



Dance, Ski Trip Head List of SGA Activities

By Diana Desimone

SGA's upcoming events are some of the biggest events this school year.

The first of these "happening" places to be is at the Sheraton Hotel in Valley Forge on December 9. That's the last day of classes, a Friday, and a definite stress reliever for the end of exam week. Anyone is welcome; Delco students and faculty are all invited to bring their friends.

The tickets have been estimated to be between \$10 and \$15 per person. The Hotel has been estimated to be approximately thirty to forty-five minutes from campus. For more information concerning any questions about the semi-formal, contact Kathy Artese, SGA vice-president in the student government office.

The second major "happening" place to be is in Vermont from January 1-6. These are the dates for which over eighty Delco students and friends have signed up to go on the Penn State ski trip.

The package includes a five day lift ticket for Smugglers' Notch, a one day lift ticket to Stowe Mountain, and a one-night ticket in Montreal. The package cost is \$239. After the addition of transportation and housing the cost is totalled at \$324 per person.

Any questions concerning information about payments should be addressed to Colleen O'Malley, SGA secretary.



"Nittany Lion" Nick Indeglio joins *Lion's Eye* photographer Nick Felici in raising money for the Leukemia Fund at Discovery Day. (see story on page 2)

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Campus Officials and Visiting Dignitaries break ground for new classroom building as Lion Ambassadors look on: l. to r. Dr. Tomezsko; David Lipson, President Delco Advisory Board; Dr. Cooper; Senator Clarence Bell; Representative Bill Adolph; Architect Edward Agoos; Rita Varano, President S.G.A.

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Breaking Ground for New Building Provokes Controversy Over Budget

By Margot C. Karpathy

"They're building something we don't really need," Freshman Ben Carpenter pointed out. "I'd rather have them fund cross country or other sports, for example, than build a building we don't really need," he argued.

This was one view expressed on October 14 during groundbreaking festivities for the new technology classroom building.

In her remarks, SGA president Rita Varano warned that not all students supported the construction. There was some talk of students picketing at the groundbreaking, but it was just that—talk.

"It is important for students to realize that the building comes from an entirely different budget," Director of Development and University Relations Marianne Rhodes said, "so it has absolutely nothing to do with the recent layoffs nor any cutbacks."

The real issue is not having enough money in the budget due to cuts and the fact that Penn State should be funded at the level of Temple in the first place, a school that currently receives the biggest allotment per student in the state. Rhodes feels that instead of concentrating their anger on Penn State Administration, students would make more impact by asking why PSU is not funded at the level of Temple and by questioning the logic behind that.

The great majority of students, however, are very excited about the new plans and are looking forward to

using the new building. "It will be a terrific learning experience and a great opportunity for everyone," Business Administration major Rebecca Winter summed it up. "I support the plan entirely," Education major Traci Weiss agreed.

Keynote speaker at the groundbreaking was State Senator Clarence Bell of the 9th District; other speakers were Campus Faculty Chair Jane E. Cooper and Executive Officer Ed Tomezsko. Also present were President of the Delaware County Campus Advisory Board David Lipson, Architect Theodore Agoos, and the famous Penn State Nittany Lion.

The new classroom building, which will be located between the Main Building and the Library Learning Center, will provide state-of-the-art computer and multi-media classrooms, seminar rooms, lecture halls, faculty offices, study space, an instructional services office, student lounge, and programming area, as well as academic equipment for business computer science, earth and mineral science, and engineering programs.

Funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through Governor Robert Casey's Operation Jump Start (to put jobs in PA), and partly by Bell Atlantic-PA, The Boeing Company, United Elevator, and a gift of an alumni to the campus, the building will be "visually prominent with as little disturbance to the woods as possible, with the back opening up to trees," according to Ms. Rhodes.

"We do not want sudden jarring elements," Rhodes explained, the idea

being to tie in with the Library Learning Center and Main Building by using materials structurally compatible with those of the other buildings on campus. But even though the \$3,000,000 construction cost had been so generously covered, funding is still being sought for furniture and other equipment.

Construction for the 22,222 square foot building is scheduled for Spring 1995 by the Department of General Services, and in conjunction with this construction another project is being developed "to improve the quality of the existing computing laboratory space."

According to Dr. Tomezsko, "The facility will also improve our ability to serve the surrounding community through our partnership with business and industry."

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