

# Halloween Howlings Haunt PSU Delco

By Janeane Aube

The Student Government Association brought the spirit of Halloween to the Penn State Delco campus with a number of organized festivities. Students participated in a pumpkin painting contest on Friday, October 28. Also, a costume contest and dance were held on Monday, October 31.

"We put a lot of effort into this. We recruited many students to help out," said Jeff Pollock, Student Activities Coordinator.

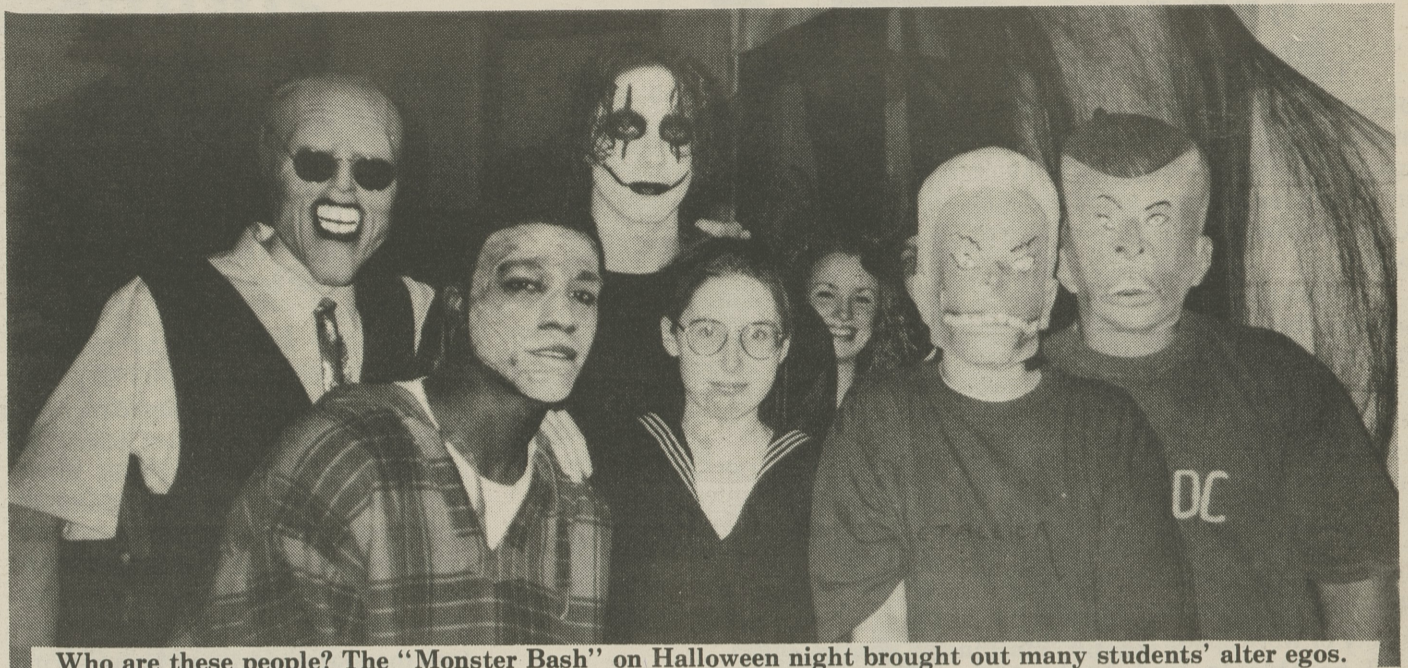
Paint, markers, and glitter transformed plain, orange pumpkins into award winning decorations. Members from each club on campus met in the main lounge during common hour and decorated their pumpkins for about 40 minutes. The pumpkins were then judged by faculty and staff members, and the top three pumpkins were presented a ribbon. The contest was held for the purpose of drawing out more club members.

Students, faculty, and staff dressed up in costumes on Monday, October 31. Some dressed for the fun of it while others showed up in the main lounge at 12:30 to be judged in a contest. Faculty and staff members judged who had the best costume. The top five received special invites to the Monster Bash dance and the top three received ribbon awards.

Ghosts and goblins came to BOOGIE down at the Monster Bash dance on Halloween night, October 31. Delco students masqueraded around the cafeteria from 8 pm until 12:30 am, enjoying music and a light show provided by Penn State Delco alumni DJ, Mike Pellgrino. Pellgrino also provided a spooky atmosphere with fog from a fog machine. The winning pumpkins from the pumpkin painting contest were displayed at the dance as decoration.

There was plenty of fun for everyone. Some students participated in a game of limbo while others bobbed for apples. Students with a sweet tooth walked up and down the hallway connecting the cafeteria and gym trick or treating.

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Who are these people? The "Monster Bash" on Halloween night brought out many students' alter egos.

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## Campus Comments on Funding for New Building; Students Told to Contact State Legislators

By Nick Indeglio

As the shovels began throwing dirt into the air at the ground breaking ceremony for the new technology building on Friday, October 14, 1994, both faculty and students voiced their concerns surrounding the recent campus budget cuts and loss of positions.

Ed Tomezsko, Delco's executive officer, thanked the state of Pennsylvania and its dignitaries, such as Senator Clarence Bell, for the new building during his remarks. At the same time, though, he told everyone about a student protest that had been planned, but canceled at the last minute. He voiced the students' concerns that the state was funding a new building yet cutting funds to Penn State that would result in the termination of faculty members. After the dedication, Dr. Tomezsko commented, "I wish the students had

gone through with the protest. Back in my day, we would voice our concerns by having a protest. It got people's attention and it worked."

Speaking on behalf of the faculty, Dr. Jane Cooper, chair of the Faculty Senate, voiced similar concerns. She felt that although Penn State Delaware County was increasing its technology and educational opportunities, the loss of faculty members would result in a loss of the quality of education at Penn State. Afterwards, she made it clear to Senator Bell that Delco was not ungrateful for the new building, but that Penn State was concerned about its faculty. Rita Varano, President of S.G.A., spoke along the same lines, voicing the concern among the students.

The state of Pennsylvania allocated three million dollars for the construction of the new technology building. While many felt that the

funds should have been used to help the financial crisis and save the positions of faculty members, the state gave Delco the money only for the building. The speeches given at the ground breaking ceremony were appeals to the state to allocate even more money to help Penn State out of this financial crisis. Dr. John Kovach, Delco faculty member, stated, "With the money it will take to maintain the new building's heating, air conditioning, and electricity, I wonder if more positions will have to be cut to afford it."

What can students do to voice their opinions? "If you are old enough to vote," said Dr. Tomezsko, "write to your state representative or senator. Better yet, go to his office. Make yourself heard. Penn State students deserve just as much funding as students at Temple or any other college!"

## Delco Offers Varied Computer Opportunities

By David Whiteman

Whether you're doing work in the library or in the main building, chances are good that you have used some of Penn State Delaware County's vast number of computer labs to complete the great number of

assignments thrust upon you.

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A short walk across campus to the main building will bring you to the heavy hitters in Delco's computer lineup. In room 214 students can, with a computer class instructor's permission, have limited access to any one of twenty-six IBM terminals. These computers are capable of formatting disks, using spread sheets, and Lotus 1-2-3. Next door in room 215 are a number of very new, very nice IBM computers. Sadly, these computers are available for use by computer classes only.

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