

Engineering Club Offers Creative Spring Competition

By James Foltz

"To build a better mouse trap" is the challenge of the Engineering Club's Spring Competition. Well, not exactly, but it does involve the use of a good old fashioned mouse trap.

Through the use of a mouse trap, a ping-pong ball and whatever else competitors can get their hands on, future engineers have the opportunity to win a quick \$100. The objective of the Engineering Club's Spring Competition is to get a ping-pong ball into a standard-sized school trash can located twenty feet away.

Sounds easy?

Well, the trick is to get the ping-pong ball into the trash can without touching it. And getting the ball into the trash can must be initiated by tripping the mouse trap.

Sounds a little bit more difficult now?

Competitors, who may be of any major, can use anything that they want to help their ping-pong ball toward its destination.

The entries of the competition

will be judged on accuracy and creativity. Each competitor will have ten tries to get the ping-pong ball into the trash cans. Each success is worth seven points for a perfect score of 70. A maximum of 30 points will be given to each competitor for creativity. Creativity is determined by a panel of professors acting as judges.

Whoever receives the most points obviously wins.

There are four prizes for the winners and nothing for the losers except, of course, the pride of being in a competition such as this. First place gets \$100 bucks, second brings home \$75 smackers, third hauls in \$50 dollars and fourth place receives 2,500 cents (or \$25 for all of you none mathematical types out there).

Sign-ups for the competition were March 21. There was \$5 entry fee. If you have any questions or you just want pleasant conversation, feel free to talk to Bill Niemier, Chuck McCarthy or Dr. Ebrahimpour, sponsors of the competition.



The people to see if you want to enter the Engineer Club Spring Competition: (l. to r.) Bill Niemier, Chuck McCarthy, Dr. Ebrahimpour.

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Penn State Delco Increases 4 Year Degree Opportunities

By Phillip Hoertz

Students constantly face decisions while in college. One of their biggest is to decide which college to attend. Getting this decision out of the way takes a lot of pressure off the student. The student is not willing to go through that ordeal again. But students who attend Penn State Delaware County Campus usually have to decide where to finish their junior and senior years. So again the student is faced with a decision about where to go to college.

The first and most obvious choice is to trudge up to one of the largest schools in the United States, Penn State University Park. Now, this is not a bad choice if you are willing to live away from home, far away from home. The campus is a beautiful one and you will receive a wonderful education there, but you may not want to live away from home or with 36,000 other people, and your circumstances may require you to stay here in Delaware County.

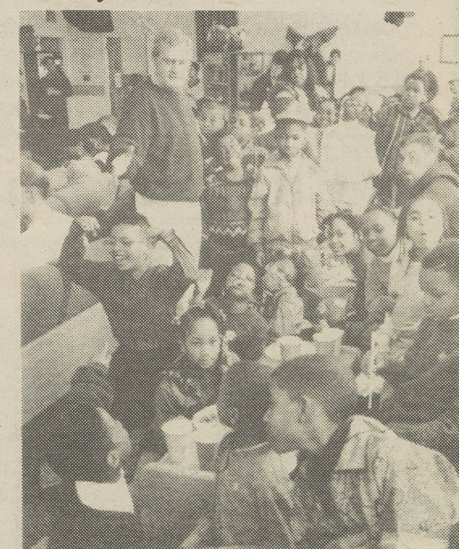
The choice to go to University Park is a great one for some students, but not all. So, what other choices do students have? Well, there are a number of solid colleges around the local counties; why not transfer? That doesn't sound to bad, does it? Well, to be honest, it can create a hassle. Not

all classes and credits transfer to different colleges. If you plan to graduate in four of five years, transferring to another college may delay your goal. Transferring is also like starting all over again in some cases. Finding new friends, meeting new professors, finding your way around campus, and adjusting to your new college can be tough. Besides you did that already at Penn State Delco!

As you think of all your choices and the time comes closer and closer to making this decision, you may come to think, "Why leave Penn State Delco?" Everything is going well while attending Penn State Delco, you're comfortable with the programs, you like the professors, the campus is great, why leave? Because Penn State Delco's only purpose is to prepare students for main campus or another college, right? Not really. Penn State Delco is growing faster than ever, and some students have already chosen to stay here at Delco to finish their college career. Times are changing and the possibilities are endless.

Right now, there are three majors, General Arts and Sciences, Speech Communication, and American Studies, that students may complete here at Delco. Another major that will be available next year is English. Also coming to Delco is a service where you can watch and learn from a professor at Penn State main while sitting in a classroom here. The broad and growing field of communications is going to be a great help to Penn State Delco in the coming years.

So, before you rule out staying here at Penn State Delco, go talk to your advisor about finishing school where you started.



Adult student Bob Lewis watches over the third grade class at Toby Farms Elementary School at Delco's Food Festival.

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Women's Commission Luncheon

By Jane Resides

Kanak Chanpa, Delco's artist-in-residence from Bangladesh, will be guest speaker, at the Women's Commission Luncheon on Thursday, April 14, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., in the Commons Building. The Luncheon is free.

Dr. Mary Gergen, co-chair of the event with Diana Grant, said she was hoping to have a Bangladeshee menu. Dr. Gergen said, "We are going to try to make the theme Asian, in keeping with the campus Cultures of Asia theme this year." She said this is an opportunity for the female students, staff, and faculty on campus to honor women and have a good time together. At this luncheon the Commission also plans to talk about its future activities.

Kanak Chanpa is being sponsored by an international scholarship provided by the Mid-America Arts Alliance and the United States Information Agency. A commemorative T-shirt, with one of Kanak Chanpa's designs printed on the front, is also being planned. Connie Kirker, art lecturer, said if she can get the design from Chanpa and the shirts made, they will be on sale on the Delco campus, after the luncheon.

When asked what the Women's Commission does, Dr. Gergen replied that it is an advisory group to the

President of the University. She said there is a Women's Commission at University Park and all the campuses. "All are connected loosely in some kind of liaison." The last joint meeting of all campuses was held at University Park on March 21. Four students and four staff members from Delco attended.

"The ideal that I think we are going to move toward next year," said Dr. Gergen, "is to have different interest groups that will spring out of the Women's Commission, so there will be special groups for issues related to the staff, faculty, and students." The sub-groups then could work together. "I have been reading about the other campuses and that is the model."

Our campus, said Dr. Gergen, "is not as politically organized as some campuses, where they have elections of representatives to a council from the various sub-groups. Those involved in our campus are, 'just whoever wants to work'."

"We are soliciting ideas from people for next year," said Dr. Gergen. "One of the things I am interested in is some of the faculty giving lectures on their specialties. We have several faculty members who work on women's issues. I haven't approached them yet, but I think we have quite a group that could be showcased."



Dr. Mary Gergen, co-chairperson of the Campus Women's Commission discusses the April 14th women's luncheon.

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Third Graders Visit PSU Delco

By Warren Thomas

Among those attending the recent Multicultural Luncheon on March 17 was the third grade class from Toby Farms Elementary School, their teacher Mrs. Bonita Davis, the School Principal Mr. Charles Crawford and the assisting student, Bob Lewis from Delco's CI 295 class, who was responsible for arranging the class trip.

The children were treated as special guests and presented with small mementos of their visit to our campus. After the luncheon the children were escorted on a quick tour of the campus. The children were excited by the entire outing.

Bob said, "The kids were very happy to be here and look forward to visiting our campus again. I felt this trip was a huge success. I'm looking forward to future programs that will include other elementary schools. This type of interaction is very much needed between universities and their communities."