



CEO Dr. Ed Tomezko presents the Lion's PAW award for outstanding service to Raquel Arredondo and Sally Ent.

Widening The Spectrum: Delco Gets More Degrees

By Cynthia Moore

Penn State's plan to reconstruct its Commonwealth Campus system was approved on January 14, 1997, by Secretary of Education Eugene Hickok and Penn State's President Graham Spanier. This new plan will enable 14 of the 17 Commonwealth Campuses to offer more baccalaureate degrees.

Penn State Delco will expand its availability of 4-year degrees in the next few years. During a campus meeting on January 22, Dr. Ed Tomezko, Campus Executive Officer, announced, "A baccalaureate degree in business administration will be

offered in '97 and health services will be available in '98." These will add to the already available degrees, including urban education, American studies, speech communication, and general arts and sciences. Additionally, some students have graduated with a baccalaureate degree in English without leaving Penn State Delco.

This plan was designed to accommodate students who need access to four-year programs closer to their homes. Also, it allows people to complete their degree without living in the middle of Pennsylvania. "Penn State is one university operating at several locations," added Spanier.

Retreat Promotes Respect; Campus Supports Diversity

By Laurie Koechert

Fifty-eight students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to learn more about the campus and what it is made of on Thursday, January 30.

"Building a climate of respect" was the theme of the off-campus retreat and a step in the right direction to

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improve relations among individuals at Delco. The Student Life Committee and the SGA sponsored the third annual retreat held at the Oberod Conference Center in Delaware.

This year the participants gained cross-cultural insights from large

group discussion, a movie, presentation, and interactive experiences with an emphasis on awareness of diversity on campus.

Facilitator Dr. Stanley J. Nowak, Jr. from the Penn State Allentown Campus and an Associate Professor of Spanish, Humanities, and Social Sciences, designed the day's activities based on research from his Intercultural Community-Building course. His emphasis is on each individual's feelings and experiences.

Members of the campus were welcomed and encouraged to speak openly about issues and life experiences and to offer suggestions about "recommendations concerning issues of diversity". Another important concern of the retreat was to emphasize the need for respect toward those on campus in order to preserve the civility that exists now.

Many members of the campus gained a better insight on respect and communication from the retreat.

Computer Fee

New Equipment, Services Planned

By Ryan Dougherty

The mandatory computer fee imposed by Penn State Delco has been a topic of debate for many students. Amidst the many charges appearing on a student's semester bill, however, the fee might go unnoticed.

Each student, whether taking one class or several, is required to pay a computer fee. Since every student is obligated to pay the fee, much like every student has the opportunity to use Delco's many computers, it's important to understand the cost of the fee and how the money will be put to use.

For a student taking between one and four credits, the computer fee is \$25. A course load of five to eight credits warrants a fee of \$50. For the remaining students, scheduling anywhere between nine and nineteen credits, the fee is \$70. The money collected from the computer fee has a specific purpose: to upgrade the overall quality of the University's computer resources.

At the end of Fall '96, a computer fee committee met to determine how the money would be used. Attendees of the committee included Asad Azemi, Evette Bazemore, Matt Bodek,

Waverly Coleman, Jack Ousey, Kimberly Boeckem, Kate Reilly, Patrick Hutton, Jason Dirnbauer, Brian Logue, and Levon Currie. Eleven proposals for spending the money were considered. Six proposals were eliminated by the committee, leaving five final proposals that draw money from the computer fee.

The committee agreed on a proposal that would upgrade the 486 computers in the 214 main lab. Also agreed upon was the proposal to purchase twenty boxes of laser paper, as well as the purchase of ten toner cartridges for printers in student computer labs. A proposal to upgrade the PC lab server was also selected.

Rounding out the accepted proposals were upgrades in software for the Macintosh lab, as well as an upgrade for the pentiums. The total estimated cost of these proposals was \$82,797—

money to be drawn from the Fall 96 student computer fee.

Proposals for spending the Spring 97 computer fee should be sent to Evette Bazemore (room 116 main), or to any member of the computer fee committee. Suggestions will be welcomed by the committee.



Students participating in the minority mentoring program pose with mentors S. Bryant, V. Perry, Dr. S. Spencer, Dr. B. Black, Dr. M. DeRosa and L. Ramsey during a recent luncheon. Students pictured are K. Whittington, K. Moore, R. Showell, B. Barkley, T. Holmes and D. St. Phard.

Tips on Transferring UP

By Paul Basilio

This fall, 38,000 students will go to the University Park Campus looking for an education. 26,000 of those students will also be looking for a place to live off-campus.

Although the University Park Housing Fair and Delco Housing programs are over, students searching for on and off-campus housing in State College can still see Raquel Arredondo in Room 138 Commons for more information.

An Automatic Transfer list is being prepared by the University and

should be ready by February 5. This is a computer-generated list of all students who have completed between 44-59 credits. Students eligible for this list will be notified within 1-2 weeks.

If a student is not on the Automatic Transfer list but still wishes to attend a different campus, the student should see Mrs. Diane Shorter on the second floor Commons for a Change of Assignment form.

Mrs. Joyce Rigby adds, "If a student is on the list but wishes to remain at Delco, he or she should come to room 105 and file a request to remain."

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