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PSU Prez Says: Choice Is Yours

By Tim McLaughlin

The future of Penn State Delaware County is now in the hands of the campus community.

This extraordinary opportunity was announced Thursday, October 19, when Penn State's new president, Dr. Graham Spanier, along with Dr. Robert Dunham, Vice President and Dean of the CES, gave a speech on the future growth of the Commonwealth Education System (CES).

Dr. Spanier maintained a view that Penn State's University Park Campus probably will not grow over the next five years, but he expected to see University growth at the commonwealth level.

Dr. Spanier lamented that the CES, "has not changed dramatically since its inception more than five decades ago." So he has instructed each campus within the CES to conduct a comprehensive self-evaluation using local demographic information and devise a mission plan.

Campus Executive Officer, Dr. Ed Tomezsko, reacted by saying, "We will start the planning process immediately. It is important to get the community's, and especially the students', input in how they would like to see this campus five years down the road."

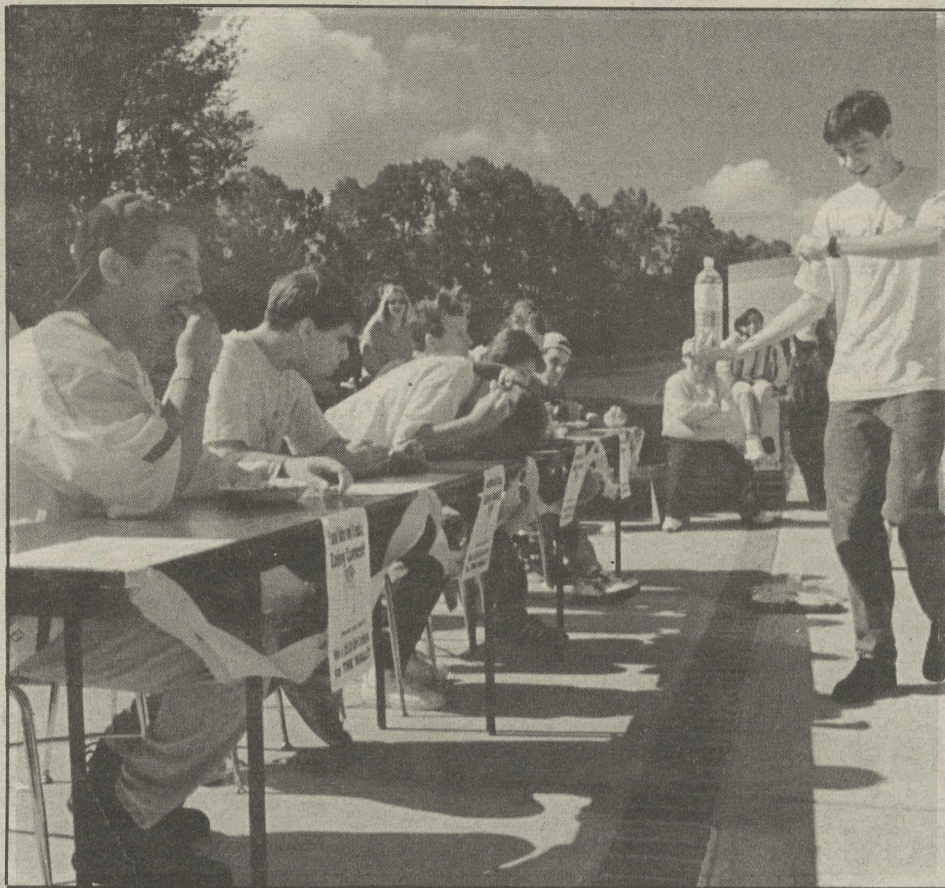
Dr. Spanier presented a list of options that each commonwealth campus could choose to follow in selecting their mission plan. Dr. Tomezsko said he is very pleased with Delco's options. "In these options, lies the future of our campus." He added, "I think as we study these options other combinations will show up, and the four independent options will indicate a combination of the plans is the best option."

This campus is considering each of the following alternatives or some combination of these options. It can choose to continue its present mission as a two year undergraduate campus. Or it can join forces with Penn State Abington/Ogontz and Great Valley and become a four year college in the Philadelphia area.

Asked if dormitories are a necessity to become a four year school, Dr. Tomezsko said, "The issue of dorms is independent of the selection of a mission plan." The third option is for Delco to become a two year school for upperclassmen, but this doesn't appear to a viable plan. The fourth and final option is for Delco to become a campus of the College of Liberal Arts within the University.

Dr. Tomezsko stressed that student input in selecting these options is strongly encouraged. "The students are the people who are going to be affected the most, so their opinions are of the utmost importance."

Students can give that input at a special Town Meeting on Monday, November 13, during common hour (12:30-1:20) in the Main Building student lounge.



SGA Vice President A.J. Russo taunts the contestants with water at the peanut butter-and-crackers eating contest during Octoberfest Week.

Photo by Pete Howard

'Singled Out' Strikes Delco

By Janine Furillo

Attention single people! Are you interested in meeting that special person in your life? The chance has come, and the time is now.

On Friday November 17, the "Dating Game" will be held. This special Penn State event will occur in the lounge located in the main building at common hour. There will be three rounds of volunteering contestants. The winning couple will get free tickets to the Winter Formal. They do not have to go to the formal together. However, they will dance to one designated song.

"The Dating Game in the past years has been one of our best events. It's definitely worth a good laugh, so come and check it out," said AJ Russo, Vice President of SGA.

The game will be run just like the television version. Brian Budzinski (third semester) said, "The dating game is a blast; you meet all kinds of people."

However, Gina Rumford (third semester), who experienced the game last year, said, "I don't think it went over well last year because a lot of people were telling their friends who to pick, so it wasn't totally honest or fair."

The SGA is trying to make the game as fair as possible with help from the audience. The SGA is hoping to have a successful turn-out like last year.

Some first year students are interested in acquiring more information about the dating game. "I don't think that many people are aware of the game and ways to sign up to be a contestant," said Deirdre Minter (first semester).

Students should watch for posters and more information about the Penn State "Dating Game."

Reminder!
Last Day to Drop a Course: Nov. 15.

Cheap Prices, Quick Ride; Save Money Using SEPTA

By Judy Chrupcala

Want to save money and time? Help is near.

The Delaware County Transportation Management Association, Student Life, and SEPTA are teaming up to find Delco students fast and cheap ways to get to and from school. Students can access new, electronically generated information on their commutes at the "Commuter Kick-Off" on November 8, 12pm to 2pm in the Main Lounge.

At the Kick Off students will receive information about ways to save money, reduce traffic, and get to campus without their car. Also SEPTA will have information on the new and improved service on the 110 bus route. Mrs Daniel, Coordinator of Student

Life, said "We are continuing to talk with SEPTA about adding new improvements on all the bus and train lines which serve us."

If you don't feel like taking the long and boring bus ride to and from school, you don't have to. But then you say "I don't have a car," or "I don't feel like driving to school all the time." At the Kick Off, Share-A-Ride will match you up with someone who does. TMA will have a computer print out of students to help them locate each other and a map showing where the students live. The Share-A-Ride data can provide students with carpool partners.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to save money and find out more about SEPTA and carpooling.

Hit and Runs Top Campus Crime List

By David Whiteman

"We're pretty good compared to other local colleges," said Delco Head Security Officer Rich Schaffer. "We don't have a large variety or number of crimes on this campus. They still, however, exist."

For anyone who is interested, the Delco security office keeps records of all incidents and crimes that happen on this campus. They are available in the Security Offices located on the first floor of the Main Building in room 116.

The books are called Public Logs. They contain detailed reports of all crimes that happen at Delco, but do so without revealing the identities of the victims.

Also available in the Security Office are official State books that define crimes in the state of

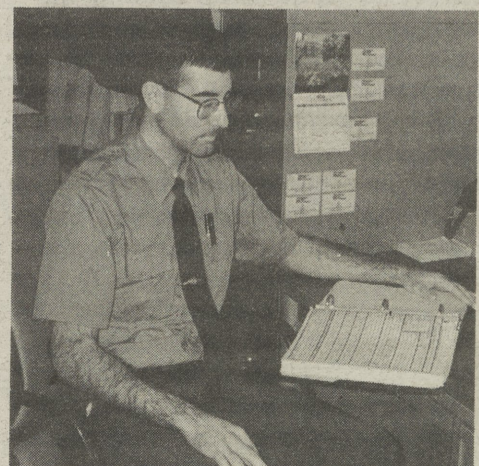
Pennsylvania. By cross referencing the two books, one can get a good idea of an incident that was investigated here at Delco.

"We've been pretty lucky so far this semester," said Rich. "So far we've had 12 incidents reported: seven automobile accidents, two incidents of stalking, two incidents of larceny, and one case of vandalism."

"Most incidents, however, go unreported. We get a lot of instances of personal injury: lots of sprained ankles, fractures and a few broken bones. As far as crimes go, the main problem is with hit-and-run accidents. We get a lot of damaged cars in the parking lots."

Rich invites everyone to view the crime books and speak to him at anytime. He is most interested in getting witnesses of crimes to report

them. "We need your help in getting the right people to pay for their crimes, no matter how small you may think they are."



Rich Schaffer, Head Security Officer, displays the Public Log which records all crime incidents."