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Battle of the Bands highlights Delco's Spring Week.

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Campus Awards

By David Whiteman

At the Campus Awards Ceremony held on April 24, several students from the Delaware County campus received awards for their outstanding qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. These qualities have, in one way or another, contributed to the well-being of the campus and have had a positive influence on the student body, faculty, and staff.

One award, the Eric A. and Josephine S. Walker Award, was given to a student chosen by the Penn State Delco Selection Committee who best fit these requirements. The Selection Committee consisted of various members of the administrative personnel. This year's celebrated winner was Rita Varano. Rita received a Penn State mug from Delco and will be other items at a more formal event at University Park later in May.

A second award, called the Outstanding Adult Student Award, was presented to the adult student who had best demonstrated leadership abilities and academic excellence in the past year. That award was earned by Bob Lewis. Bob was all smiles as he graciously accepted his sparkling engraved plaque.

The final award presented was the Outstanding Service Award. This award was given to the student who had been a great asset to both campus and community. This deserving student was chosen because of his contributions to this campus, academic excellence, and contributions made outside of school. The 1995 Outstanding Service Award was awarded to James Foltz. James was selected by the campus Scholarship Awards Committee.

Campus Commencement Set for May 1

By James Foltz

Many students here at Penn State Delco have been filling out a schedule for next semester's classes. Whether they are going up to the Park or staying here, they still had to do this. However, 33 students didn't have to.

On May 11, 33 undergraduate students will strip off that title and will be known as graduates. They will fling their caps from their heads and celebrate the completion of a Baccalaureate or an Associate program.

The eight students who are graduating with an Associate Degree are being provided with "concentrated instructional programs to prepare graduates for specialized assignments in business and industry, and give students a basic two-year education."

These graduates are considered "specialists in applied rather than theoretical knowledge of their particular fields."

"They understand the basic scientific and humanistic principles which are the tools of the college graduate, and are acquainted with the tools and materials of the skilled worker. They many elect to take their places immediately in the professional world or may choose to continue studies toward a bachelor's degree."

Many of the twenty-five graduates of a Baccalaureate program have not completed them at Penn State Delco. However, they chose to graduate here, rather than at University Park. Those who have stayed at Penn State Delco for the duration of their academic careers have done so through the College of the

Liberal Arts.

Certain graduates of the day will receive academic recognition. Those graduates with a grade point average of 3.50 or better will be given special recognition. And likewise the graduates with a GPA of 3.00 to 3.49 will be recognized.

There will also be a group which consists of the top 12 percent of the graduating class of their college that will be recognized further. The top 2 percent will graduate "With Highest Distinction," the next 4 percent "With High Distinction," and finally the last 6 percent "With Distinction."

The 25th Annual Commencement will begin at 7:00 p.m. outside, weather permitting, or in the John D. Vairo Library. It will open with a rendition of the National Anthem and close with Penn State's Alma Mater.

SEPTA Strikes Fails To Make Impact On Delco Students

By Bob Lewis

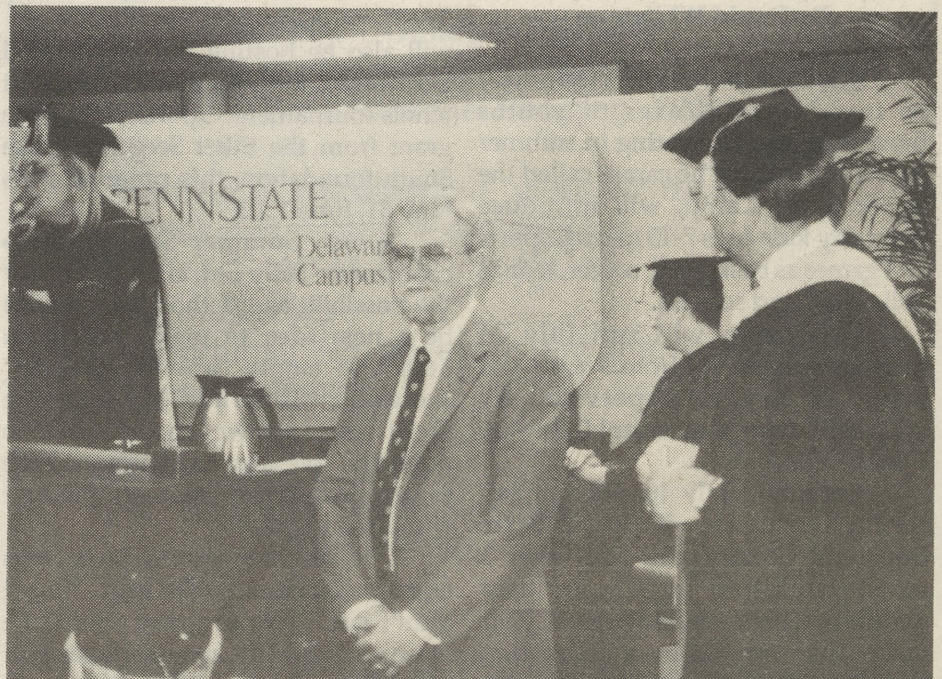
Strike! What strike? Oh yeah, that strike. Sound familiar? PSU Delco knows all about it. Students, faculty and staff all felt the impact of the recent SEPTA work stoppage. The disruption had the potential to totally disrupt campus life and classroom schedules. To avoid this happening Student Life took on the challenge of circumventing this problem. Along with volunteers and staff as well as faculty a very efficient transportation network was established.

In a discussion with one of the students that took advantage of this emergency transport system was Gedion Teklegiorgis, second year history major. "During the strike," he said, "many people said that they

couldn't make it to school, but I totally disagree. So many people were willing to help. The volunteer faculty, staff and students made it very simple. I almost forgot that there was a strike. Nothing could have stopped you from coming to school."

Gedion is a recent recipient of the Sylvia Schaffer Award and feels strongly about school and his love of learning is evident.

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Bob Lewis, winner of the Outstanding Adult Award, was also honored with the W.W. Smith Scholarship at the recent Honors Convocation.

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