

Entertainment

Friends of Tim Mark Sponsor Visual Arts Extravaganza

By Mike Jamison

Beginning on March 5, and running through March 13, Penn State Delco will host Exhibit 1993, a visual arts extravaganza sponsored by the Friends of Tim Mark Endowment. Admission, which will be five dollars, (three for students and senior citizens) is open to all who wish to enjoy a vast array of visual splendors.

Dr. Jane Cooper, Professor of Biology at PSU Delco, is the driving force behind both the Tim Mark Endowment and Exhibit '93. When asked about her feelings regarding the upcoming exhibit, Dr. Cooper responded: "We (The Friends of Tim Mark) feel honored to be hosting these talented and respected artists. I am looking forward to a week of enjoyment and learning." The art show, which will include print signings, art demonstrations and poetry readings by noted artists and authors, also offers a chance for aspiring artists to have their works judged and critiqued by experts in their chosen fields of the visual arts. This aspect of the exhibit, stated Dr.

Cooper, helps to keep the memory of Tim Mark alive.

Tim Mark was a talented and fast rising Delaware County artist and PSU graduate. In 1989, he joined the Delco campus in planning his first art exhibit. He had already donated two paintings to Penn State, but tragically, a losing battle with cancer left Tim unable to paint. Tim enthusiastically endorsed the idea for a Tim Mark Endowment, seeing it as a way to give aspiring artists' a chance exhibit their work publicly, without toiling in obscurity for years. Unfortunately, Tim never saw the fruits of his generosity. He died on June 15, 1990, another victim of cancer. He was 42 years old.

The subsequent organization of the Friends of Tim Mark Endowment has hosted a multiple artist exhibit and several solo shows to raise funds for exhibit expenses and, most importantly, a Tim Mark Visual Arts Award and emerging artists' exhibit expenses.

Help to keep the memory of Tim Mark alive and well. Exhibit 1993 runs from March 5 until March.



Dr. Jane Cooper poses next to "Mountain Lion" by Michael McNelly, donated from a previous art exhibit. This year's show runs through March 5-13.

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The Chinese Connection Peking Makes Offer To Vairo Fund

By Wes Tomlinson

It was Monday evening. Oriental music was softly drifting from some remote corner. The room was dimly lit. A malicious looking sword dangled from the opposite wall. I was seated on a deep-red cushion with an angry dragon peering down at me. An exotic black-haired Chinese lady was seated on a tall stool six feet away facing me. I asked if Mrs. Kwo was in.

"How did you know my name?" she asked. At first she shyly pretended that she was someone else. I should have made an appointment.

"Nee How Ma? How are you?" I asked. I thought my limited acquaintance with Mandarin might ameliorate the atmosphere.

My mission was to interview

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the owner of the Peking Restaurant in the Granite Run Mall. But sitting there in the restaurant, I was not sure how successful I was going to be.

Mrs. Kwo ordered a bowl of steaming Won Ton soup and a pungent cup of Chinese tea which the waiter placed on a low table in front of me. Our conversation turned to her connection with Penn State and the reason for her recent generous offer to the Delaware County Campus.

She has served on charity committees for the Media Rotary with Penn State's former Director, John Vairo. In honor of him, during March, she is donating \$2.00 to Penn

State's John Vairo Library Endowment Fund for each Sunday dinner served if the patron mentions the Vairo Endowment

Mrs. Kwo said that she wishes to make this donation in return for the kindness shown to her sons in allowing them to study at the Penn State Delco Campus library while in high school.

Further conversation with Mrs. Kwo revealed that her family, like many others, fled to Taiwan when the Communists came to power in China. Later, when she attended college, she was named one of the top ten students in Taiwan

Mrs. Kwo encouraged Penn State students, faculty, staff and alumni to visit the Peking Restaurant Sunday evenings in March to experience a savory Peking Duck, Mandarin Roast Lamb, Mongolian Barbeque or sample some of the tasty Cantonese and Szechuan dishes.

As I left the restaurant with a complimentary bag of fortune cookies, I sampled one. The paper strip inside read: "You love sports, horses and gambling, but not to excess."

I told Mrs. Kwo, "Shei Shei Nee. Thank You."

She replied, "Kung Chi, Fa Tsai. Wishing you a prosperous New Year." (This is the year of the Rooster in the Chinese calendar, the year 4691, dating from the first emperor of China.)

This is a very special place where campus members and friends can feast on the best of cuisine and help out the Vairo Endowment Fund at the same time.

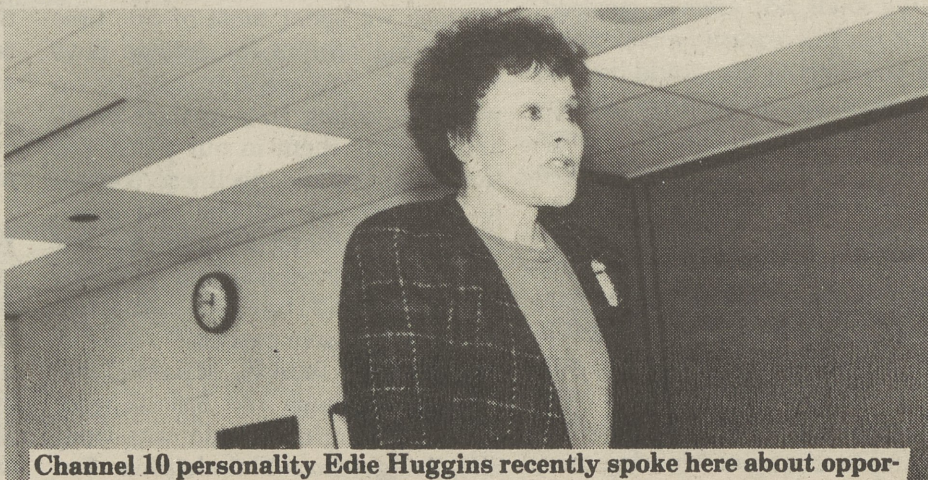
Book Critique: Crichton Revisited

By David E. Lawrence

Before anyone asks, no this is not "Crichton's Corner". It's just that after reading *Rising Sun*, I felt in the mood for another thriller. With Crichton's other top-selling book, *Jurassic Park*, that's just what I got and more.

Jurassic Park is a science fiction thriller in which a technique for recovering and cloning dinosaur DNA has been discovered. It soon becomes an experiment gone wrong with it's creators literally trapped on an island out of time. It now falls to them to survive long enough to warn the mainland before it is overrun by the deadly creatures.

This sci-fi techno thriller emphasizes a genuine concern for the survival of humankind. If you can't read the book, you can still enjoy the exciting plot. *Jurassic Park* is to be released on June 11, 1993 as a major motion picture, directed by Steven Spielberg.



Channel 10 personality Edie Huggins recently spoke here about opportunities in the broadcast industry.

TV Personality Edie Huggins Visits Campus

By Kaspar Stromme

Edie Huggins of Channel 10 was the featured speaker at a luncheon sponsored by the School of Communications on February 24th.

Ms. Huggins started by described her unlikely entry into the field of television. She was working as a nurse in New York at the time, taking small extra parts in movies at times, when she bumped into a producer of a local news show in Philadelphia. Before she knew it she found herself on a daily news show.

She now works for Channel 10, where she does her own Sunday morning show. When asked how she felt about being moved out of the spotlight of the evening news, she said "I've done my time there; now I get to do the stories I want to do".

She also had advice for anybody interested in the field of news media: "Take the initiative as soon as you can." She couldn't stress the importance of an internship enough, but added that an internship should be a learning experience, not a summer spent doing chores. "If you find yourself doing nothing but delivering mail, you should confront your boss and ask for something more challenging to do."

The luncheon was attended by about 30 students, and luncheon coordinator Lynn Martin was happy with the turnout.