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Out With The Old, In With The New

By JoAnne Johnson

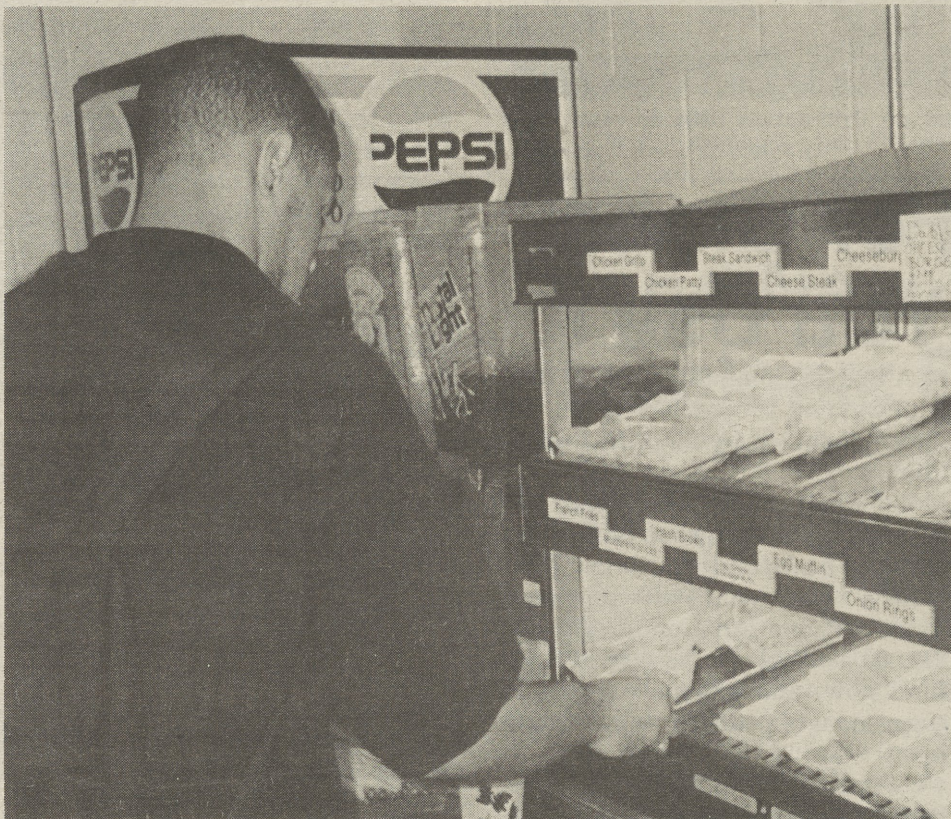
Every fall Penn State is filled with new faces, taking on different looks with the change of people entering. However, new students is not the only change that the campus will undergo this year.

The most anticipated addition to the Delco campus is the proposed Classroom/Technology building that is being funded through the Pennsylvania Department of General Services. "We can certainly use the space, considering our student enrollment is increasing readily," comments Diane Jankowski, Director of Business Services. The contracting bids are supposed to occur sometime in September, with hopes of breaking ground in the winter.

Meanwhile, the Commons/Athletic Center has been the focus of much labor, with more face-lifting to come. The work began in the weight room. The carpet was replaced and mirrors, more equipment, and a TV/VCR were added. Before the end of the fiscal year, the roof of the Commons Building will be undergoing major repairs, along with the outside lighting system to avoid recurring outages.

Some of the new technology that the cafeteria kitchen staff has been provided with includes a dishwasher that washes and dries dishes within seconds, and a larger, more efficient deep fryer. These changes will cause lines to accelerate and overall customer satisfaction to be greater.

Construction to the roadway in front of the Main Building is coming this spring. When the buses stop there, leaking fuel causes the concrete to deteriorate. Accompanying that road project is the on-going quest for funding of a traffic study to prepare for the relocation of the main entrance to the campus. This would be a great asset, causing traffic to move faster and more importantly, cutting back on frustration.



Brian Henderson (1st semester Electrical Engineering) selects from a variety of ready-to-go food in the cafeteria. Photo by Greg Jurowski

Danger Ahead For Clueless Aid Recipients

By Erin Lulevitch

All first time Stafford Loan recipients must attend entrance counseling or the loan money will not be dispensed. Meetings were held September 4 and 5, so if you missed them be sure to see Ms. Schaffer in 105M.

Work Study students must see Ms. Schaffer for arrangements by the end of September or they will not be able to participate in the program.

Dropping courses could mean a loss of financial aid for those who receive it, so stop by the financial aid office before you drop anything!

Anyone who was not offered Work Study opportunities should now inquire about open spaces recently made available.

Sex Smarts Straight From The Park

By Lisa Colucci

What sex is the safest sex? What behavior is required for sexual health?

These are just a few of the many questions that will be answered on September 25 at Delco when a group of peer educators from University Park will provide educational entertainment here, touching on the prominent issue of sexual health during college life.

This group, called the University Park Ensemble Theatre and directed by Barry Kur, associate professor of theatre arts, will perform at 12:30 p.m. in the Lion's Den.

"I'm hoping that through the University Park Theatre Ensemble that our students are exposed and enlightened to the various issues surrounding sexuality," said Raquel Arredondo, Student Services Specialist.

Through poetry, visual images, and dramatic scenes, this group of peer educators performs at University Park and throughout the state to raise

awareness about AIDS, sexual assault, eating disorders, and common problems of campus life, such as roommates and living conditions.

"This program sounds educational because it informs college students about situations that they face today," said Carol Linehan, third semester nursing major.

"Academic Advising" and "Roommates and the People Who Survive Them" are two scenes that the peer educators often perform that depict common concerns of college students.

"The Theatre Ensemble sounds interesting because of the topics that they touch on. Anyone who attends will definitely learn something," said Justin Mayfair, third semester communications major.

Some of the more intense and controversial scenes included in the group's repertoire are "CONDOMonium," "Body Loathing/Body Love," and "Not Just Fooling Around." These scenes illustrate situations involving AIDS and eating disorders.

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Coming Soon to PSU DelCo:

Octoberfest!

Last year's was a great success and this year's hopes to be even better! This year there is a keg rolling competition, pumpkin painting, and a Twister game that will go down in the record books. Sponsored by the SGA, SAA, and the PSU Service Corps. For more information, call 892-1240.

Octoberfest '96
October 7-11

Tuition Hike Due To Gov't.

By Amy Winnemore

Less money to buy books this semester? Maybe because students here and at all other Penn State University campuses are feeling the pinch of a 4.75% increase in tuition this year.

"A 4.75% tuition increase for undergraduate and graduate students is the minimal amount necessary to preserve the quality of the education provided by the University," President Graham B. Spanier said.

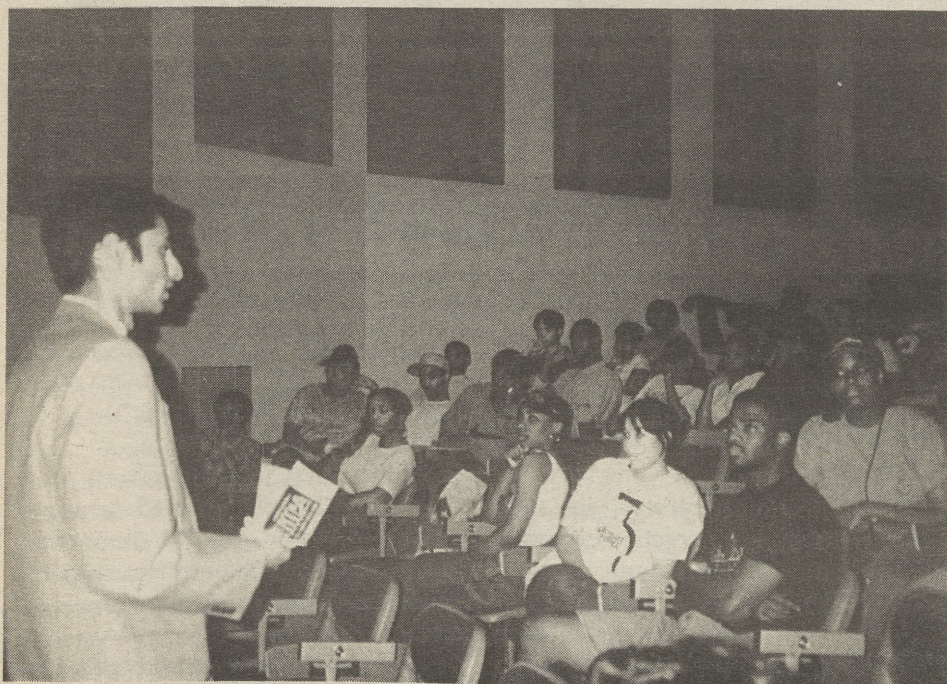
The state budget, approved by Gov. Tom Ridge, falls more than \$17 million short of the appropriation the University requested. With this budget Pennsylvania remains 46th out of the 50 states in per capita funding for higher education.

Over the past twenty years, the state appropriation supported 54% of Penn State's general funds budget; today it contributes only 35%.

Francine Stackhouse, Administrative Assistant at Penn State Delco, is also a member of the Legislative Advocacy Network. One of the many things the Network addresses is getting the State to fund more money for the University.

"The best way for students to get involved," she says, "is to contact their State Representatives and have them put pressure on our State Government."

"Besides tuition," Stackhouse says, "the college is also supported by student housing and food services, the Nittany Lion Inn, and Intercollegiate Athletics, as well as funds from grants and contracts."



Admissions Counselor Ajay Nair addresses students of ethnic diversity at orientation program.