

Nittany Lion Meets Philly Phanatic

By Wes Tomlinson

Penn State Delco's "Night at the Phillies" on September 24 was well attended by many wildly enthusiastic students, faculty and staff from the Delaware County Penn State campus. The game featured the NL Eastern champion, the Philadelphia Phillies vs. the NL Western champion Atlanta Braves, a preview of the playoffs for the National League pennant in 1993. Veterans Stadium was a complete sellout for the game.

The Delco delegation was seated together at the 300 level exhibiting blue and white Penn State pennants, hats, jackets and sweaters. A large blue and white banner was stretched for 100 feet across the railing in front of the Delco Penn State fans. Just before the first pitch, a roar was heard from the Penn State section, as a surprise entry of the Nittany Lion ran down the isle in front of the banner.

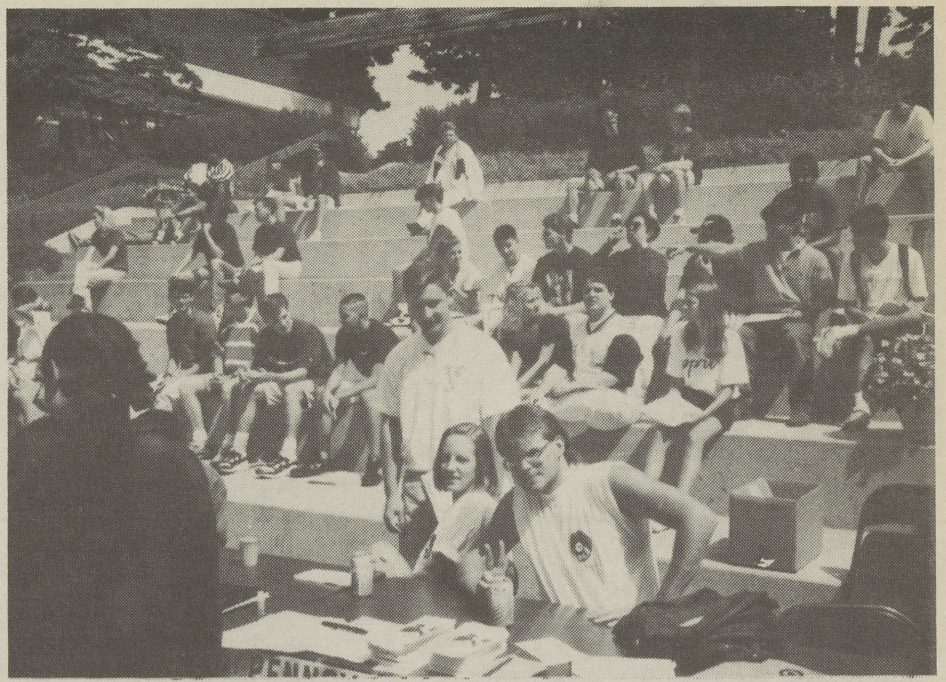
The Nittany Lion, played successively by Chris in the Finance Office, Mike Iezzi mail clerk, and Amy McCarthy, Delco's Student Government President, continued to entertain the crowd throughout the entire ballgame. Chris said, "I had a great time running around the third

level in the Lion uniform. In the fifth inning, the Philly Phanatic jumped off his scooter and gave me a big kiss. There were lots of cheers for Penn State. The young kids had a ball with the Lion. It was great to be at the Phillies game representing Penn State."

Bill Englert, second semester DUS, yelled, "Sean, you should have been here!" Mike said that while he was playing the Lion, "Everyone had a good time; the crowd was very enthusiastic. In the bottom of the sixth inning, I was in the midst of a Wave around the stadium." Jim Diskin, Delco Math Professor, added, "This was a great performance by the Phillies. We had good seats and the weather was perfect." Barbara Daniel, English professor and faculty advisor to the *Lion's Eye*, said, "This was a superlative game."

Randi Orlow, Admissions, who organized the outing said, "This was a great opportunity for Penn Staters to get together off campus; it shows that we have Penn State spirit."

The "Wild Thing", Mitch Williams, got the call to releave pitcher Tommy Greene in the ninth inning with Atlanta runners on first and third and one out to save the 3-0 win for the Phillies.



Penn State Delco Night at the Phillies.

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It's Fast and Physical: Do You Have What It Takes?

By Wes Tomlinson

Philip McShane, a fourth semester liberal arts major, has been playing wheel-chair basketball since a serious automobile accident on December 26, 1989 left him without the use of his legs. Phil plays for the Delaware Streaks, who practice on their home court at the DuPont Institute in Wilmington, Delaware.

Phil explained, "We have eleven players on our team, and we compete against twelve other teams in the Mid-Atlantic Division. The games are usually played on Saturdays at 2:00 P.M. or at 7:00 P.M., and we practice on Monday and Wednesday nights at the DuPont Institute. Our team is sponsored by the Delaware-Maryland Paralyzed Veterans Association."

Phil added, "The games are very fast and very physical. It takes a lot of coordination. The baskets are at the same height as in regulation basketball, and you don't have the jump shot from a wheel-chair. We play thirty minute halves. The rules are basically the same as for college basketball, such as penalties for charging, blocking, reaching in, moving pick. The games

are controlled by two referees."

He said, "I'm the youngest one on the Streaks team. The average age is about 32. Before I got hurt, I played ice hockey, but this wheel-chair basketball is just as much fun. There are some guys who can score 40 points a game. There are also some women who also play who are quite good. Occasionally they have fights; it is a rough sport. Some of the guys are really big. The Philadelphia team has a guy who can bench press 500 pounds."

Last April, Phil played with his team in the Spitfire Challenge Tournament in Toronto, Canada, against teams from all over the world.

Phil is also involved in individual racing in wheel-chair track events whenever he has the time to compete. He is trying to get Penn State to sponsor him in racing. At the present time, Penn State does not have any wheel-chair sports program.

Here at Delco, Phil is the President of the Literary Club. He plans to go to graduate school and major in Psychology after completing his studies at Penn State.



Phil McShane (#10), Delco student, in action as center on The Streaks.

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Reverend Brings Rap to Religion: A Music With Morals and Values

By James Foltz

The Rappin' Reverend Rocky Brown could be heard preaching at Penn State Delco on September 25. He could be heard loud and clear.

The issues that the Reverend covered from noon until one in the Main Building's student lounge were about children. He focused in on the children of the United States of America.

During his speech, the Reverend cited some startling figures about the children of the United States:

*The three biggest problems that teachers found in schools in 1991 were: drugs, guns and rape

*Every eight seconds there is another high school drop out.

*7742 teenagers have their first sexual experience everyday

*Age 13 is the "normal" age of virginity loss

*614 teenagers contract a sexually transmitted disease everyday

*1114 teenagers have abortions

everyday

*1336 teenagers give birth to babies everyday

*Of those 1336 mothers, 29 are under the age of fifteen

*4901 teenagers are killed by violence everyday

After reading the statistics, the Reverend suggested solutions to all of these problems.

"We need morals and values," Brown preached. "They do not come from government. They come from two places: family and church. Good morals and good values will change the world."

Brown stated that the focus should be on the children. He challenged the audience to do something about the corruption and immorality which affect the children of today. The Reverend said that everyone must pitch in to help.

"Nobody can do everything, but, everyone can do something," he said in closing.

Delco Votes On US In A New World

By James Foltz

The *Great Decision* ballot results are in! Here are the results for the first topic covered:

Topic 1: U.S. in a New World Issue A. The principal international role of the U.S. should be to:

8% of the ballots cast answered: "Take the lead in solving global problems."

60% of the ballots cast answered: "Work through organizations such as the UN to solve global problems."

26% of the ballots cast answered: "Participate in solving international problems only when the affect Americans directly."

6% of the ballots cast answered with their own comment.

Issue B. The domestic policy priority of the U.S. should be:

8% of the ballots cast answered: "Hone its competitive edge in the global economy."

46% of the ballots cast answered: "Address social problems (education, health, crime)."

32% of the ballots cast answered: "Stimulate the economy."

14% of the ballots cast answered: "Reduce the budget deficit."

0% of the ballots cast answered: "Maintain its military strength."

