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McConnell Named SAC Specialist And P.E. Trainer

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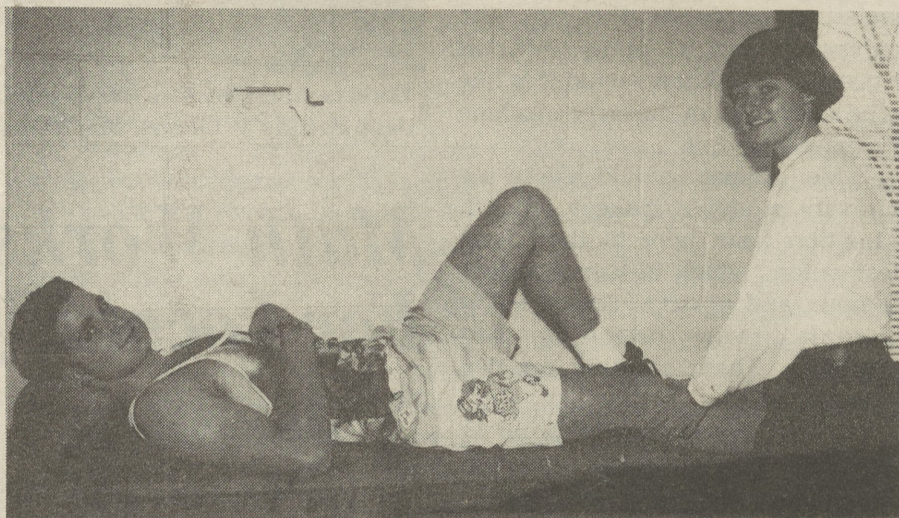
Melissa McConnell, a graduate of West Chester University, is Penn State Delco's new Student Activities Specialist. When asked about the responsibilities of her new position, she responded, "They include taking care of the athletes, since I'm the Athletic Trainer; being Building Supervisor, because I take care of the gym and the Fitness Center; serving as Student Activities Coordinator, which means I try to arrange all the comedians and musicians and "what-not"; and teaching a strength training class."

When asked what she enjoys most about the job, McConnell replied, "The thing I like the best is athletic training." She also enjoys being able to work with people in her age group, even though that can be tough at times.

Her goals for her position are to do the best job she can with the limited resources for Student Activities, and using the knowledge she has acquired to take care of athletes.

McConnell says that she likes the campus and that Delco has "great facilities." Comparing them to West Chester, a four year school, she said, "We really didn't have a Fitness Center there, and the gym that we had was 20-25 years old, where here, everything is new."

In her spare time McConnell likes to work out, sail, and play tennis. Students can reach Melissa McConnell at her office on the first floor of the Commons Building or in the Lion's Den.



Student Activities Specialist Melissa McConnell administers therapeutic assistance to injured basketball player Andy Stritz.

Photo by: DIANA MICERI

Student Activity Committee Returns With New Events

By Kaspar Stromme

Remember all those enjoyable and interesting student activities that went on last semester? No? Well, with notable exceptions, such as the Keystone Society's Hurricane Aid and Lion Ambassadors' Candy Cane-O-Grams there wasn't too much going on in terms of organized out-of-class activities.

This semester should be different, thanks to the re-emergence of the Student Activities Committee, or SAC for short. This was the entity who, in the past sponsored campus entertainment such as live bands, comedians, and more.

Last fall, however, they went through some difficulties, including the loss of their advisor, and as a result they were unable to do much. This should soon change.

With the assistance of their new advisor, Student Activities Specialist Melissa McConnell and renewed energy, SAC will be back

stronger than ever, according to SAC President Richard McFadden. "We have planned a wide variety of activities, but we are also open to suggestions from the students," McFadden said.

The list of activities currently under consideration include caricature drawing, performances by local bands, and movies once a week. During Springweek, which is being held the second week of April, a picnic is planned during which students will get a chance to humiliate themselves with a karaoke machine.

If you have suggestions for activities, they can be given to the SAC officers or left in a box placed in the Lion's Den. They are also looking for students who would like to get involved with SAC. In addition to active recruiting, sign-up sheets will be available in the Lion's Den.

Activities will be announced around school and information will be posted on the big calender in front of the main office.

Dr. Tomezsko Looks to Future

By Caroline Kalafut

Dr. Ed Tomezsko, CEO of the Penn State Delco Campus, held a staff meeting on Tuesday, January 26 to discuss a strategy for the future.

His first concern was the issue of enrollment. The university has been in a six year decline in admissions. More qualified students are needed without lowering standards. Without more students, a plan to become an upper division campus cannot be implemented.

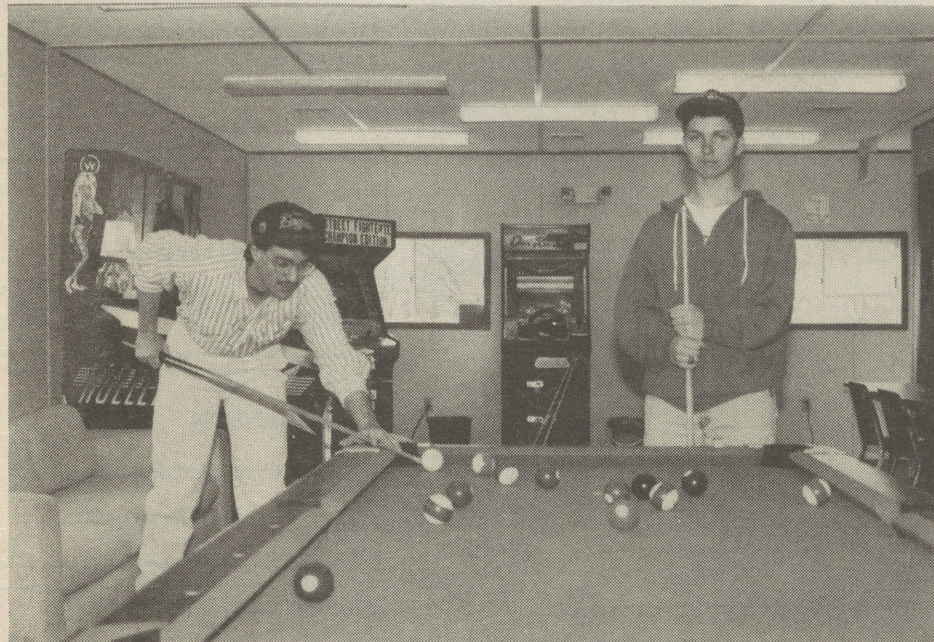
Fewer students mean budget problems. These are lean times for Penn State. A hiring freeze is on at present. There is one bit of good news: No satellite campus will be closed. The university has no plans for downsizing.

Dr. Tomezsko said, "This university is a business looking for customers. We have to put the word out about our programs." Temple University was mentioned as an example of advertising the benefits of a particular school of higher education.

Another issue was the lack of road signs identifying the location of the campus. Signs are expensive, so that changing the present one at the main entrance is prohibitive. Perhaps when the new classroom building is constructed, there will be enough funds in the budget to cover new signs on 352 and at the entrance.

Dr. Tomezsko was especially concerned about the quality of life of the students, and then the quality of life of the faculty and staff. He wanted to know what the students felt was an ideal campus and how close this campus was to that ideal. This question relates to his wish for more input from students. He cannot plan ahead without knowing how students feel about degree programs, classes, tuition, accessibility of facilities on campus and a host of other questions.

One suggestion was to hold town meetings for students, faculty and staff, since the decisions that are made will affect everyone's future.



Steven Dinote sets up his next shot as Mike Maxson waits his turn in the Lion's Den (open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

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Chat n' Cheese

February 22 and 23
6:00 - 8:00 PM
in the Main Lounge

For all full and part-time evening students

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