

Dr. Tomezsko — Delco's Distinguished Leader

By Christina Papa

Most students on this campus have heard Dr. Tomezsko's name or have seen in on a letter or document at some point or another. But many students have no idea who he is. Dr. Ed Tomezsko is the Campus Executive Officer (CEO) for Penn State Delco.

He is the man who is in charge of the entire campus. "To manage the campus as effectively and efficiently as possible" is Dr. Tomezsko's description of his job.

Originally from Kensington, Philadelphia, Dr. Tomezsko graduated from North Catholic High and then went on to Villanova as an undergraduate. After choosing Penn State for his post-baccalaureate work, he graduated with a doctorate in physical chemistry.

Dr. Tomezsko's first job was a post-doctoral fellowship at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. There, he researched low-temperature surfaces (under 200 degrees Centigrade), which is called cryogenics. But he "didn't like the isolation that research provided." He would much rather work with people.

So in 1971 he came to Penn State

as Associate Professor of Chemistry for ten years. In 1984, he became the acting Associate Dean of academic affairs at University Park, and in 1985, he became the Vice President of Technology for the Commonwealth Education System. Finally, he became the CEO of the Delaware County Campus in 1986.

For Dr. Tomezsko, campus development is top priority. He does a lot of outside work to build the image of the campus, and it has helped Penn State Delco to grow. It is hard work, though. For example, it took six years just to get the road sign put up on Route 1.

Even though it is challenging, Dr. Tomezsko will take advantage of "any opportunity to show off the campus."

When asked what he liked best about his job, Dr. Tomezsko said, "The variety. No two days are exactly the same." He also likes working with people, especially students.

What does he dislike about his job? When things go slow that could be moving faster, such as the road sign.

Dr. Tomezsko has accomplished many things while working for this campus, but there are three accomplishments he feels are the most important. First, the amount of money

developed for scholarships last year was nearly \$50,000. Second, the technology at this campus is state-of-the-art, and an excellent example of this is Project Vision. Third, this campus has attracted first-class faculty, without whom it would not be able to function.

When asked of his plans for the future, Dr. Tomezsko responded only half-jokingly, "To get a new hip." Actually, he is scheduled for a hip replacement on March 10. After that, he would like to "make the connection to the community tighter so we can be more responsive to the community needs through our new college organization."

Although this is a small part of his responsibilities, Dr. Tomezsko feels that it is an important one because it provides resources.

"If we do a good job for the community, they'll be more supportive of the campus and will generate money," he explained.

Dr. Tomezsko is very interested in getting to know the student body. He is eager to make connections with them and to find out what they really think of Penn State Delco, and would enjoy a visit - his office is in 111C in the Main building.



Dr. Ed Tomezsko

Your Questions Are Answered At DE.PSU.EDU

By Paul Basilio

Tired of killing time in the library playing solitaire or figuring out how to play Minesweeper? Try using the Penn State Delaware County Campus Homepage on the web at <http://www.de.psu.edu>.

Contrary to popular belief, the page is more than just a picture of the sign out front. The amount of information available at the click of a button could save you hours of flipping through countless school manuals and guides.

The fall and summer courses are on-line for all PSU campuses, including University Park. By clicking on the *Academic Advising* link, then the *PSU Advising Resources* option, you can see all of the open fall and summer semester courses available. This link is updated regularly. The entire "blue book" of baccalaureate degrees, the DUS advising handbook, the OASIS system, and a telephone directory are all accessible from the advising page.

While still on the Advising page, click on *Additional Resources* to find a Career Resources link, an academic advising resource, and a description of jobs available in colleges around the country and in the U.K.

Not sure how to transfer to another campus? Information about the Change of Assignment form is on the page.

Adviser lists, phone numbers, and schedules are also available to you on Delco's website.

Not sure about your major? A helpful section on choosing one could aid you in making up your mind on one of the most important decisions you make in your college career.

Not sure about life at UP? Their homepage has a link on Delco's page. You can see pictures of places around Happy Valley, read press releases, and find information about residence halls from the comfort of your own computer lab.

Check the page out often; it is constantly changing. Linda Campitelli, the Advising Coordinator at Delco, maintains a portion of the homepage. "As with any homepage, it can't remain static. It must change whenever something on campus changes."

Next time you're down 400 dollars in Vegas solitaire, try logging on to something useful.

Attend Your COLLEGE MEETING!
Wednesday, March 26
12:30 p.m.
Look for Room Assignment on Posters Around Campus

Bookstore Update . . .

Not Just a Bookstore Anymore

By Erin Lulevitch

Imagine this: You're walking through the halls of the Main building about to leave, when you discover to your horror that the overdue credit card payment you were going to send that day doesn't have a stamp. It has

Litapalooza!

By B. Feick

"Litapalooza" comes to Delco on Wednesday, April 2.

"Say what?" you ask.

Litapalooza, a campus literary arts festival, will make its second annual appearance at the Delaware County Campus from 12:30 until 6:00 PM that day. The festival will feature a lively mix of students, campus faculty, visiting faculty, and an alumna offering live presentations of poetry, drama, and short stories.

Any member of the campus community can get involved in Litapalooza during the "Open Mike" segment by signing up to read their own poetry or prose or perform their music. The Spring '97 edition of *Penn in Hand*, the campus literary magazine, will also be featured, as will a one-act play by the Lion's Globe Drama Group.

Readings by visiting poets and playwrights from the Penn State faculty will take place from 12:30 to 2:00 PM in the Vairo Library lounge. Guests include Charles Cantalupo from Schuylkill Campus, Judy Lindberg from the New Kensington campus, Michael Riley from the Berks campus, and Tramble Turner from the Abington-Ogontz campus.

Special guest poet will be Sadie O'Deay, a 1996 graduate of Penn State in creative writing and a former Delco student. The recipient of many writing awards while she was a Penn State student, O'Deay now works as the assistant editor of *O-2*, a tri-state outdoor sporting magazine.

The festival will continue with "random acts of poetry" throughout campus from 2:00-3:00 PM.

(Continued on page 7)

to be in the mail by that day; otherwise it will never make it to Timbuktu in time for your credit history to be saved from irreversible damage forever.

You may as well just kiss that apartment goodbye for after graduation; you're going to be living with your parents forever. And that sad excuse for a car you drive, well, get used to it, because after today no reputable car company is going to give you a loan. Say hello to Goofy's Trailers and Trucks Cheap, because that's the only place who's going to let you test drive anything.

If only you had known that salvation from a lifetime of misery, was only a few feet away at the campus bookstore. There you could have purchased that precious dream-altering stamp. While you were there you also could have picked up a Septa token, since that hunk of junk you still refer to as your "car" could never have gotten you to the post office in time to mail your bill.

There a lot of things going on at the Delco campus bookstore that Manager Meghan Gibbons says, "Students don't know about." Phone cards and special orders for books and computer software are also available, besides those endearing textbooks that surround the store.

For those students who possess

true school spirit, everything from Penn State sweatshirts and baseball caps to shot glasses and stickers can be found here, too. Along with plenty of fresh goodies and beverages for the starving student (mice not included).

Frequenters of the store will also notice special monthly displays honoring nationally celebrated months. Last month they honored

"From clothes to magazines, to stamps, tokens and food, the bookstore has it all . . ."

African-Americans for Black History Month. This March new titles will become available in honor of National Women's History Month.

So the next time you want something, check the campus bookstore. They just might have what you need. The doors are open Monday through Thursday from 8am to 6:30pm and Fridays from 8am to 4:30pm.

From clothes to magazines, to stamps, tokens and food, the bookstore has it all. Who knows. It could just mean the difference between an '82 Chevy Chevette and a '97 Chevy Corvette.



A sharp contrast: Delco students have the option of conquering solitaire or surfing the net. Photo by Paul Basilio