

Alumni Help Groom Future Work Force

By Paul Basilio

Finding a job can be difficult on your own. Not knowing when to start, who to talk to, what to do, or even when to do it can overwhelm any student. But you can get started this semester with the help of the Alumni/Student Career Connection.

Every Thursday during common hour, from September 11 through November 20, a group of alumni representing a certain major will be in the Main Lounge. These sessions are designed to give students an inside edge on the competition. A light lunch will also be served.

Opportunities resulting from these sessions with alumni include work site visits, internships, and a chance to "get to know the ins and outs of the field," says Ms. Sharmon Bryant, a Career Counselor here at Delco. "The alumni can help you in terms of insights into their occupation."

For seniors, this program is an excellent opportunity to begin networking within a certain job market, which could increase chances of post-college employment. Most of the Penn State alumni participating in the program have attended Delco and wish to give something back to the campus in the form of knowledge and experience.

To participate in this program, fill out an application available in the Career Center, second floor Commons. A few of the services available are: assistance in determining the career opportunities that are closely associated with a specified major, help in securing an internship/employment opportunity related to your field of study, career mentoring, a job site visit to observe a specific career in operation, mock interviews, and resume preparation assistance.

This could prove to be the most invaluable experience of your college career.

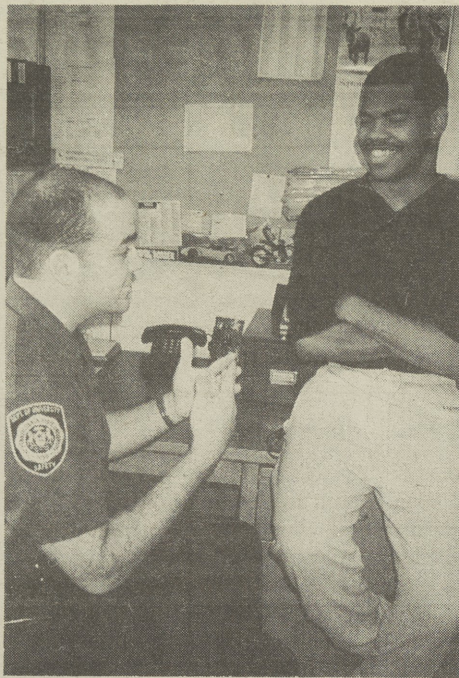
Women's Group Reorganizes

By Cynthia Moore

Penn State Women's Commission is entering their eleventh season here at the Delaware county campus. The coordinators for Delco's Women's Commission are Carol Kessler, professor of women's studies, English, and American Studies and Barbara Daniel, student life coordinator. Together with the help of the commission's staff assistants, Pearl Shannon and Loretta Catanzaro the Women's Commission serves the needs of the students, staff and faculty.

The Women's Commission deals with such issues as women's leadership roles, sexual harassment, job benefits, and occupational advancements, along with many other important issues. The Commission oversees studies based on these issues and makes reports on their findings to each Penn State campus.

One of the Women's Commissions' highlights is the annual luncheon held on campus every March. The luncheon recognizes women's accomplishments and they feature prominent women speakers. This spring the luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 26.



Security Officer Brian Finney discusses campus safety with Dennis Dozier, business office.

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Students and Faculty Can Feel Safe at Delco

By Len Damico

College students have a lot to worry about these days: tuition, financial aid, term papers, buying books, midterms: The last thing they need to worry about is safety in the halls of academia. Luckily, students at Penn State Delaware County Campus have a safe campus.

Helen Walker (third semester, Psychology) attributes safety on campus to "the fact that people have matured since high school," while Alice Kelly (third semester, Elementary Education) credits safety to "many people and well-lit walkways." In any event, it is agreed we have a safe campus.

Brian Finney, campus security guard, says students at Penn State Delco have "almost nothing to worry about," and that Penn State Delco "doesn't even rate among most of the other schools in the area" when it comes to crime.

According to last year's crime statistics, furnished by the University, most incidences of crime were larceny. A few common thefts were reported last year: books, school bags, and the like. One automobile was reported stolen; however, the perpetrator was soon apprehended. In past years, alcohol and other drugs have been found on campus.

Although Delco has not been immune to non-violent crime, it has not experienced violent crime. No murders, rapes or armed robberies have been committed on campus.

Brian Finney gives some advice for students: "Be sure to lock your car at all times, and don't leave valuables in plain sight. Keep track of school bags, books, calculators, etc. Athletes should lock their lockers at all times."

With a little common sense and cooperation, Penn State Delco will maintain a low crime rate, making for a more pleasant and safe college experience.

Dance Marathon in the Works at PSU

By JoAnne Johnson

Long before the fall semester began, the newly-elected Delco Student Government Association members were hard at work, assembling an eventful year. One event already under discussion is the annual all-campus Dance Marathon. Every year, Penn State students organize the largest student-run philanthropy in the nation, which benefits the Four Diamonds Club cancer research for children. The amount of money that 'Thon raises each year exceeds the amount raised by the 2nd, 3rd and 4th largest student-run philanthropies combined.

To dance for 48 hours straight does not even begin to touch on the responsibilities of 'Thon participants state-wide. The first step is fundraising.

Benjamin Gerald, (3rd Semester engineering, and CCSG 'Thon Director from University Park), remarked, "It's an unbelievable experience to be involved in such an energetic atmosphere when you get up there (to University Park for the Dance Marathon). All the exhaustion and frustration subsides when you see the looks of happiness on the faces of the seriously ill kids who benefit from your work and dedication. It's definitely worth the effort."

By November, Delaware County intends to raise \$600 to meet the registration criteria for 'Thon. However, the donations do not have to stop there. The Delco 'Thon committee is striving to surpass their campus goal of \$2,500 to show the entire University that Delaware County is not a silent, uninvolved campus.

Otrina Bond, (5th semester, psychology), stated, "It shouldn't just be the 'Thon committee or 'Thon chairs getting everything together; it should involve the entire campus community. That is who we are representing."

Donations are already being accepted. Even more importantly, the committee would appreciate anyone who is willing to help with fundraising ideas, or may know a connection who would be willing to make a donation.

Any questions concerning 'Thon or pledges, can be directed to Otrina Bond or JoAnne Johnson at (610) 892-1240 or email at either osb101@psu.edu or jmj161@psu.edu.

Picture Perfect PSU IDs

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accept the card.

In addition to banking, the card will be used for telephone and meal services, and access into campus housing. At University Park, the card may be used for bus fares and parking gates in the future, and is already being used in some downtown businesses, as well as laundry vending and copy services.

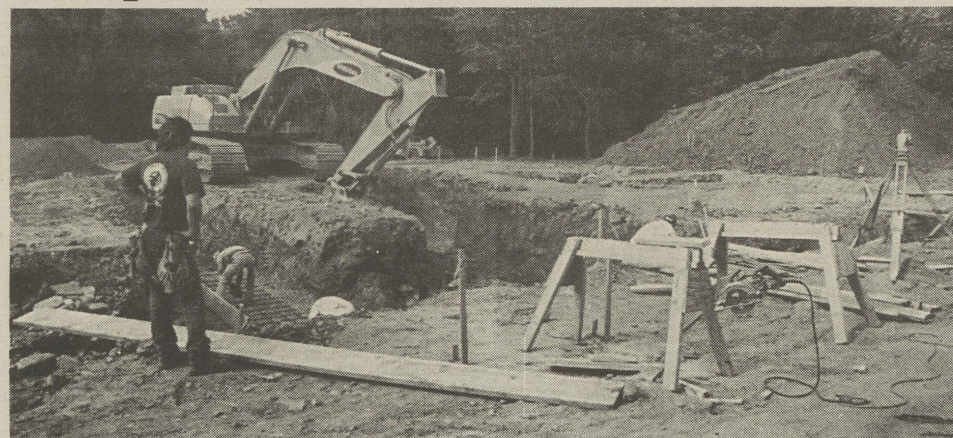
By this time, new students should have already gotten their I.D. cards, and by January the University hopes to have completed the rest of the

student body. If you are a new student and have not yet received your I.D. card, you should go to the business office located in room 114 of the main building.

For returning students, dates and times will be posted for obtaining a new I.D. A new I.D. is not necessary if you already have one, but having a Penn State I.D. card is extremely important because starting this semester you need it to take out books in the library.

Be the first on your block to get an authentic Penn State I.D. card, but you must act now!

Campus Construction Continues!!



Construction of the new technology center continues, funded in part by Operation Jump Start, Bell Atlantic PA and Boeing Helicopters.

Check Out LIAS

By Cynthia Moore

Are you lost when it comes to accessing information from computers? Well, why not attend a LIAS workshop in the library?

There are several workshops available from now until October 22. Be sure to sign up right up away at the front desk in the library, since the workshops are limited to fifteen people.

The term LIAS stands for Library Information Access Systems, and it serves as a great reference section to students interested in helping themselves gain information on a variety of subjects. Every computer on campus is programmed to access LIAS, including those computers in rooms 214 and 215 of the main building. Also, anyone with LIAS software may be connected from home.

Another feature of LIAS is The CAT, which is short for "catalogue". It contains all Penn State's library holdings at every campus. In addition, by typing "select" a student can access all information which is available on the WEB. Students can also find out the latest information about final exams.

Susan Ware, assistant librarian, runs the workshops. She encourages all students who are unfamiliar with the library's system to attend a workshop. She also added, "Students who are unable to attend the already designated workshops should speak with me about adding some at a more convenient time."