want To Have Fun,

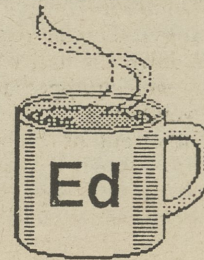
Well this should not really be an issue because there is so much to do in this area. You could go see a movie, play putt-putt, go down to the batting cages, visit a friend at University Park, and of course there are SGA-sponsored events at the school itself. Check the Entertainment section of your local newspaper. There are always exciting events listed there. A wise man once said, "It's not what you do, it's who you do it with!" So with that in mind, get out there and have fun!!!

Robby

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See Editor Angela Deal

THE FRONT DESK

by Ed Tomezsko
Campus Executive Officer



You are holding in your hands an historical document. This is the first summer issue of the *Lion's Eye*, produced for incoming students. Put this into your family archives, and maybe in a few dozen years the paper will be worth a few dollars or maybe only a few cents - who knows?

Welcome to the campus community. Let me introduce myself. I'm Ed Tomezsko, the Executive Officer, in other words the Campus President, and also an associate professor of chemistry. We are beginning the sixth year of this administration - time flies. My office is in 111 Main Building and each of you will be most welcome to stop in for a visit - not all at once, I only have ten chairs.

The coffee cup logo with my name on it is the result of some of my former students giving me this cup with my name on it. They seemed to be embarrassed by me drinking coffee from a 600 ml beaker liberated from the chem lab. Students like this place to have some class, even if it means that I must break a long standing chemist's tradition of drinking coffee from a beaker.

The beginning of the new year is always fun for me, meeting new students and finding new friends. Part of my behavior is to find something new we can do, as, for example, this first summer edition of the *Lion's Eye*. In order to do new things we need new ideas and these ideas have to come from you. Right now, the paper needs several good salespeople to sell advertising space in the school year edition of this paper. Contact John Terrell, faculty member in the Smeal College of Business Administration here and John will put you to work.

Another new thing for you to work on is set a new record for the number of students on the fall semester Dean's List. That will require some of you to work harder in the class room than you might have done in high school. Interesting thing about Penn State, you can leave a lot of bad habits behind you when you enter the University. More than a few students who "didn't do well" in high school, do very well here. It must be the atmosphere here on campus. So breathe deeply.

This isn't a new thing, but you are new. I need to know what is on your mind. If you can't find me in my office, look for me in the weight room in the Athletic Center around lunch time most every day. I will be obvious to you; you'll have to find out how I will be obvious. I learn more about Penn State through you than in any other way. With your help we can keep this campus on the fast track of improving the quality of life. All ideas gratefully accepted.

I would also like to set a new record for the number of involved students. Bird Cowan and the staff of the Student Government Association have some really great plans for this year. The SGA has established a tradition of each year being better than the preceding year. Bird will carry on the tradition. We have lots of things to do here, but each of these things needs your help. Do not hesitate to help.

Our varsity athletic teams were particularly successful last year. Tiz Griffith is the Athletic Director and if you do not find her she will find you. Athletics will be better this year. The intramural program was good too. Seems that the faculty put a team in each of the leagues. The faculty teams only win however, when some students play on the team. I wonder why?

Some things you need to know about Penn State. Last year there were more than 70,000 students at Penn State with about 1,800 here. Hold it, don't panic and run for the door. You are already one of the Penn State family, and you'll find friends here very quickly. You will find Penn Staters everywhere and that alone is a singular advantage of our educational experience - we help each other.

In these numbers, believe it or not, there is an even better advantage - you will experience different ideas, cultures, traditions. Most of your college education (don't let your parents run for the door) will happen outside of the classroom. This happens when you talk with faculty about their profession, when you share your thoughts with me and learn from me about running a University, when you sit and just talk with your classmates in the Lion's Den, when you take on a leadership role in one of the many clubs or athletic teams. The classroom is important, but the majority of learning comes outside of the classroom. The fun comes from what you put into the University.

I am looking forward, with your help, to a really fun year. Enjoy the rest of the summer. Next summer will be here before you know it.

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