

You're In College; Have You Chosen A Career?

By Maureen McAndrews

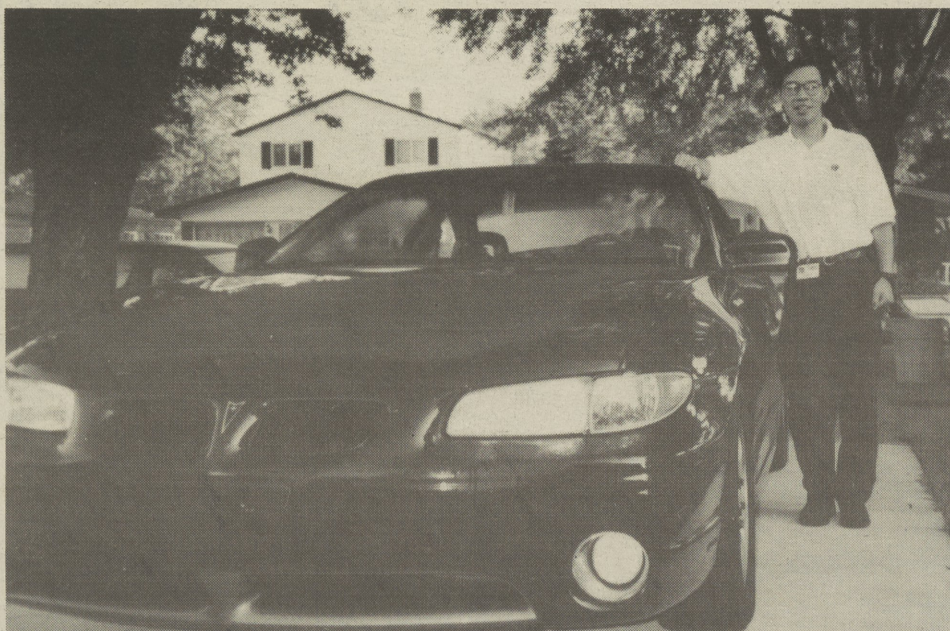
History? Engineering? Biology? Psychology? So many choices, so little time! Are you confused about which major to choose? Do you need additional information about your choice of career? Would you like to be involved in an internship?

If you answered "yes" to any of the previous questions, then you are a perfect candidate for the "Making Career Decisions" course.

Beginning October 16, Ms. Sharmon Bryant, Career Counselor, will be teaching a one credit course in making career decisions. The course will meet Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 202 of the Commons/Athletic Center Building from 2:30 to 3:20.

Sigmund Moskow, Business impressario and lecturer, will be coming to Delco to give seminars about career related issues. These seminars are tied into the career class, but are not confined to those who are taking it. Everyone on campus is welcome to attend these seminars, given during Common Hour in the Student Lounge of the Main Building.

The seminars will cover different career topics, such as: "Jumpstart Your Career" on Wednesday, October; "Five



Dawei Yin (third semester, mechanical engineering) poses next to a 1997 Pontiac Grand Prix GT, lent for five weeks by General Motors during his internship in Michigan.

Ways to Power Your Career" on Wednesday, October 23; "Career Planning" on Wednesday, November 13; "Helpful Hints and Tools" on Wednesday, November 27; and "Networking" on Wednesday, December 4.

The course, named CNED 297A, was offered last year at Penn State, but this is the first year Ms. Bryant is

teaching it and she is extremely enthusiastic about it.

What is the class actually about? "It's a class for people still deciding on academic majors and careers," said Ms. Bryant. "Self-discovery" is the focus of the course.

The class will "make the connection between academics and the work world" through a very different

format. "Honest" speakers of different career types will make numerous appearances to tell the truth about their jobs. A "Career Inventory Test" will help students to assess their suitability for a particular career, based on ability, personality, and lifestyle. Field trips will be taken to various job sites to emphasize the importance of "hands on experiences."

That's not the end of what is offered through this class. It is literally packed with information on other topics, such as resume writing and networking.

Ms. Bryant emphasizes that this class will enable students to make "informed, intelligent decisions about what to major in or what career to choose. My main focus is to give enough information about the career decision-making process, with the emphasis on process."

A few spots open are still open in the class. If you're interested, register soon. Keep in mind that you need not be an undecided freshman or sophomore to take the class. If you've already declared a major but are unsure about it, then the class could benefit you as well.

Save Stress; Register ASAP Or Suffer The Consequences

By Christina Papa

Attention all University Scholars and Honors Students: you have the privilege of registering for spring classes early, on Monday, October 28. All other students may register starting October 29.

College meetings in preparation for Spring 1997 advance scheduling of classes will be held Wednesday, October 23, from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. with college representatives in charge. The PSU schedule of spring classes will be available the day after college meetings for a cost of 25 cents in room 105 of the main building.

If you do not know where to go or what to do to register (like so many of us), simply see your advisor. He or she will give you a copy of your degree audit, and discuss which classes you need to take for your particular major.

The schedule packet tells you the earliest date you are eligible to schedule your classes, based on the number of credits you have taken so far. If you miss your appointed day you can continue to register any time after that in the registrar's office (room 105) or over the phone (610-892-0600), but classes will begin to fill up.

It is important for students to register in advance for two reasons. One is the obvious fact that you will have more choices in scheduling, and two, by registering early, students enable the registrar to see if another section needs to be added to a class.

The spring semester begins on January 13, 1997, and spring break is from March 10-14, note the dates listed in the student handbook calendar. Also a reminder: tuition bills for the Spring '97 semester are due to be paid on November 29, 1996.

Don't let an unpaid tuition keep you from scheduling the classes you want!

College Meetings

October 23, 1996 12:30-1:20

College	Room
Arts&Architecture	219 Main
Agriculture	320 Main
Business Admin.	101 Main
Communications	110 Vairo
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Earth&Mineral Science	203 Main
Engineering	206 Main
Health&Human Devel.	216 Main
Letters, Arts&Sciences	305 Main
Provisional	218 Main
Science	307 Main

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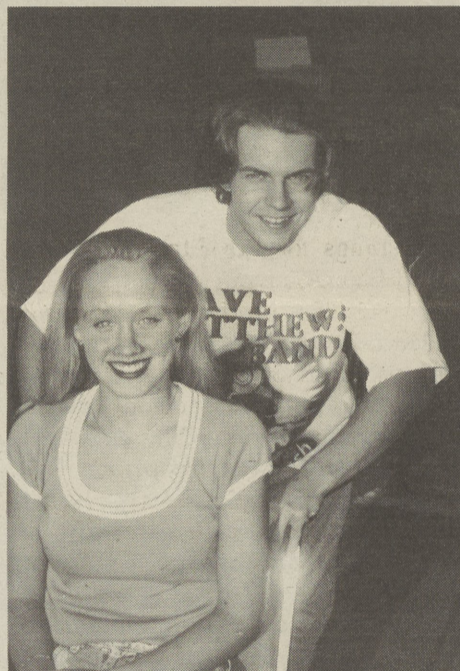
October 15th



To reserve a spot, contact Mellissa Bodtke at meb189@psu.edu or Catherine Crissman at cqc8@psu.edu

Only 30 spaces Available

Reserve a spot NOW!!!



New Freshman Reps Mike Dowling and Eileen Milliken join the SGA Executive Board. Not pictured are reps Maria Iannarelli and Toni-Jo Morelli.

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Discover Discovery Day

By Margie Henry

Did you ever see an electric car, or take a ride in a flight simulator? Well, these are just two of the highlights of the third annual Discovery Day being held at Penn State's Delaware County Campus on Saturday, October 26.

The science and technology expo is sponsored by the Delco campus and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. In addition, companies such as PECO Energy, Arco, and Boeing are also participants in the event.

Aimed towards middle and high school students, Discovery Day exposes students to and gets them interested in science and technology. The exhibits stress hands-on experience and invite students to

explore their interests in different fields of science. Counselors will be on hand to discuss and answer any questions concerning students' career choices as well.

Most of the exhibits will be located in the Commons building gymnasium, and a Netscape demo will be available in the library. Admission is free and the day offers high school students a good opportunity to explore Penn State's campus.

Faculty and staff will be helping out at different places throughout the day, but volunteers are still needed to help out at the registration and Math Options tables. Anyone interested should see Katherine Crissman in room 256 of the main building to sign up.

Credit Cards Create Debt

By Tamica Beckham

Are you in debt? Did credit cards get you there? Did the University help you? If any of these apply to you, it is time you got informed.

According to an article on August 25, 1996 in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* 400 million people own a credit card, which has caused personal debt in America to skyrocket. Personal bankruptcy is at the highest levels in history.

You may think bankruptcy is a good idea, because it gives people the opportunity to write off their debts and get a fresh start. "Not a good idea," says Brian R. Williams, a lawyer who practices bankruptcy law. It could take up to ten years to get your so-called fresh start. That means during that time no one will give you a college graduate's dream: car, apartment, or mortgage.

Have you ever noticed that every time you buy a book at the campus bookstore you receive applications for a credit card along with your purchases? Have you ever wondered, after you filled out the application and received the card, how you got it, with no real job or any significant income to pay the bill?

The reason why you are receiving these credit cards is because the banks have figured out that college students are big business. Notice that your interest rate is over 18% and can be increased up to 3% everytime you miss a payment. The opportunity is there to ruin your credit before it begins.

Americans today now owe 446.7 billion dollars on credit cards, according to the Federal Insurance Corporation. According to an informal survey, over 40% of the students at the Delaware County Campus own a credit card and more than half of them are currently in debt.

Be financially smart: pay all credit charges on time, learn to save your money, understand what interest rates mean, what interest rates are too high, what ones are appropriate, and what investments make you money. Don't be so eager to always give it away!!