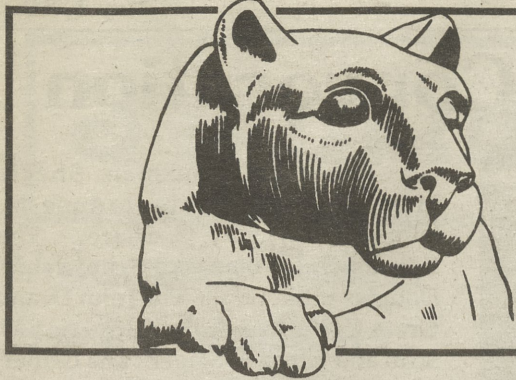


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Commencement To Honor 41 PSU Delco Grads

By Aimee Stone

The semester is ending and many of us await the long summer break to relax our minds and prepare for the fall semester. Others will be relaxing their minds while cleaning up their resumes and heading into the rat race. On May 14, at commencement ceremonies, forty-one lucky Delco students will obtain the object of their college career: an associate or baccalaureate degree from Penn State.

"I'm looking forward to graduating and moving away from the Philadelphia area," states English major, Cynthia Moore.

For the first time at the Delco campus, students will receive baccalaureate degrees from the new Urban Elementary and Childhood Education program, available only at Penn State's Delco Campus. Fourteen of the forty-one graduates who have finished the requirements for four-year programs will make history as they receive their diplomas.

In honor of this historic moment for the University, the speaker at graduation will be Dr. Rodney J. Reed, Dean of the College of Education.

Commencement will begin at 7:30p.m. in the Vairo Library.

Netmen End Tough Season

By Ed Blackburn

Penn State Delco's Men's Volleyball team has had a rough year. They've played against other Penn State campuses in five tournaments under Coach Matt Clark, a former PSU All-Conference soccer player, but have not won a single tournament yet.

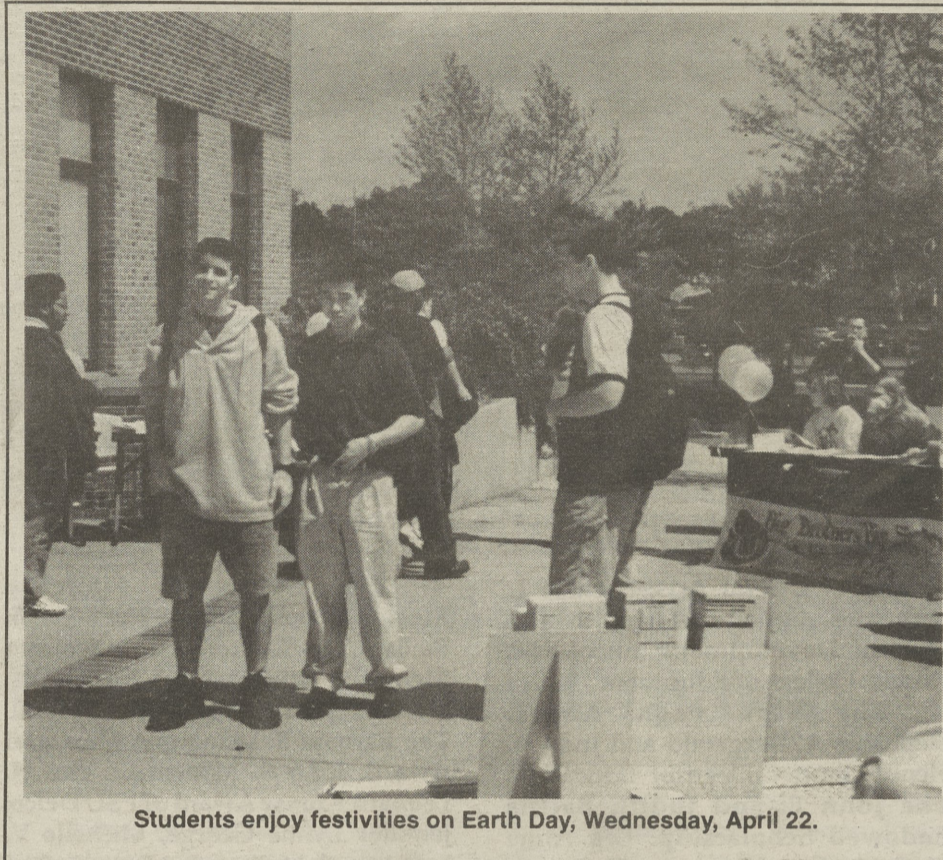
On the bright side, "They're wonderful men," says Athletic Director Tiz Griffith. "They're learning to play, and this is an activity they can play forever."

This team is also very young in comparison to the other campuses. "We only have two returning players (Rob McCoy and Scott Hoffman), so we're pretty young," explained Clark.

Nearly eighty percent of the players on the squad have never played competitive volleyball before. This can be dealt with, with practice, but Delco has a disadvantage. "Our problem is there are no High School teams around here to play. The other [campuses] have programs," said Clark. The only competitive practice these guys get is while playing in actual tournaments.

When asked to evaluate the youth of the squad, Clark replied, "The young players have picked up the game quickly, but they don't seem to want to do much work on their own. I'd like to see that change."

Next year, he predicted, "We could have a decent squad, but it depends on how many come back."



Students enjoy festivities on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22.

Top Teacher, Hanes Award Presented to Delco Faculty

By Kelly Holmes

This year's recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award is John Terrell, instructor of accounting. "It is an honor to be so recognized by those I am trying to serve," stated Mr. Terrell, who received the award at the Honors Convocation on Wednesday, April 15.

The recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award is chosen on the basis of a poll of present and former students. The focus is on faculty whose work has left a lasting impression. The students list both their first and second choice (second choices are used in the event of a tie).

Along with the Outstanding Teacher Award, the Madyln Hanes Award was given at the Honors Convocation to Ms. Sara Whildin,

Delaware County Campus's librarian. The award is named in honor of the former Director of Academic Affairs at Delco who is now Executive Officer and Assistant Dean of the Graduate School Penn State Great Valley. Dr. Hanes was a champion of faculty and helped to develop their talents as teachers, advisors, scholars, and providers of service to the University.

In honor of Dr. Hanes the faculty created a prize that recognizes a campus faculty member who has made outstanding contributions in teaching, research, or service. "I am delighted to receive the Hanes award," said Ms. Whildin, "I am honored that the faculty chose me from among the many worthy potential recipients of the first Hanes Award."



John Terrell receives the Outstanding Teacher Award from CEO Dr. Ed Tomezsko.

Ebrahimpour Honored For His Advising

By Ryan Boldosser

Dr. Arya Ebrahimpour, associate professor of engineering and Dean's representative for the College of Engineering, is the recipient of this year's PSES Outstanding Advising Award. Dr. Ebrahimpour received this award on Thursday, April 30th during a ceremony held at the Nittany Lion Inn at University Park.

"I'm very happy to have been nominated by George Franz (Delco Director of Academic Affairs) to receive this award," commented Dr. Ebrahimpour. He went on to express how much of an honor and a compliment it was to be nominated by his colleagues, students, and administrators. "Thanks to the students who wrote letters of support and to both Dr. Franz and Department head Wayne Hager who supported and followed me through this entire process."

This college-wide award is presented annually to full-time time faculty members who serve as a teacher and an advisor to students. Every nominee selected must demonstrate exceptional advisory service to students in and out of their area of study.

Dr. Ebrahimpour is respected by his students and has exceeded the expectations required of him as a professor. Some examples of the roles he plays as an advisor are conducting and preparing for campus advisory meetings, assisting students in choosing their courses and areas of study, and handling any problems or concerns that may arise in the course of a student's academic career.

Dr. Ebrahimpour was selected by a committee appointed by the Dean of Engineering. The committee was made up of three past award winners, two PSES Executive Board members, and the Associate Dean for Administration and Planning. A previous recipient of the 1996 Campus Outstanding Teacher Award, this was the second time in Dr. Ebrahimpour's eight years at Penn State Delco that he has been honored.

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