

Condemned building is off-limits — foundation was determined to be unsafe.

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New Course Combo:

Getting Into the 'Fiery Furnace'

by Liz Russo

As the world progresses, teaching techniques must be expanded in order to keep up with today's society.

About a year and a half ago, Dr. Jack Ousey and Dr. Sibyl Severance decided to "do" an experiment, combining their Geological Science and English 15 courses respectively. The result is "Out of the Fiery Furnace," Material Science 150, being offered this fall semester.

The basic purpose of this course is to help students realize that writing is essential and they should be able to apply it to their major. Dr. Severance explains, "In this combined course, students gain skills in research and synthesize research in a way that wouldn't be available in a regular English 15 class."

Dr. Ousey and Dr. Severance both agreed that teaching this class is an enjoyable experience. So far, students seem to be enjoying this course also:

Lynn Martin, Freshman— "It's the first time that English and science

have a connection. It makes life situations seem more believable."

David Miller, Freshman— "It's really different, and the double grades for each paper is a great idea."

Heather Bullard, Freshman— "It's easier to learn how to apply English tactics to papers in other subjects."

Dr. Severance says, "Application for expressing ideas is important. It's another way of finding out what creative learning is all about." In the classroom, the teachers receive feedback from their students. The students decide what ideas will work out and what ideas won't.

"It's a different kind of experience," says Dr. Ousey. "It's the best of both worlds." It involves teaching science and history, and he likes both. Dr. Severance says, "It really is a challenge to me." This program should give other programs, like this one, a chance to develop. For example, Dr. Severance feels that there are many psychological and sociological aspects in the world of art. Arts courses should be joined to both psychology and sociology. As far as

Condemned Campus Buildings: What Will Be Done with Them?

by Roger Lee

Due to old age, four of the six modular buildings on campus have been closed. Those declared "off bounds" are the ROTC complex, housing offices, classrooms and student lounge, and the English and Geography Labs. However, these buildings have served the University well, since their construction in 1972. Since the buildings had an expected life span of seven years, the insurance

company will no longer cover them.

According to Dr. Tomezsko, Campus Executive Officer, water under the buildings has caused the floors to become unsafe. Dr. Tomezsko will go up to State College to request two trailers as temporary substitutes.

However, according to Diane Jankowski, Business Director, University Park's space committee and the township must approve the trailers before they can be used on campus. Another complication for temporary trailers is that the administration does not know how much or little the rent is.

Pete Coleman, Director of Student Services, added that the campus has plans to build two permanent buildings to replace the modular buildings sometime in the future. The SGA would decide just how the new total space of approximately 1300 square feet would be used. Any permanent buildings would be mostly used for additional classroom space, the SGA (Student Government Association), the ROTC, and the Rangers Club.

The campus has coped with the space shortage caused by the closing of the modular buildings by using the Commons Building and the Library Learning Center.

Native America Explored Through Week of Programs

By Tammy Zampogna

Native American Week was held the week of September 16-20th this year. Many exciting programs were planned and met in the Main Lounge, unless otherwise stated.

On Monday, Sept. 16, from 12:30-1:00p.m. an Information Booth was available and handouts were distributed. Afterwards, from 1:00-1:30, there was a brief discussion on Native American political struggle, lead by Stephanie D'Angelo.

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 11:00-12:30 Native American artifacts, books, maps and jewelry were displayed. Later, from 12:30-1:30, there was a discussion concerning the values of Native people as they apply to the

difficulties of American Indians today, which was lead by Carla Messinger and Lenni Lenape.

The last program, held Thursday, Sept. 19, ran from 11:30-2:20. The first one hour consisted of a presentation highlighting folklore, history, artifacts, handouts and native dress.

The presentation was given by two Native American woman, Mardella Salsgiver and Lenni Lenape, who allowed for a three hour and twenty minute question and answer session.

Later in the day a classroom discussion commenced from 4:00-5:00 in the LLC112. To conclude the program dynamically 'Dances With Wolves' was shown on video and a discussion session was offered.

Budget Crunch Won't Hurt Educational Excellence Here

by Roger Lee

Campus Executive Officer, Dr. Ed Tomezsko, is confident that the academic program at PSU Delaware County is excellent, but with more resources, more could be done. "I would not call our current situation a budget crunch, but the only possible negative effect is that we cannot do everything that we would like to," stated Tomezsko.

In fact, Penn State receives the least amount of funding from Harrisburg compared with other state affiliated universities. The other state affiliated schools, Temple, Lincoln, and Pitt, get from three times to 80% more money per student. PSU receives more funding than only three other states across the country.

Delaware County campus started

out with a budget of \$5.6 million, but needs \$5.8 million. Its request from University Park for the difference was denied. Harrisburg gave PSU \$3 million less than it expected. And yet, PSU Delco promises not to increase tuition for the spring semester.

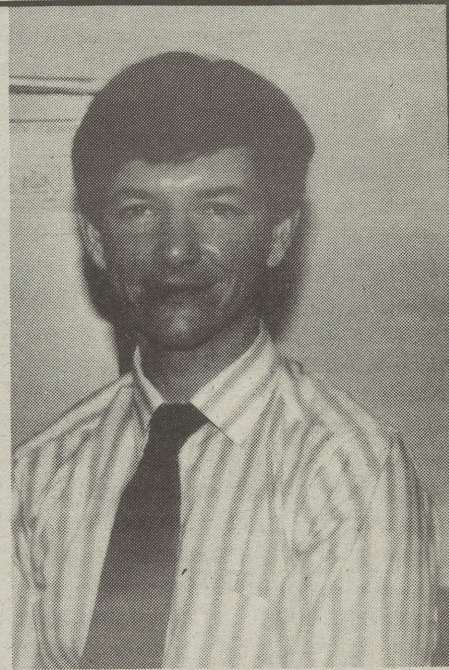
Although the University is dealing with the cuts by less spending on salaries, Tomezsko proudly supported the education one receives at this campus. "Teachers give a good Penn State education, and do an excellent job with the students."

Despite the cuts, Tomezsko strongly feels that the programs here at Penn State will not be compromised. "We can always make the process better. We expect good programs, and we will never shave the quality of education.



Dr. Maria Melendey
New French Instructor

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Dr. Wayne McMullen
New Speech Communication Instructor

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