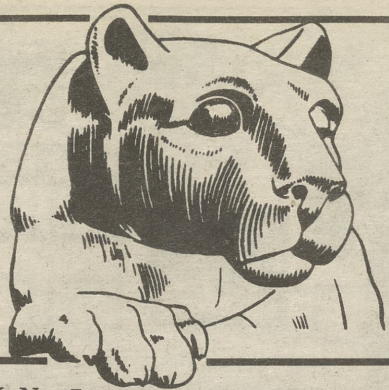


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## Accomplished Executive Named Commonwealth Dean

By Justin Hrebiniak

On November 17, University President Graham Spanier and the Board of Trustees named Dr. Joseph Strasser the new dean of the Commonwealth College.

Previously serving as CEO at the DuBois campus, Dr. Strasser will be visiting the Delaware County campus Thursday, December 11 as part of his plan to visit all 12 of the Commonwealth Campuses by the end of the semester. He will be speaking with students when visiting campus, as well as with faculty and staff.

Says Dr. Strasser of his new appointment: "I believe I am the first Dean of the CES or the Commonwealth College who has experience as a CEO at one of the campuses. I, therefore, understand the challenges associated with leading a campus. I am sure this background will allow me to make decisions and provide support that will benefit all of the campuses, including Delaware County. I will work very hard to help this college be all that it can be.

"I will also be taking a good look at student services to see what is reasonable to expect campuses to provide our students. I am very excited about leading this college and working together with faculty and staff to ensure we continue to provide a very high quality educational experience for our students".

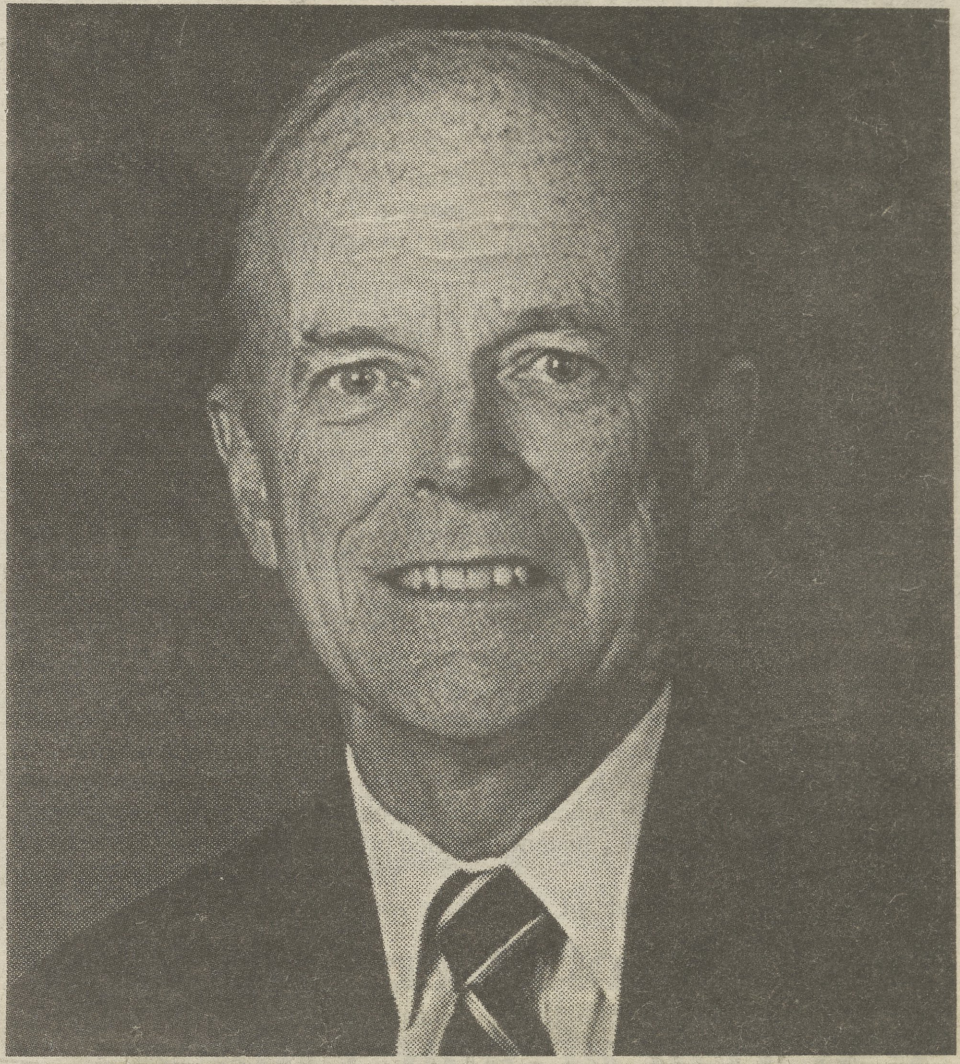
Dr. Ed Tomezsko, current Delco CEO agrees: "I believe that Dr. Strasser is best suited to lead our campuses into the next century for several reasons. He has excellent people skills,

he is open with information, and he listens to needs expressed by the faculty and students."

Dr. Strasser earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and two Masters degrees, one in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, as well as one in International Law and Diplomacy, again from the Fletcher School. Finally, his Ph.D. in Political Science was earned from the same school. His accomplishments educationally are noteworthy.

Dr. Mary Gergen, Division Head for Psychology, commented, "I've heard wonderful things about Dr. Strasser, his energy, his accomplishments, his willingness to listen. I am looking forward to seeing him. The people at DuBois are very happy, which is a gain for us. I am also intrigued by his research."

Dr. Strasser has contributed to the community by serving in the DuBois area school district, on the Business/Industry Council, as well as on the Board of Directors of the DuBois Regional Medical Center. Dr. Strasser also has published various articles, including "Roles of Naval Forces in Combat", and "The Long-Range Future of the Navy", during his long and distinguished career in the Navy.



Dr. Joseph Strasser, the new dean of the Commonwealth College.

## Spring Brings New Classes

By Paul Basilio

"I found myself very limited with the classes that I needed to take and the classes that I was able to schedule," said John Pelosi (1st Computer Engineering), echoing the problems many students face at scheduling time. To combat this problem, Delco has brought back a few popular classes for Spring '98 that were lacking in previous semesters.

"Performing Arts" (INART 005) introduces students to the music, dance, and theater of Africa. Topics include "tales told on talking drums, polyrhythmic dance and trance, and African popular music including Ghanaian highlife," according to the Spring 1998 Schedule of Courses.

"Masterpieces of Literature from Africa" (CM LIT 003) is an introduction to outstanding works of drama, cinema, fiction, and non-fiction from Egypt, Kenya, Tunisia, Nigeria,

Senegal, and South Africa. This class will include exhibits, guest speakers, and field trips.

Brand new classes for the new Business Degree have also been added. "Contemporary Skills for Business Professionals" (BA 321), "Corporation Finance" (FIN 301), "Principles of Marketing" (MKTG 301), "Management 297" (Special Topics), and "Retailing" (MKTG 327) offer Delco's business students a few more options to complete their degree.

While these additional classes offer more diversity, don't expect a great surge in the number of new classes being added. Ms. Joyce Rigby, Campus Registrar, explains. "We are limited with diversity because of our resources and the number of faculty we have. There is always an attempt to offer more diverse classes, but it depends on full time faculty strengths."

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## A Fond Farewell to Two of Delco's Finest

By JoAnne Johnson

Many people have contributed to the welfare of the Delaware County Campus throughout the years. Unfortunately, the campus will no longer be able to reap the benefits of two very prominent figures who devoted much time and energy to the campus. Diane Jankowski (former Director of Business Services and Information Technology) and Lynn Johnson (Director of Development) have recently left the campus, but not without having left their mark.

The position of Director of Business Services and Information Technology position will be temporarily left vacant for the next six months as other campus personnel assume the various responsibilities: business contracts and services (Jeff Wirth), human resources (Catherine Sullivan), computer technology and telephone systems (Jim Morgan), and construction and maintenance (Kerry Wareham).

Campus Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Ed Tomezsko, commented on

Jankowski's departure by saying, "Under Diane's leadership, the staff responsible for the Maintenance, Operation and Safety has strived to provide a high level of service and support to the faculty, staff and students at Penn State Delaware County. Be assured this effort will continue and any effects felt during this transition will be minimal. It is our goal to provide a pleasant and safe environment for the Campus community to teach, work and learn."

Former Director of Development, Lynn Johnson, will be assuming her new position of the Director of Development for the Commonwealth College, which will involve a move to University Park. The goal of her position is to work with Development and University Relations to raise \$41,000,000 between now and the year 2003.

Dr. Tomezsko commented on Johnson's performance at Delco by

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Lynn Johnson, former Delco Director of Development, has moved to State College to become Director of Development for the Commonwealth College. Photo by Lea Anne McGoldrick



Diane Jankowski, former Director of Business Services and Information Technology, is now working for a private accounting firm in Montgomery County. Photo by Mike Iezzi