

## Memory Lane

# Prying Open Delco's History: Fewer Students But More Fun

By Martyna Sliwinska

If you are an average Delco student, you have heard so much about the future of the campus that nothing can surprise you. However, somewhere in between the plain present and the colorful future, a very memorable past has been lost. Take yourself back twenty-six years, when the first students crossed the threshold of Penn State's Delaware County Campus, and you will find an entire bouquet of surprises.

It was fall of 1967 when the brand new branch of Penn State, Delaware County, opened its doors for incoming freshmen. The administration was in for a pleasant surprise when instead of the expected 80 students, over 300 registered. With the faculty of twelve and the quickly expanding student body, Delco faced another problem: its location.

Unbelievable as it seems, when Delco first opened, it was located in Chester, occupying the two bottom floors of a roller rink! Such a distraction could not go unnoticed. It even forced the college to end its classes at 3:30 PM, when the roller rink would fill the entire area with loud music and a cascade of colorful lights.

There still are some members of the original faculty here on campus. They are Dr. Priscilla Clement, who was one of the first hired, Dr. Robert Ginsburg, Dr. Jane Cooper, Dr. George Franz, Dr. Michael Kersnick, Dr. Kenneth Kinman, and Dr. Elizabeth Buckmaster. The challenge was to be

very "universal" as each of the faculty had to teach a couple of subjects each. Dr. Buckmaster remembers, "The most popular programs were the two year programs with emphasis on engineering."

The students' only link with University Park was the enormously popular All-U Day. Unlike today, the event was the highlight of the year, a huge celebration, and a wonderful party with more than impressive student attendance and involvement.

When asked about the biggest change throughout the years, Dr. Buckmaster firmly states with a smile: "At the time, Viet Nam just started becoming a very 'unpopular' war, and that caused the students to be extremely political. Not a day would go by without the students making their voice heard, whether it included arranging for different speakers or just taking a stand."

Such a small setting and the relatively small student and faculty count enabled everyone to get to know each other pretty well. Delaware County Campus had become a very cohesive group of students and teachers, whom Dr. Buckmaster describes as "exceptionally lively" young people. She summed up her memories by simply saying with a sincere smile, "It was fun."

Fun it certainly was, just as is learning about Delco's past. It does have some quite surprising features and some quite admirable people, who have helped this campus to become what it is today.

## Music Instruction Combines Teaching With Conducting and Music Therapy

By Wes Tomlinson

"The world is a better place because of music" is an expression that captures the philosophy of Dr. Folkert H. Kadyk, popular professor of music at Penn State Delco. Dr. Kadyk also teaches music at the Delaware County Community College and at Immaculata College. He previously was a classroom music teacher and instrumental conductor in the Great Valley School District.

Dr. Kadyk has served for several years as the Assistant Conductor of the Main Line Symphony Orchestra, where he has performed as a bass trombonist and euphonium (baritone horn or tenor tuba) player for thirty years. Dr. Kadyk can be heard at the first concert of the Main Line Symphony's 48th Concert Season is at 8:00 P.M., Friday, November 12, at the Valley Forge Intermediate School on Rt. 252, Valley Forge Road and Walker Road. The concerts feature soloists from the world famous Philadelphia Orchestra.

In addition to teaching music and playing with the Main Line Symphony, Dr. Kadyk also gives lessons for all of the brass instruments in his private studio. He has also used music as therapy for emotional disorders with patients at hospitals in this area.

He received his Doctorate in the Psychology of Music and Music Education from Temple University, where he wrote his thesis on "How Children Learn Music". He received Masters degrees from Temple and

Villanova and undergraduate degrees in Engineering from Purdue University and Music History and Theory from the College of Wooster. He has also studied at Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Kadyk has a son who is a professional violinist and teacher and a daughter who is a nurse and a mother. He said that he is very much interested in computers as a tool for teachers and students.



Dr. Folkert H. Kadyk

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The recent SGA Pumpkin Sale raised money for a proposed campus semi-formal dance.

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## Chinese Masks Foreshadow Spring Semester Celebration

By Jaime Wentworth

If you have passed through the Library/Learning Center building recently and poked your head into Room 112 looking for Mrs. Kirker, you may have noticed the huge papier mache monster-like heads sitting off to the side. Maybe you were puzzled, amused, or curious. In any case, the heads are part of the newest project in Mrs. Kirker's Design class of thirteen students.

"We're making Chinese New Year Masks," says Kirker, "as part of the Cultures Of Asia program. The masks are decorated with bright colors and draped from behind with a length of gaudy material that'll really stand out. In China, troupes of dancers use the masks to perform on the Chinese New Year. One dance they do is the Lion Dance."

This is only one of the projects her class has done in tribute to the Cultures of Asia program. The banners that are hanging in the lounge of the Library/Learning Center bearing a

## Campus Debates Activities Fee

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has a different view regarding the proposed fee. "The Student Activities Fee is not official. Just because it was passed at the C.C.S.G meeting doesn't make it official. It still has to be presented to the Board of Trustees and after that there are several other channels it has to go through."

"I represented the student's views at the C.C.S.G. meeting. I didn't just sit there," Amy stated. She also insists that a draft was made available at a previous S.G.A meeting and warned about the dangers of the various rumors that are circulating around campus about the fee. Amy also stated that the details of the proposed fee are still "sketchy".

"They would like to see the fee implemented by the Fall of 1994, but that is just an estimate of the earliest it could be implemented," Amy said. "It could possibly go through by then, but I don't think it can go through that fast. The C.C.S.G. has battled with it for two years so I can't see it going through so fast."

Only time will tell if the Student Activities Fee will be implemented in the distant, or not so distant, future of Penn State Delaware County.

white dragon on a red background also were done by students for the program. (Notice the initials PSU in the body of the dragon as well as on its tail.)

When the masks are finished, the class will hang them from the ceiling in the student lounge, making the masks look as if they were in motion. "We hope to have a troupe come from Philadelphia to put on a professional performance in January," added Mrs. Kirker.

So the next time you pop your head in the door be sure to ask Mrs. Kirker about the masks. There's a lot of history behind them, as well as many interesting stories. And, don't forget to ask her about the Bodhi-Dharmas.

## -Dean's List-

The Dean's List for the Summer '93 semester was recently released by registrar Joyce S. Rigby. To be named, a student has to achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The following is a complete list in alphabetical order:

Chu, Rei-Chieh Tiffany  
Isaac, Roy Puthenparam  
Jacoby, Ellen Heather  
Madden, Michael James  
Naggar, Hany Ahmed-Sai  
Steinmetz, Cynthia Lee  
Wagner, Michael David.

## Getting Answers

By James Foltz

The *Great Decisions* ballot results continue. Here are some more results: **Article 2: United Nations: What role in the new world?**

### Issue A:

85% of the ballots cast voted that they agreed the UN should be given power by the U.S. and other member states to be a world police man.

85% of the ballots cast voted that they agreed the UN should have intervened more strongly, and sooner, in the former Yugoslavia.

92% of the ballots cast voted that they agreed the UN should have intervened more strongly and sooner, in Somalia.

77% of the ballots cast voted that they agreed the U.S. should hold troops in readiness for use by the UN as peace keepers.