



Participants at the Oberod Retreat taking part in one of the many activities of the day.

## Retreat at Oberod Stresses Respect with Platinum Rule

By Jackie Roth

Everyone has heard of the Golden Rule, but have you ever heard of The Platinum Rule?

Students, faculty and staff who attended the campus's second annual retreat on February 1 did. Keynote presenter Andy Mozenter encouraged those present to follow The Platinum Rule in order to "Build A Climate Respect" on campus. The rule is relatively easy to follow. All one has to do is "Find out how another person wants to be treated and, without losing your own respect, treat them in that way."

Penn State Delco offered all students the opportunity to attend this retreat directed at restructuring the campus attitude towards members of the campus community. The Student Life Committee joined up with the SGA to sponsor this program.

The day was filled with various events including a stimulating speech by Andrew Mozenter, senior partner of PeopleTECH and a former member

of the Penn State staff. At University Park he was the director of the University's Center for Student Involvement and Leadership Education. He also worked with faculty and students to develop various training programs in the areas that often receive the most prejudices.

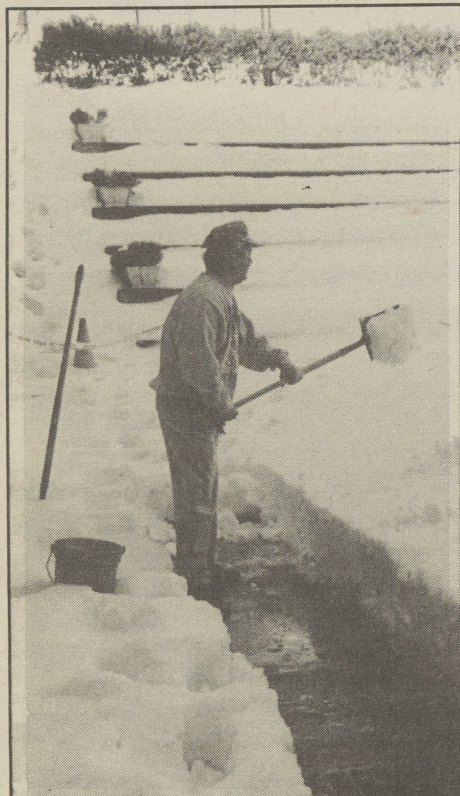
He encouraged all attendants to redefine respect and explore the differences that exist within the campus. This was further explored in small groups and again in the broader arena of the whole community who took part in the interaction.

Approximately seventy students, faculty, and staff attended the retreat at Oberod. Those who attended felt that it was a very worthwhile experience, since it was a day of open discussion among students, faculty, and staff. Issues discussed offered insight on what could be changed around the Delco campus to make it a better community, and activities throughout the day gave attendants the opportunity to put The Platinum Rule to work.

## Blizzard of Century Delays Class

By Beaty Broughton

"Our intention is that classes that are missed be made up," said Joyce



Tony DiGiantomasso shovels a path through the courtyard at the Vario Library. Photo by Jaclyn Fried

Rigby, Registrar, referring to the loss of classes the first week of spring semester. "Some instructors have already scheduled make up time during the interval."

"There's no University wide policy on snow make-up," Dr. Madlyn Hanes, Director of Academic Affairs, said in a recent memo to faculty. The times for any needed make-up classes will be made available in April during late afternoon and during two days of finals week.

Class delays are only one part of the "Blizzard of 96" story. The maintenance crew was on campus before Governor Ridge called for the state of emergency which prohibited unnecessary vehicles on the roadways.

"We had maintenance staff here from 7 AM Sunday morning (Jan. 7)," said Diane Jankowski, Director of Business Services. "People on campus stayed on campus Sunday night through Tuesday." Staff who spent some nights were Jerry Layton, Tony Di Giantomasso and Leo McGlynn. Jim Duffy and Terry Ernest of maintenance arrived on Tuesday to provide much needed relief, along with Cynthia McDuffy and Willie Williams from the janitorial staff.

Outside contractors had to be

## Obituary

### Campus Mourns Scott LaRosa

By Bill Campbell

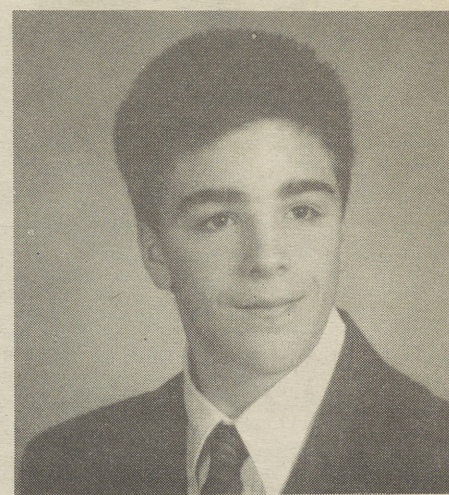
Scott John LaRosa was diagnosed with a brain tumor in December, 1994, three days before Christmas. He had just completed his third semester at Penn State Delaware County Campus. He died January 19 of this year. He was wearing his Penn State tie and Penn State hat when he was buried.

"He always wanted to go to Penn State," said John LaRosa, Scott's father. "He hoped to compete on Penn State's gymnastics team at main campus, and that's what attracted him to Penn State."

Scott LaRosa was a competitive gymnast and a black belt in karate. He was studying to become a meteorologist.

"He heard that Penn State has one of the best meteorology programs in the country," Mr. LaRosa said. "Scott was always enthralled by the weather. Since he was in elementary school he read books about it. Whether it be hurricanes, tornadoes, torrents...Scott always wanted to find out why they happened. He was comatose during the recent blizzard. He would have liked to have seen that."

"He had an impact on everyone he met," said Trisha Marcucci, Scott's girlfriend for two years. "He wasn't afraid to be honest," Trisha added. "I guess that's what made him special in



Scott John LaRosa

God's eyes. He didn't want to be anything he wasn't."

Scott and Trisha were very close. "Scott was going with Trisha for a while," Mr. LaRosa said. "She stuck with him throughout the year he was sick. She became like another child to us. When she came to visit Scott, his eyes flashed and he perked right up." Mr. LaRosa added, "Trisha was an angel of God."

Scott John LaRosa, 20, was born in Chester, and he graduated from West Chester East High School. He died at his family's home in Thorton. Scott is survived by his parents, John J. and Jeanette LaRosa; a brother Christopher J. LaRosa and a sister Victoria J. LaRosa.

## SGA Elections

### SGA Postpones Voting, Seeks More Nominations

By Greg Jurkowski

Did you know that the elections for Student Government Association (SGA) officers for the 1996-97 school year were scheduled for February 5? Brian Hostetler (2nd Sem. HHADM)

said, "No, I didn't know that the elections took place." If your answer is "no", like Brian's, then don't feel too bad, because they didn't.

A joint decision was made by Mike Hyde, president of the SGA, Ms. Raquel Arredondo, the SGA Advisor, and Mrs. Barbara Daniel, Coordinator of Student Life, to postpone the elections. When asked why, Mike said, "The reason for the postponement is the lack of advertisement. Students did not know that they were going to take place. We also didn't have enough students signed up to run."

The SGA hopes that the postponement will give time to those who might have contemplated running for office but missed the original deadline. Mike said, "I'm interested in seeing new faces, and I hope that more people will come out and run for one of the offices."

The students who are signed up so far to run are Pauline Ferzetti (4th Sem. ESPCom/LA) for president, Andy Sheriff (2nd Sem. DUS) for vice president, and Dawei Yin (2nd Sem. ENADM) for treasurer. The office of secretary currently has no nominees.

The new deadline for students to sign up in order to run for one of the offices is the February 16. The elections are scheduled to take place on Monday, February 19, in the Main and Commons building from 12:30 to 3:30.

Interested students should pick up a form in the SGA office (136 Commons) or from Raquel Arredondo (138 Commons). Twenty-five signatures are needed in order to run. At the SGA meeting on February 19 at 12:30 nominees will say a little about who they are and why they want to run.