

# Opinion & Review

## Editorials

### Who Knows? You May Like It!

By Martyna Sliwinska

Yes, this is another back-to-school editorial. It is where the editor praises the beauty of the renovated school building and curses the end of summer. It is where he/she hopes for a fast pace in the semester and wishes everyone an enjoyable and successful year. But this time there is a new twist to the old story. This time the editor really means it!

So far the semester has been off to a good start. The weather is simply gorgeous and the beautifully maintained lawns invite everyone to take a breather between classes. Watch out for deer ticks, though, as well as annoying friends who pick leisurely moments to copy your math notes.

If you are a returning student, please don't feel discouraged by the tumultuous numbers of freshmen. So what if you don't have a parking space two feet from the building. It has been proven that you can, in fact, walk for more than three minutes without injuring your major muscles—assuming you don't walk with your one knee bent at a 90 degree angle to your side and swing your arms unexpectedly at about 10mph—as some Penn State students have been observed to do. Save your complaints for the nasty weather when all the rules of the parking lot boil down to the survival of the fittest.

When inside any of the campus buildings, note the comfortable temperature of the rooms—meaning the average, of course, not the just-below-freezing and the is-it-me-or-is-my-sweat-boiling ones. There are thousands of dollars and many hours of work buried in the effort to make students' life on campus a breeze. So before you start whining, take a good look around. Chances are, help is just around the corner. All you have to do is ask.

In closing, I make a startling discovery: the summer is over. But no need to cry; Delaware County Campus is just warming up. In the next 30 weeks it will make numerous attempts to educate and entertain you, and make your year a memorable experience. If you get into it, you probably have a blast. And you never know, maybe you'll like it.

### When Opportunities Knock . . .

By James Foltz

Cherish the moment and rejoice, freshmen. This here article is written just for you. It's not written for any other students. So, out of respect, you should read this, absorb this and then act accordingly.

Now, first things first. There are an awful lot of student activities which are available here at Penn State Delco. So, there is no reason to complain about there being nothing to do around here. The activities and people are here. How much you enjoy this campus depends on you. No one else.

Secondly, for all of you who think that you're too cool to participate in different activities and events, get that nonsense out of your skull. Is it too cool to have a good time? Is it too cool to meet new people? Those are questions that you are going to have to answer.

Thirdly, it doesn't hurt to try. There have been numerous occasions when I tried something out even though it did not look appealing. Well, some of things turned out not to be appealing, while others I absolutely loved.

Here's one final note to the freshmen. This doesn't have anything to do with activities but I want you to listen up anyway. Take the academics seriously. Don't skip out on class, and do study for tests and quizzes. Don't wait for the last minute to study either. If you start playing that game, then you will lose.

Participate in activities, study hard and you will have an enjoyable time at Penn State Delco.

### 'Great Decisions' Questionable

By Greg Bengston

On the first day of school, which is more important to discuss: information relating to students' new academic life or the environmental crisis in the former Soviet Union? Most

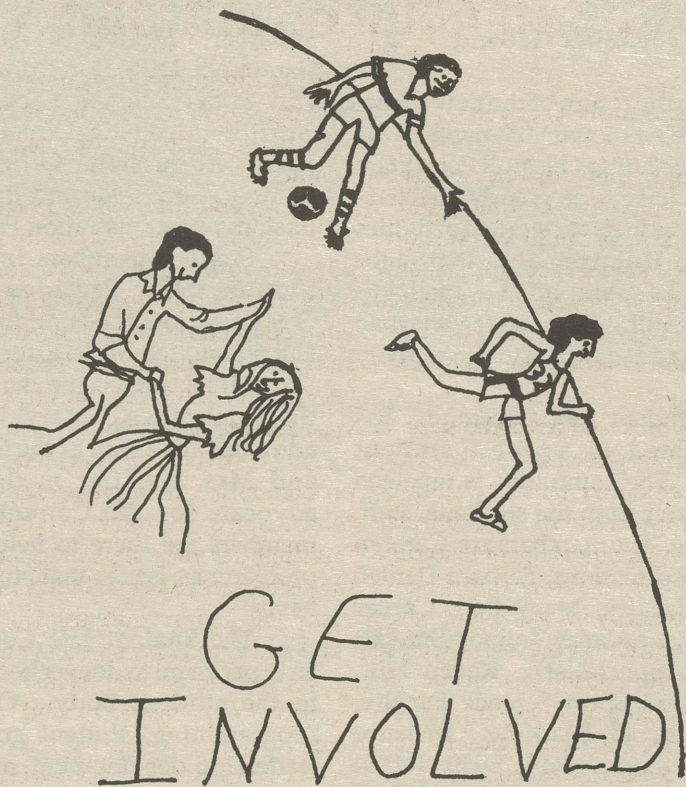
collection of reports involving world issues. This chapter, as assigned by each student's advisor, was aimed at forming a common ground for discussion between the advisor and student; in essence, an ice breaker. It also forced the students to get their minds back in focus after returning from a long relaxing summer.

The question as raised by the students is "Was it really necessary?" Most students had, in their minds, more important things that they wanted to discuss with their advisor. They had questions such as "Are there a good number of jobs available with the major I have chosen?" and "What courses should I consider taking, and when, in order to complete my major's requirements in the most realistic amount of time?". The general consensus was that the students felt it more important to talk about information relating to their new academic life.

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new students are focused on academics.

However, for orientation, first semester students were required to read a chapter from *Great Decisions*, a



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