

Delco's One And Only: Frank Skull

By John Bishop

Frank Skull is a very popular man on campus. Each day he arrives on campus and greets students, staff and faculty members. Although he is not a student, Frank has been visiting Penn State Delco for over ten years and has become an important part of the campus community.

"I've been coming here for a long time," Frank said. "Since I've been coming here I've seen a lot of changes. I've made a lot of friends here over the years, and I've had a lot of fun."

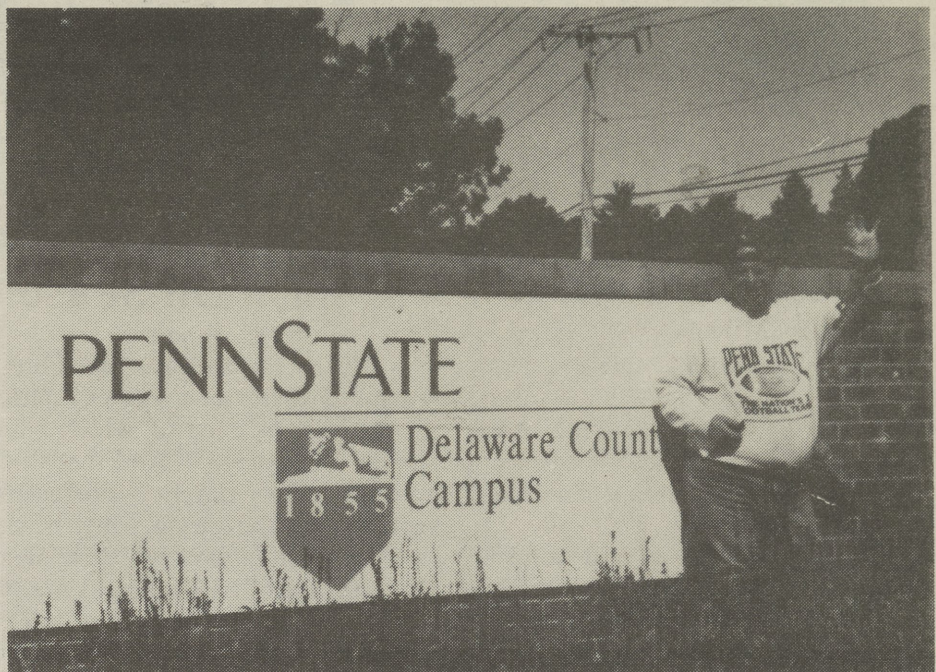
Although virtually everyone on campus has met Frank, very few people really know anything about him. When I interviewed Frank for this article, I was greatly impressed not only with what he told me about his own history, but with the history of Penn State as well.

Frank is forty-five years old and

he lives "across the street" with his parents. He works every day at the Fair Acres Nursing Home performing "kitchen work" and food-cart handling. Frank is also a very nice person.

"I was born in Maryland, but when I was very little my parents moved here," Frank explained. "When I was a little kid, my grandfather owned the land where Penn State is now. He had a farm with lots of animals. When my grandfather died, Penn State got the land."

"I really like the people here," Frank said, when asked for the main reason for his frequent visits to Penn State. "Everyone loves me here and I love everyone here. This place is great!" Frank's exuberance for life and his apparently endless optimism have become a special part of the Delco experience.



Frank Skull demonstrates the friendliness and loyalty which have made him a cherished fixture at Delco for many years.

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Keeping Up With The Joneses: The College Booster Game

By Greg Reichard

In light of the reaction Penn State quarterback John Sacca had to his demotion to second team offense it is becoming more evident everyday that college athletics are becoming incredibly similar to the professional game.

After a Nittany Lion game versus Iowa, John Sacca reacted to his benching in favor of Kerry Collins by telling reporters that he no longer wished to remain in Happy Valley, if

he was going to be second string. This type of behavior is becoming all too common in college sports- Players threatening to leave schools because of an unfortunate incident on the playing field. College-athletes, as they are so called, today react more like professional athletes in these situations, instead of realizing that they are in school to get an education, not to play a sport.

In college sports boosters of the universities share an identical role with owners of professional franchises.

Although their actions goes on without anyone knowing, boosters of the big time schools have always taken care of their star athletes. Their generosities can come in the form of cash or possibly a gift: a car, boat, answers to

tests, free tutors, for example. Boosters also play a big hand in decisions as to who coaches where and the types of people that are recruited by the university. Wrong-doing by college (continued on Page 8)

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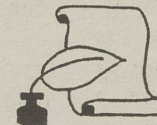
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