



Has anyone noticed how bare the campus has looked lately?

## British Students At Delco Experience New Culture

By Michael Menichini

The States have been taken by storm again. Sorry, Ringo and Paul, Sergeant Pepper's heart is going to have to remain lonely because England has just sent two fine women from Thames Valley University. Gemma Chandler and Algie Alphonse are spending the fall semester at our campus.

The two young women are part of the exchange program that PSU-Delco and Thames Valley University have arranged. Majoring in American Studies, the two both have aspirations of becoming teachers. If this line of work does not satisfy Algie, she would like to become a social worker. They are going to make a difference no matter what field they enter because their personalities and intelligence are evident the minute they begin to speak.

Much that is so normal to Americans is so foreign to them and vice versa. They have a difficult time grasping the fact that they drive on the "wrong" side of the street. It is hard for Americans to grasp, though, that a proper meal for them consists of meat, vegetables, potatoes and a glass of milk. Most students think the half-pound cheeseburger at Wendy's with ketchup, mayonnaise and mustard with a Biggie drink and fries is a nutritious meal. They beg to differ.

American fashion completely differs from that of the English. "Americans are not as adventurous with fashion styles," says Algie. This is evident with the clothes that many students wear to school. Most are content with jeans and a T-shirt. It is easy to spot Algie and Gemma, though, because they pride themselves on their

fashion sense. It might be that they are trying to bring the modelled catwalk style to the States, or maybe they are trying to impress a nice American man so they have a reason to "remain in town."

This thought wouldn't even cross Algie's mind, but it did bring quite a smile to Gemma's face. "I like the men over here," commented Gemma. "They seem to have quite a sense of humor."

When asked what impressed them most about the American people they said they were charmed with Americans sense of humor and their sincere friendliness. When challenged to visit Philly and rethink their answer, they smiled and said the tour has already been given.

So far, their visits have included the University of Pennsylvania, the Afro-American museum, the Benjamin Franklin Statue, South Street, and a brief visit to the Art Museum. South Street? Not the same South Street that houses "Harry's Occult and Spirituals?" The same South Street that hosts the infamous "Condom Nation" and "Everything but Ear's Pierced?" "We are not at all surprised by the characters on South Street. It puts me in mind of London," said Algie.

For Algie and Gemma, the semester stay gives them a chance to learn from a different point of view. They are taking all 400 level courses and have been diligently working on their theses.

The end of the semester does not mark the end of their stay here. Gemma will be traveling to New York to visit relatives while Algie will be traveling to St. Lucia in the West Indies to visit her parents.

## Cheerleaders Heard Again

By Judy Chrupcala

Cheerleading is back again at Penn State Delco. For ten years the Delco campus had gone without a cheerleading squad. Now they're back for the second year in a row with more exciting ideas for supporting campus teams.

The squad had try outs on September 15, and all the women who tried out were accepted. The squad includes eighteen members. Returning from last year are Judy Chrupcala, Jenn Kerr, Jen Lewis, Gina Rumford, Captain Shannon Shisler, Kia Walker, and Kewena Walker. New members include Stacy Aaron, Mandy

Anderson, Michele Berry, Carolyn DeSanto, Michele DiGiovanni, Selena Gudknecht, Michele Hemple, Colleen Kelly, Jen Kennedy, Courtney Schwalbe, and Amy Styer.

At their next meeting the squad will elect a captain and co-captain for this season. Also the squad will be planning fund raisers soon for new uniforms.

In addition the cheerleaders are doing a little extra cheering this year. Not only will they cheer for the basketball teams, but they are starting to cheer for the soccer team as well. Captain Shannon Shisler said "This will be a good year to get out and show our support on campus."

## Expect More Blue And White

By Nicholas Felici

A campus beautification process is currently under way here at Penn State Delco. The idea is to spruce up the place in time for the national karate tournament being held here October 14, and also the visit by Penn State University President Graham Spanier, November 2.

Part of the operation is to hang over one hundred flags and banners bearing the blue Penn State - Delaware County Campus logo, featuring the shield with the nittany lion. Different slogans of education and higher learning, such as the campus's theme, "A Community of People Learning," will be scrolled along the flags. The flags and banners will be hung from every lamp post along the walkways of the campus and in the main parking lot, as well as other areas. The idea is to enhance the beauty of the campus and advertise the name.

Twelve new signs reading Penn State University and including the famous logo will be constructed and displayed on campus. Previously, once on campus grounds, there was not any signs indicating that this is

indeed PSU. The signs in place only stated the names of the buildings. Also a 100 sq.ft. banner will be hung in the gym.

Business major, Carl Heller, a sophomore and the current president of the Lion Ambassadors was not impressed. "The campus will look similar to that of an airline runway. It's just too much," Heller spoke up at a recent Student Activities Presidents Meeting. "The money required for this could go towards better causes."

Student Government Association President Mike Hyde addressed the issue and said, "We need name recognition. There are many people in the Delaware County who don't even know where this school is located." All this and much more must be done before the University president visits Delco. The program coordinators are striving to get everything wrapped up by the time the national karate tournament kicks off in the gymnasium. There will be national television coverage of the entire tournament on ESPN, so our campus must look exceptional.

## Questions About New Pres.

By Bill Campbell

Newly appointed PSU President, Dr. Graham Spanier, will visit Delco on Thursday, November 2. Dr. Spanier's rigorous agenda begins with an 8:30 a.m. meeting for Division Heads and the CEO in Dr. Tomezsko's office, and ends with a 7:00-9:00 p.m. donor dinner in the large conference room of the Commons building.

Throughout the day, students, faculty, and alumni will have an opportunity to meet with Dr. Spanier and express their views. Dr. Spanier plans to meet with faculty and staff in the large conference room of the Commons building from 9:10-9:50 a.m., and he will meet and talk with students from 9:55-10:30 a.m. in the main building's student lounge. Alumni can speak with Dr. Spanier in the gymnasium from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Delco is, overall, optimistic about what Dr. Spanier's leadership has to offer. "Everything I've heard about him is positive," claims Dr. Nancy Wyatt, Associate Professor of Speech Communication. "Some of us tend to be cynical because past Presidents have made promises of balancing teaching and research, but have always favored research. Everybody I've talked to thinks he means what he says."

Dr. Tomezsko likes the personal manner with which Dr. Spanier interacts with others. "It was really moving to see that everybody he spoke to, whether you were a professor of 'special stuff' or you were a student or a little kid, he gave his absolute undivided attention. I think that's what excites me. He has a very warm and personal personality."

Few students are even aware that PSU has a new President. "Who's that?" asked Gedion Teklegiorgis, fifth semester history major. "What happened to the other president? Is he dead?"

"I don't know much about him," said Doug Kuzo, second semester,

undecided. "But, I've heard that he would like Penn State to be a top research institution."

SGA characterizes Dr. Spanier to be a man of action. Brian Budzinski, Public Relations of SGA, third semester psychology major, said of Dr. Spanier, "He's open minded and wants to talk to everybody. It seems like he wants to get things done." SGA Secretary Pauline Ferzetti, third semester communications major, agrees, "He has the drive to actually do something."

Dr. Spanier encourages everybody to meet with him at the designated times. He said during his inauguration address, "It will be a high priority of mine to communicate as frequently as possible with you. Mine will be an open administration." Dr. Tomezsko urges the same. "I know students will meet with Dr. Spanier and show that they are interested in what goes on at Penn State."

Thursday, November 2 is the day to get a piece of the action. Dr. Spanier's time will be limited, but members of the campus community will have many opportunities to meet with him and express concerns.



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