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Delco Celebrates Annual Cultural Awareness Week

by Robin Longaker

Delco is becoming increasingly involved with cultural diversity. To promote participation from the students, Cultural Awareness Week has been scheduled for October 7-11.

This event's main purpose, according to Tammy Zampogna, Activities Director, "is to enhance the appreciation and understanding of the many people who are part of our campus and world community." In order to reach this goal, the Office of Student Programs and Services has arranged a variety of activities that will occur during the week.

The first of these activities is a performance by the Metamorphis Performing Company. presentation, "Strange Like Me," will take place on October 7 in the Main Lounge from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

The second event for the week will be a lecture entitled, "Why the focus on the -isms?" This presentation will mainly look at racism and sexism. It will be held on October 9 from 12:30-1:30 in the Main Lounge.

The final event to conclude the week's activities will be an Ethnic Food Festival on Friday, October 11. The location has yet to be announced, but the time will be from

12:30-2:00. All students and faculty are encouraged to donate food relating to their ethnic heritage. Campus members will be charged a small fee to eat at the food festival.

Cultural Awareness Week is sponsored by the Office of Student Programs and Services. For more information, see Tammy Zampogna or Beverly Lindsey, retention counselor.

Also, look for details on future events concerning cultural diversity, such as Native American Week, Asian Pacific Week, and Black History Month.



Richard Barrett, instructor Business Administration, discusses his view on pre-

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Campus Meeting Attacks Racism

by Angela Deal

Graffito \gra-'fet-(,)o\ n, pl Graffiti \-(,)e\ [It] : a rude inscription or drawing found on rocks or walls (Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary). Or found on posters or lockers.

In the main building lounge at 11:30 on Thursday, September 5, 1991 a Delaware County Campus meeting commenced.

The issue addressed concerned racist and sexist remarks which

the gym lockers and a poster in one of the hallways.

Dr. Tomezsko, Campus Executive Officer, showed apparent disappointment as he opened the meeting with a couple of statements expressing his concern, "...it is a hot issue in my mind," he said with conviction, "...this is a very personal

Nancy Wyatt, Associate Professor and head of the Gender and Ethnic Diversity Committee at Delco, explained further the purpose of the meeting. The meeting was called to order, primarily, to voice opinions and feelings related not only to racism and sexism on campus, but discriminatory situations

were recently graffitied on one of students, faculty or staff may be confronted with.

Without trying to thwart "freedom of speech", explained the difficulties in trying to define this phrase and instead shared with the group her interpretation of it as "freedom to listen". She said it is necessary to express opinions and provide reasons for disagreement.

In this way the meeting was kept controlled, since as Tomezsko said, the issue is very "personal".

Before the issue was open to the floor, Pete Coleman, Director of Student Affairs, commented, "the turnout is good, this shows concern and interest."

Once the room got warmed up (Continued on page 5)

The largest single grant ever awarded by the Memorial Trust: \$650,000.

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Tennis Complex Dedicated

By Chuck Spector

Our campus has received a grant of \$650,000 from the Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Memorial Fund. This donation has been designated for building an outdoor, eight court tennis center on the empty field between the Commons building and the Library. The ground-breaking ceremonies have recently taking place this past August 23.

"I think there is some concern that the tennis complex is going to be sitting there on top of a hill, really looking out of place. However, as we are entering into the design stage with this project; we have decided to hirer a landscape architect. There

job will be to make the tennis courts fit into the campus' setting," explained Ed Tomezsko. The idea is to make it part of the campus, not something that has been added on.

The students will be able to see the plans for the tennis complex, and be able to relate their reaction to the university.

The design should be finished by the end of this semester, allowing construction to begin sometime in the spring. Since the project is being financed with private money, the campus should be much freer in their ability to make decisions. If all goes well, they should be finished in late spring, allowing us to use them by the summer.

Family Weekend Highlights Campus, Faculty & Students

By Angela Deal

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME! Invite family, friends, neighbors... It is Penn State Delaware County Campus' biggest "open house" ever. This two day event, the Campus Family Weekend is on November 2-

According to a letter written to Dr. Jack Ousey, who is leading the

event, from Dr. Tomezsko, Campus Executive Officer and innovator of the family weekend, there are a number of purposes for the affair.

The list read: Our purposes for the weekend are:

~ to show the campus and its facilities to the families of the current students;

~ to highlight, through something (Continued on page 5)

