



Male members of the Coed Tennis Team (l. to r.) Steve Pacinelli, John Clark, Murari Sarangan, Andy Scherf, Randy Novikis, Alan Ng, Donnell Tiltardi, listen to pointers at practice before smashing PSU Ogontz 7-0 in their opening match. (Not pictured: Tom Forbes and Tom Sibley.)

DUI and Drug Arrest: A First Person Story

(The following is a first person story by a local policeman.)

I hate these #@## drugs! I hate these #@## drugs! Damn it! Ahhhhhh! screamed the driver of an automobile accident stuck in a ditch in a stranger's yard. The driver was out of the car, his body sweating, shirt torn open, fists clenched. I made a quick scene survey.

The ditch was located in the front yard area, down from a small embankment. A T-intersection was located above the embankment. In the house lived a father, mother and a young daughter. The police received the phone call about the accident from the innocent family, who stood outside looking on with curiosity.

The car was driven through the intersection, down the embankment, through the yard, and thankfully, did not crash through the side of the house. Police back-up was already enroute to offer any needed assistance with traffic control.

"I'm on scene," I tell my dispatcher as I observe the driver screaming and jumping up and down. A quick switch on my radio to the car-to-car channel, I remark, "Better expedite, this guy's tripp'n!" The other police officer responds in a slow voice of reassurance on the first part of the 10-code, and a quick voice on the second part, "Ten—Four." The officer responding knows this is an important call for back-up. A person high on drugs can be unpredictable.

I advised the family to stay back. The family wisely did not agitate the driver prior to my arrival. The family would be valuable later to testify that the man was operating the vehicle. I did not resort to using self-defense or forced-arrest techniques with the

driver. The driver was settled with my calm voice.

Another incident involved a domestic dispute. The domestic fight required forced-arrest techniques. Three police officers were needed to safely control a young man who was fighting his father. The man involved in the car accident and the young adult involved in the domestic dispute were both suspected of being on phencyclidine, otherwise known as PCP.

PCP effects people in a number of ways. Some people can be settled with a calm voice, others cannot be settled and will fight. When a person is high on PCP, their pain threshold is increased, the person can become combative, and bizarre behavior is usually experienced. When PCP is taken along with alcohol or marijuana, the person's behavior fluctuates noticeably up (aggressive) and down (passive).

PCP is a dangerous drug, capable of getting users and others injured. The man in the accident has been in and out of alcoholic anonymous and narcotic anonymous groups for years. The young man in the domestic was an honor student in high school and had three years completed in college before he dropped out. PCP, alcohol and other drugs can take over a user's life if the user allows it.

PCP is not a new drug. In fact, police officers in South Eastern Pennsylvania commonly incur individuals high on PCP.

How much do you know about drugs & alcohol. Penn State will be sponsoring a drug and alcohol awareness week October 16-20. More information on the weeks programing will be advertised on the electronic boards.

Penn State "Vision" Becomes Virtual Reality

By James Foltz

The vision is now a realization. And the future is now.

Sixty freshmen students from three Penn State satellite campuses, Mont Alto, Berks, and Delaware County, are now in virtual classrooms while speaking to people hours away. These virtual classrooms are part of a Penn State vision that was begun at the start of 1995. The project was aptly named "Project Vision."

What is it?

A brochure describes it as something that "will blend the best education with the best technology to create a unique and contemporary learning environment."

DaWei Yin describes it as, "Pretty awesome."

Yin, a graduate of Lower Merion High School and a freshman in Mechanical Engineering, is one of the twenty freshmen involved in Project Vision at Delaware County. He initially wanted to be part of Vision simply because he wanted to get "more involved in college."

Vision students are supplied with a laptop computer worth just under \$5,000 to use the entire year for free. After the year they are given an option to purchase that computer for half of the normal price.

Yin says, "Project Vision is very useful because of a lot of things that you can learn." Some of the rigorous requirements are to learn how to use computer hardware that includes IBM Thinkpads, modems, CD players, scanners, cameras and printers. The

computer software that Vision students will learn to use will include Netscape, FTP, Gopher, Archie, and Veronica, all of which are part of the Internet World Wide Web.

Kate Reilly, a DUS freshman who graduated from Unionville, sums up the Internet with one word, "Wow!"

"It's amazing," she says, "how much we're learning. I got involved because I wanted to learn more about computers. It'll always be useful to me."

Angel Sciortino, a Secondary Education major who graduated from John Bartram High School, wasn't quite sure how useful Vision was going to be.

"I thought that everyone was going to be within the same major. When I saw that everyone had different majors, I had doubts. We focused on areas that had nothing to do with my interest," he said. "But after awhile, everyone seemed to bind together pretty easy."

"We do all kinds of things together. In fact we're in the upcoming Volleyball Tournament. We spend a lot of good times," Sciortino continued, "but we spend a lot of time working. We work very hard for what we get."

Sciortino, Reilly and Yin both agreed that Vision was "definitely" worth doing even though the work is difficult and "frustrating" at times. Although they are the first students to experience a classroom with this much time and money invested in it, if Vision is a success, then certainly they will not be the last.

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