



Delco Lions loose in the Philadelphia Zoo.

Teenagers Chuggin' Too Much

By Rob Duffy

"At seven o'clock up at University Park me and a couple of my friends decided to go out and get some beer. We started drinking, and at about nine-thirty we were all f— up. Usually if there is nothing else to do and we are drunk, we get stupid and violent.

On this night we started off pretty low keyed, just running around, screaming and just goofing off. But then we got a little out of hand. My friend Bill ran over to a car and smashed the window in. He screamed, "Lets go!" So we all ran.

When we stopped, we realized that he had smashed the window to get a wallet that he had seen in the car. He opened it up and inside there was one hundred dollars in cash. Soon after that we all started looking for wallets and smashing windows.

Soon we were just smashing windows and stealing everything. We ended up the night with six hundred and fifty dollars, two cool wallets, and a couple good tapes. We planned to have a good time and we did, although we did not plan for all of this to happen. When we ran upon a Honda accord, we smashed the window, but the car had an alarm on it, unfortunately a cop was coming down the street at that time. We were all arrested and charged with vandalism, public drunkenness, underage drinking and theft. We also had to pay for all the damages done to all the cars that we had smashed.

This night turned out to be the worst one of our lives. It was not worth it to get drunk that night... or ever again."

(Story by: anonymous 2nd semester biology major.)

Cold Statistics

This is just one of the horror stories that many people have told about drinking, more specifically binge drinking.

"What is binge drinking?" asked Larry Zhou fourth semester economics major. Binge drinking, as defined by The Center for Alcohol and other Drug Prevention, for men is five or more drinks in a row in a period of two weeks, and for women four or more drinks in a row for a period of two weeks.

Statistics for binge drinking are astronomical: 44% of all college students binge drink. Of that group, 50% are men and 39% are women.

81% of the binge drinkers report having a hangover in the morning. (We all know what that is like.) 24% of all binge drinkers have unwanted and unprotected sex. 20% of binge drinkers

cause violence. 15% of binge drinkers cause personal injury. And the leader of them all 45% of all binge drinkers miss class or do poorly in class because of a hangover or not enough sleep.

Drinkers' Profile

Binge drinkers have a certain profile. The characteristics include race, athletics, and associations with fraternity/sorority groups. For instance, white students are twice as likely to be binge drinkers than a person from another ethnic background. Students who play on teams are one and one half times more likely to binge drink than those who do not play a sport. Lastly, fraternity / sorority residents are four times more likely to binge drink than other college students.

Clearly binge drinking among college students is a serious problem.



Delco Survey

A recent informal survey was conducted at PSU Delco among twenty college students. Out of the 10 women 10 men, eighteen students defined binge drinking as four to five beers in a row over a period of two weeks, and two people did not agree with it. There was also a survey done on who is a binge drinker on campus. Out of the fifty people surveyed (25 men 25 women) twenty-three men said that they considered themselves binge drinkers and ten women as well. "It seems as though we have a serious problem here with drinking", commented security guard Rich Schaffer. "I think drinking is a big problem on this campus. What can we do about it?" asked Carlo Farigali.

Answers are never the problem; the problem is implementing the solutions. Some of the solutions are, establish a policy of zero tolerance, regulate the conditions of alcohol use on campus, work with community and support efforts of police enforcement, and enforce the law of underage drinking with firmness and consistency.

Class Turns Into a Zoo; Delco Roars In Philly

By Jackie Roth

Have you ever wished you were some place else during class? Ever miss those days of elementary school field trips with all your friends? Then you need to contact Ralph Iacono, freshman, DUS.

On Friday, November 3, Ralph piled ten of his closest friends into their cars and headed to the Philadelphia Zoo. Originally, approximately 30 people had planned to go to but didn't want to skip their classes. "It began in Ms. Hillen's 10:30 English 15 class when the weather was still nice and I decided to ask people if they felt like

going to the zoo," explains Ralph.

"Those of us that went had a great time. I think the people at the zoo were more amused by our behavior than that of the animals. It was a day we could all just relax and have fun and it sure beat going to classes," says tripgoer Nicholas Felici, third semester, Liberal Arts/English.

"I've got a lot more ideas for trips, such as Yuengling Brewery, Pottsville; Washington, D.C.; Baltimore Harbor, and for the spring semester I'm trying to organize a weekend trip to the shore. If anyone is interested, E-mail me at RVI100. All are welcome!"

Interviews With Job Applicants: What 'They' Expect From Grads

By Melissa Patrizio

"Students have misconceptions about interviews," said Robert Patrizio, a store manager for a retail electronic firm. Mr. Patrizio, who does the interviewing for his store and district, has inside information for Penn State University students about what employers are looking for during interviews.

Q. What is the first thing you look for when considering who to invite for an interview?

A. I look to see if the application is filled out properly. The most common error made by people when filling out an application is answering a question with "See resume". This makes the employer feel as if the person is either lazy or feels as if the job is not important enough to answer the question completely.

Q. What should a person wear to an interview?

A. The best attire to wear to an interview is to notice how the employees in the position desired are dressed and dress accordingly.

Q. What is the most common mistake applicants make during an interview?

A. The person being interviewed should always make eye contact with the employer and when asked a question never, ever repeat it. When asked a question you do not fully understand, ask the employer to repeat it.

Q. If you could tell college graduates one thing, what would it be?

A. With or without a college degree

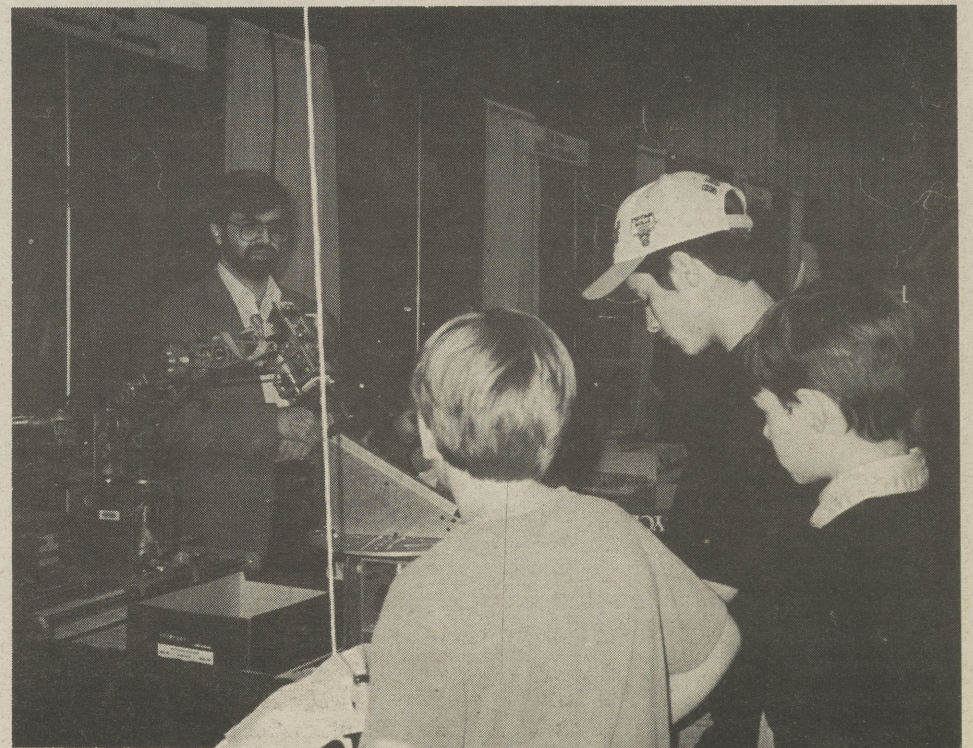
you have to start at the bottom. What are equally important to the employer are the education you received and your commitment. Graduating from college shows your ability to complete a long term commitment, which is highly respected.

"With or without a college degree you have to start at the bottom."

Q. What are some examples of the questions an applicant should be prepared to answer?

A. A common question may be "What was the last book you read and why?" Also, be prepared for questions such as "Give me three qualities of a leader and number them one, two and three, and three qualities of a follower and number them the same way and distinguish which list is which". When asked something like this the employer is not so much looking for the quality of the answers as to see if you can follow the directions asked.

Mr. Patrizio ended by saying, "If you are asked to an interview, it is because the person wants to hire you. If the interview lasts more than twenty minutes, that is a plus because the employer makes the decision early. If you do not get the job, do not feel rejected. In this day and age you should be proud to be considered for an interview."



Move over Terminator, here comes Dr. Asad Azemi, Engineering Department, with his robotic arm displayed at the recent Discovery Day.