

Opinion & Review

Editorials

New Structure Strafed

By David Whiteman

What is the deal with the new Academic Building? Is it coming, going, or just being delayed by the the powerful hands that run this state?

Those of you who attended this campus last year probably remember hearing a lot about the coming of this monumental structure. There were newsletters printed, a high quality plywood sign was erected at the proposed construction site, and a nifty scale model was created and put on display in the library.

So what has happened in the months following the hoopla? To put it bluntly, nothing. This newspaper reported to you last year that by this time this year, the facility would be near completion. However, the powers that control the state's finances (the governor and his harlequin bunch) have seen fit to delay construction, almost permanently.

The greenbacks used for the construction of the building are expected to come from the loot holdings of Pennsylvania's Operation Jumpstart, which is a state wide effort for revitalization of highways and buildings.

"I have no new information to report," said Diane Jankowski, in a recent interview. "Nothing's happening."

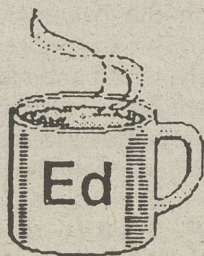
The new building was set to include some new offices for the professors here at Delco, as well as a large student lounge, expanded science and computer classrooms, and administrative offices.

It was slated to be built on the land in between the Main Building and the Vairo Library. The land is owned by the school and is currently unused.

Look for any new information on the status of the building in an upcoming issue. And in the meantime, give Governor Tom Ridge a call and ask him to release the money that was promised for the building.

The Front Desk

by Ed Tomezsko
Campus Executive Officer



Welcome to and welcome back to Penn State. It is wonderful to see life on the campus again after a long, hot, and busy Summer.

Our campus has made great progress on several fronts, along with one disappointment. The new classroom building, originally scheduled to be finished in the recently passed July, hasn't even started construction. Well, that's life I suppose. But rumor has it that the building "might" start this Fall. We'll see.

Mike Hyde and the Student Government Association are active and continuing a long tradition of making campus life better. One vital piece of your higher education is contained in what you do outside of class. Join Mike and the SGA and be involved.

Project Vision has been launched and is doing well. While twenty of the sixty students involved are here at Delaware County, the methods learned in this program are the methods of the future. The program is expanding as more faculty are developing the use of technology in the learning process. The future is now at Penn State. Our faculty, communication, and computing power let us use the "world" as the learning laboratory. After a recent article about Project Vision appeared in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, many of my colleagues at other institutions acknowledged their admiration (envy?) of Penn State's and your capabilities.

Algie and Gemma, our students from Thames Valley University in London, have arrived. You should make an effort to meet these two women — you will enjoy them. We are the first Penn State Commonwealth Campus to provide an international student exchange opportunity, and it is going well from both Penn State's and Thames Valley's perspective.

The Student Life Group is focusing on Career Development and how important career development is to each student's experience while in the University. It is our desire to help you learn the "process" to build your professional career. In the past, career development was an event - resume preparation, job interview, find a job. Now, we hope to introduce you to alumni and other professionals who can discuss with you how a career is developed. As you learn the process, it is the goal to provide you with a significant number of professional contacts (a business network) who may assist you in finding a job.

Dr. Graham Spanier is now the President of Penn State. I met him recently and he is one determined President — determined to make us a great university. You may wonder why we keep telling you that Penn State is a great university, if President Spanier wants us to be greater. Well we are great, but we can be better.

My first impression of the President was that he means what he says. He likes to think aloud, he is action oriented, and he values people above all. We are in for an interesting time over the next few years.

We will all have the opportunity to meet Dr. Spanier when he visits the campus on November 2. His questions will be something like these: how can this campus be better? what do we need to be better? and what should this campus become over the next three to five years? Good questions. And he likes vision and what "can be" at Penn State. My guess is that the status quo is over. Change scares people, but President Spanier values people above all. Out of that comes great hope for the future. It's time for all of us to think big and think futuristically.

You can reach me in 111 Main Building, at 892 1231, or EST1@PSU.EDU; pick one and let's talk.

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Maybe This Time, Freshmen

By James Foltz

I was thinking about welcoming all of the incoming freshmen to Penn State Delco, but I won't. That would be a drab, plain, ordinary and traditional editorial.

It would also be chucked full of lies.

You see, if I wrote a welcoming editorial it would include how great Penn State Delco is. I would write about how great the clubs are and the fun times ahead. I can't write about that because there is no proof of that.

Sure, for the past two years here at Delco it's been great. The activities, clubs, and SGA have all been just remarkable. That was with different students, though. Now we have you freshmen.

Will you have fun here? Who knows. That's up to you. This year could be the best year of your life. It should be. It may not be, though. You might decide that you are too cool to participate. You might be too good to go out for the fall sports, or you might be bemoaning the fact that you are here and not at University Park, or another university for that matter.

Fine. Ruin a possible good time for yourself and others. Act like a child and go home.

However, that might not be the case. Maybe you want to have a good time. Maybe you want school to become something more than a daily struggle to get up in the morning to go to class.

Maybe.

Maybe you'll go to the SGA meeting on the second floor of the Commons Building every other Monday. Maybe you'll join the Camera Club, perhaps the Multicultural Association, or possibly this club, *The Lion's Eye*, among others.

Maybe soccer was your thing in high school and, if you can spare the time, then talk to Coach Pellegrino about playing. Maybe you can swing a bat; then play some baseball. Or women's volleyball or team tennis may be your interest.

You can do one of two things at Penn State Delco. The first is to sit around and complain while you do nothing. The second is to get involved. Maybe you'll try out the second. It's much more fun.

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