

The Lion's Eye

Vol. XXVII, No. 6

Penn State University, Delaware County Campus

March 1, 1996

Litapalooza Is Coming — Get Ready!

by Laurie Koechert

The Litapalooza Tour is crashing its way toward Delco like a mad hatter, just in time to meet the sweet fluttering butterflies of spring.

April 17 will be a huge, day-long event designed to celebrate literary talents, and to throw poetry around like a drunkard spewing curse words.

People will be walking around reciting poetry, short stories, and essays, and presenting readings in lounges and the outdoor Amphitheater. Original works will be read by students, faculty, and staff from Delco and other commonwealth campuses, as well as from the surrounding campuses.

This Litapalooza Festival has one point: to bombard people until they listen. This experience will not only occur out of class but may appear unexpectedly in classrooms. Random acts of literature will occur across the campus.

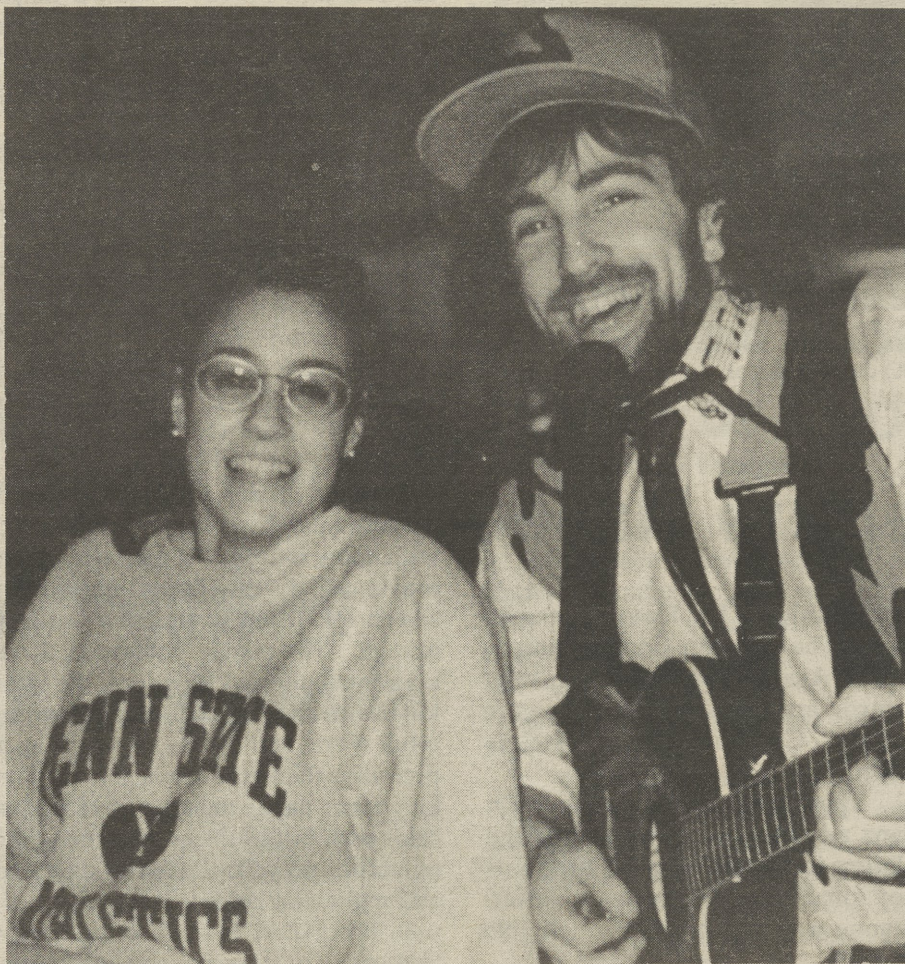
A line of poetry may even be placed on car windshields.

"The premise for this day may seem odd but I feel that many people who would not ordinarily read a short story or poem may be exposed to a new perspective of literature," said Raquel Arredondo, Student Services specialist.

Adam Sorkin, professor of English, brought the idea for Litapalooza to Delco from a Commonwealth Education System English department meeting. Delco will host faculty and students from other campuses as participants and spectators during the day.

Short story writer Dinty Moore, Altoona campus, and poet Charles Cantaloupo, Schuylk Campus will read their work, as will Delco faculty Alita Kelly, associate professor of French/Spanish, and Sorkin.

The day will end with a Coffee House in the late afternoon, similar the one held of last semester. An open mic will give everyone the chance to read or perform whatever they choose, their own work or someone else's. Poems, short stories, essays, or music can be presented.



"Paul Plays It All" serenades Ms. Raquel Arredondo at the first ever Campus Lock-In. Story on page 2.

Latino Celebration Continues

By David Whiteman

"I think that the programs presented thus far have been terrific," said Mike Simmonds, 2nd Semester, DUS. "It really gives the Latino culture a voice on both this campus and surrounding communities. This program also gives non-Latino students a chance to discover the interesting customs and traditions that make the Hispanic culture unique."

The Latino/Hispanic Cultures celebration at Delco, directed by Ms. Connie Kirker, Assistant Professor of Integrative Arts, is now entering its third month and has, so far, experienced good reviews from participating students and faculty. The program's goal is to give exposure to the art, music, food, and history of Hispanic people through exhibits, performances, films, and guest speakers.

Many students expressed feelings of pride about attending a school that provided programs promoting a climate of diversity. "I

think it's great that one culture can be celebrated in such a way," said Linda Alvarez, 4th Semester, biology. "Every cultural group should get their chance to be put on display, to shine in the spotlight."

Some students were less enthusiastic. "There should be more chances to party," said Frank Vargas, 2nd Semester, Provisional. "If this is a celebration of the Latino culture, then we should party like they do down in Rio. They know how to party down there."

The month of March holds many activities that are sure to be enjoyed. Several art exhibits will be on display during the second and third weeks of the month. A photograph documentary of the Hispanic-American Experience will be on exhibit March 10-23 in the Vairo Library. Models of Pre-Columbian Archaeological Sites will be displayed in the Vairo Library March 18-29.

Various films will also be showing throughout the coming

(Continued on page 3)

Campus Votes Jay Mills For SGA President

By Greg Jurkowski

The Student Government Association elections for the 1996-1997 school year took place February 21 after a last minute effort to change the SGA constitution failed.

The candidates who ran and won office include: Jason Mills (Non-Degree) for president, Andy Scherff (2nd Sem, DUS) for vice president, and Ottrina Bond (2nd Sem, Liberal Arts) for treasurer. Pauline Ferzetti (3rd Sem, Speech Communications) ran for president, but having been defeated, was appointed to the position of assistant vice president. Dawei Yin (2nd Sem, Engineering) ran for treasurer and was defeated, but was offered the position of Secretary since no one ran for it.

The elections were scheduled to take place on February 19, but were postponed for two days. It was discovered that many of the candidates did not meet the requirement of having

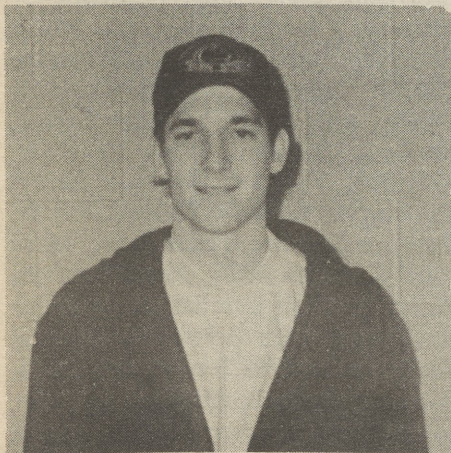
"This caused five candidates to be ineligible and only one person running for president, V.P. and treasurer."

a cumulative GPA of 2.5. When this was realized, Tom Flynn (Asst. VP) drafted a proposal to amend the SGA Constitution so that these candidates with a 2.2 GPA or higher could run.

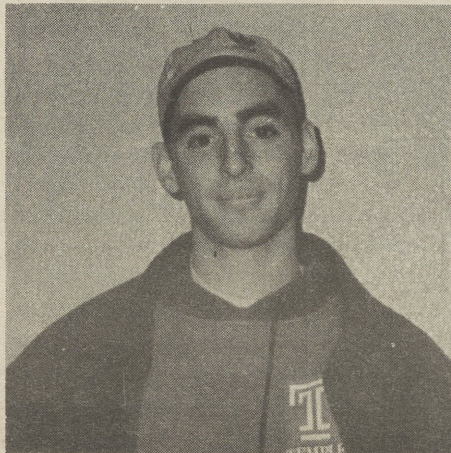
The proposal was presented at an SGA Executive Committee meeting and was passed by a majority of the officers, but was vetoed by President Mike Hyde. However, his veto was overturned on a subsequent vote and was then presented at the Student Clubs meeting on February 19. A 2/3 majority of the Student Clubs representatives was needed to pass the amendment. The vote of 12 opposed and 9 in favor caused the proposal to be defeated.

This caused five candidates to be ineligible and only one person running for president, vice president, and treasurer. No one ran for secretary. Jay Mills and Ottrina Bond were last minute entries in the election.

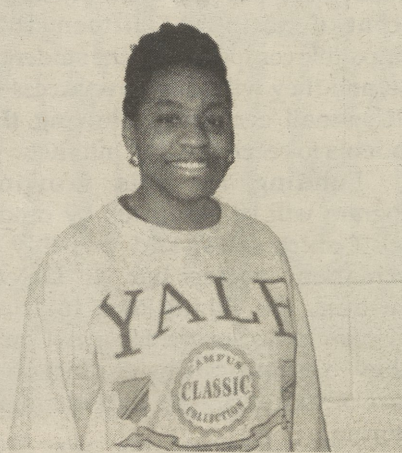
Photos by Greg Jurkowski



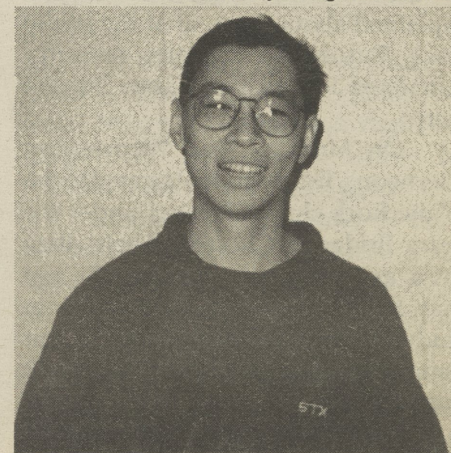
Jay Mills
President



Andy Scherff
Vice President



Ottrina Bond
Treasurer



Dawei Yin
Secretary