



SIFE President Jason Dirnbauer (r.) and SIFE adviser Virgil Perry (l.) flank State Representative Thaddeus Kirkland (159th District) during a recent visit to Harrisburg.

## Delco Students Present Work at Nat'l. Conference

By Erin Lulevitch

Imagine spending one glorious weekend, all expenses paid, in Austin, Texas, courtesy of the Honors Program at University Park. Lori Peacock will be doing just that from April 24 through April 26, while attending the 11th annual National Conference of Undergraduate Research.

After boarding a bus to the Pittsburgh airport, Lori will then fly to the University of Texas where she will be joined by approximately 1,000 other undergraduate students, including Jaclyn Fried of Penn State Main campus, to present a special project, if their project is chosen to be displayed by event organizers.

The project is a result of an intense ten-week summer research program in chemistry under the supervision of Dr. Michael DeRosa, at the Delaware County campus. At the conference, Lori and Jaclyn, if chosen, will be presenting their work, which included the help of former student Michael Pro. The title of their project is "Restricted Inversion In 2-Aminopyrrole Derivatives."

A wide variety of other subjects will be presented in various fields of

interest as well, including communications, physics, and dance. The event was created as a showcase for undergraduate student achievements, resulting from study and research.

Both 15 minute oral discussions and 3 hour visual displays are used to help transmit the students' ideas. "It's a much more relaxed atmosphere that way," says Dr. DeRosa of the Chemistry department, who will also be going along on the trip. "This way students can present their ideas in a casual way and answer questions at the same time."

This trip also offers day time excursions to dance clubs, and beach parties. A whole slew of activities have also been planned for those who wish to take part, such as basketball, volleyball, and table tennis.

This convention is open to all undergraduate students and though it's funded by the Honors Program, participants need not be members. Decisions are made in December as to which students will be invited to go. For more information contact the head of the department in the subject of your interest.

## Rising Campus Leaders Attend Regional Meeting

By JoAnne Johnson

Students who look forward to assuming leadership positions at PSU Delco and PSU Abington next year should keep April 26 open. On that day, the third annual Regional Leaders Conference will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Philadelphia Zoo.

"The purpose of this conference is to gather student leaders from different campuses in the region in an effort to develop qualities that will shape them into leaders," commented Student Life Coordinator Barbara Daniel.

There will be a keynote speaker in the morning, with lunch to follow. Afterwards, groups will be divided by campus to process the key note presentation and then will proceed to mix together for workshops that help enhance leadership skills.

For previous conferences, the

Allentown and Berks campuses attended; however, Delco and Abington will be the only attendants this year.

"This conference also provides an opportunity for networking between leaders of the same organizations on different campuses," added Daniel. "It is always an interesting experience."

On August 13-15, there will be a state-wide Leadership Conference, welcoming every Commonwealth Campus in the Penn State system. It will be held at the Hazleton campus, but only 8-10 representatives per campus will be able to go due to limited space in the dorms.

However, for the Regional Conference, there are twenty openings for prospective Delco leaders in the next semester. If anyone is interested, see Raquel Arredondo immediately in Room 138 Commons, or call 892-1207.

## Newest Campus Club Leads April Activities

By Christina Papa

It's time to add another club to the ever-growing list at Penn State Delco. The Asian American Student Caucus, led by President Paayal Kadakia, is an organization dedicated to making the public aware of Asian culture, and protecting the rights of Asian-Americans when needed.

Paayal says, "When people think of Asians, they often think of them as being quiet and passive. By uniting together, our goal as the AASC is to overcome these stereotypes about different Asian cultures and beliefs. Our purpose is to serve as a voice for Asian students on this campus."

Rob Mathews, 2nd semester Pre-Med, agrees. "The goal of the AASC is to not only destroy common stereotypes involving the Asian, but to also create new and profound images concerning that same Asian."

The Vice President of this newborn club is Bob Koshy, and the adviser is Ajay Nair, Admissions Counselor. When asked about the benefits of this club, he responded, "To be asked the question, 'Why is there a need for Asian students to create an organization?' is demeaning. Why does any group begin? To have their needs addressed and to strive to achieve equality in this unequal society."

The club's first project, helping the campus celebrate Asian American month in April, kicks off on April 8 with "A Taste of Asia," a food festival co-sponsored with the Multicultural Club. This event includes an all-you-can-eat buffet, a fashion show, and dance, all for the \$2.00 admission.

The excitement continues with a presentation by Dr. Frank Wu, Professor of Law at Harvard University. Entitled, "Affirmative Action and the Myth of the Model

Minority," this presentation will take place on Wednesday, April 23, from 12:30-1:30.

Then, on Friday, April 25, there will be a short drama performed by "ASAMA," or "Asians Americans Acting." This group of students from University Park will highlight key issues in the Asian-American community, and will donate all proceeds to charity.

April is also a busy month for many other clubs, such as the Black Student League, who are planning a skating party and the Marcel Carter Basketball Tournament on April 11, and the Multicultural Club, who are planning a trip to Washington, D.C. Also, the Engineering Club is in the process of organizing a Boeing Wind Tunnel trip.

SIFE will be heading for New Jersey soon for a regional competition in which they present all their activities this semester as a new club.

The Service Corps needs more tutors for the CLASP After School Program. Nicki Memmo, president of the Service Corps, explains another project. "The March of Dimes walk is Sunday, April 27, and people are needed to walk, donate money, and to buy little pairs of fund-raising sneakers that only cost \$1.00."

The Communications Club sponsored a Spring Break trip to Panama City Beach, Florida. Except for a few bus problems, the trip was great.

The Lion Ambassadors are very busy as well, sponsoring "Get to Know Us" programs and other events for incoming freshmen.

Finally, the Activities Commission has allocated funds to the SGA for the Spring Fling on May 2, so keep your eyes peeled for announcements concerning the dance.

## Delco CEO Is To Be Reviewed

By Greg Jurkowski

April is a special month for many people on campus. For some, it is the last month of school. For others, an opportunity to lie out in the sun between classes and think about what they are going to do over the summer. But this month is important in another way to Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Ed Tomezsko.

On April 29 and 30, ten administrative members of the Commonwealth Educational System (CES) will visit the campus to conduct an AD-14, or Academic Administrative Evaluation of Dr. Tomezsko.

This evaluation is given every 6 years of a Commonwealth Campus CEO's tenure in office to review the described functions of his or her office and how he or she acts as the representative of the University in the area of the campus.

When asked how he felt about the AD-14 review, Dr. Tomezsko said, "This process is extremely important to the well being of the campus. The opportunity to sit and discuss how the campus is working at all levels is very needed on a periodic basis."

He continued, "Visitors to the campus bring a new perspective and they can see things which we might miss. My responsibility as CEO is to have the campus run smoothly, and this review process will help very much."

The review committee is made

up of representatives from different parts of the CES system: Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education John Cahir (University Park), Provost and Dean of Capital College John Bruhn, Director of Academic Affairs John Madden (York Campus), Assistant Professor of Environmental Science John Vargas (DuBois Campus), Assistant Vice President of the CES Kenneth Varcoe, Vice Provost Robert Secor (University Park), CEO Eugene Slaski (Allentown Campus), Assistant Professor of Kinesiology Deirdre Jago (Hazleton Campus), Assistant Professor of Education Patricia Hinchey (Worthington-Scranton Campus), and Administrative Fellow of the CES Sophia Wisniewska. The committee will be assisted by Dr. Robert Black, Associate Professor of Biology at Delco.

Students can give important input to the review on April 30 when the committee will sit down with members of the campus community, seeking information about Dr. Tomezsko's administering of the campus.

When asked what he thought was the importance of the evaluation for the students of this campus, Dr. Tomezsko replied, "The campus is run directly for the benefit of the students. This is an opportunity for students to contribute directly to the operation of the campus. In this review process, any student can contribute to the review process."