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Penn State Dedicates \$3.5 Million Building

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The Classroom Building was dedicated on Oct. 15, 1998. The dedication ceremony began at 4:00 p.m. It was held in the lounge of the Classroom Building.

The program began with the "Posting of the Colors" and the singing of the National Anthem.

Ernest L. Repice, class of '71, President, Penn State Delaware County Advisory Board, welcomed everyone.

Live via video-conferencing, Dr. Frank McMahon, American Studies Coordinator live from Thames Valley University, London, England, gave his "Greetings From Across the Pond." He called Penn State, Delaware County Campus, "a truly international environment." He went on further to say that our campus was "a symbol of success."

Dr. Strasser, Dean, Penn State Commonwealth College, and Dr. Edward S. J. Tomezsko, class of '62, Campus Executive Officer, Penn State Delaware County gave the remarks.

Strasser called Penn State, "a leader, in this campus, in technology, innovation, and in baccalaureate education."

In Tomezsko's speech, he declared the Classroom Building "a technological marvel." He went on further to say, "it is state-of-the-art." "I guarantee that you will get the best, that is, Penn State at its best," Tomezsko said.

State Senator Clarence D. Bell, (R-9) Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, gave the address. He stressed the importance of "international competition." He claimed that, "this building is dedicated to high-technology of our neighbors." "I want Penn State, Delaware County Campus, to make sure when Y2K arrives, we're ready," Bell said, "Learn to read, because when they can read, they can learn, and when

they can learn they can earn."

K. David Boyer, class of '73, President and Chief Executive Officer, Troy Systems, Inc., gave his greetings. "We are very fortunate, I am very fortunate, to be a product of this campus," Boyer said. He called the new building a "conduit of knowledge." He went on to say that, "Knowledge is power. If you have knowledge, you can command power, you have power." He claimed the Classroom Building, "emphasizes the total student." He declared the Classroom Building to be the, "Team Building." Finally, he said, "Today's students to be Tomorrow's leaders."

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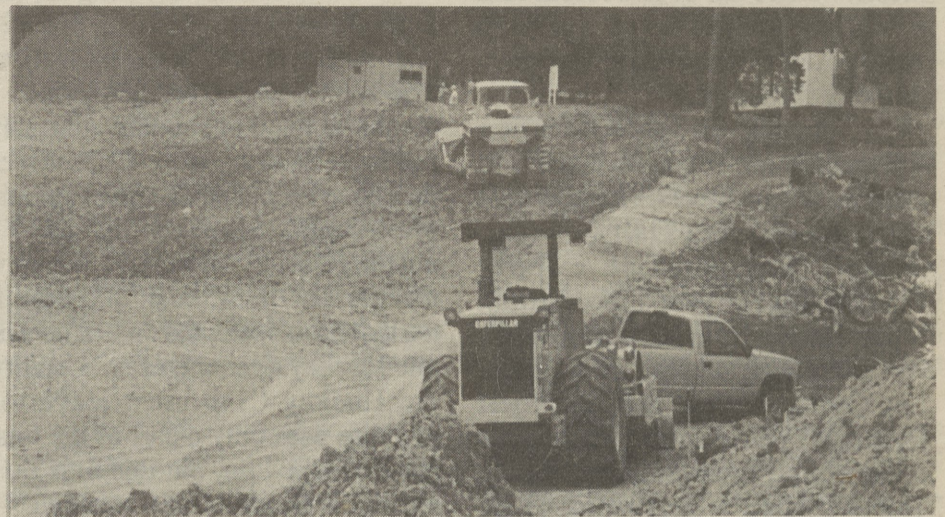
Acceptances were made by Kemba Vick, class of '95, -on behalf of the alumni, Dr. John Ousey, class of '68, -on behalf of the faculty, and, lastly, by Martin Ranelli-SGA president, on behalf of the student body.

The 23,000-square-foot building has six classrooms, including a 100-seat auditorium, three seminar rooms and offices. It houses additional 43 computers, increasing to 8.8 the ratio of student to computer. Among a host of other high-tech advances are wireless networking and connections for two-way live video, which permits students to see live demonstrations from remote sites.

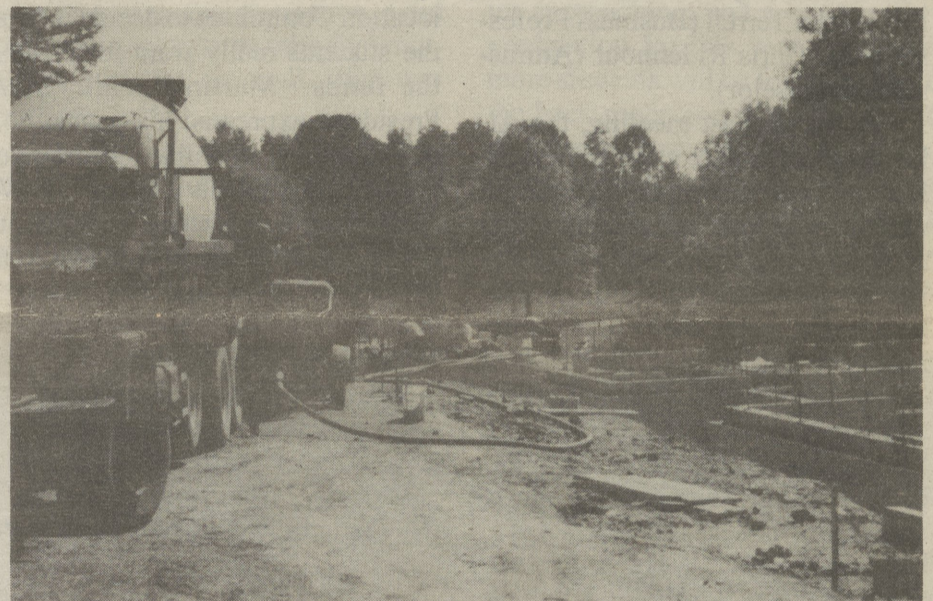
Dr. John Brighton, Executive Vice President and Provost, Penn State University live from University Park, gave his "Greetings From Old Main" live via video-conferencing. He called this a "milestone event."

The ribbon cutting was with Bell and Tomezsko. The dedication ceremony ended with the singing of the Alma Mater.

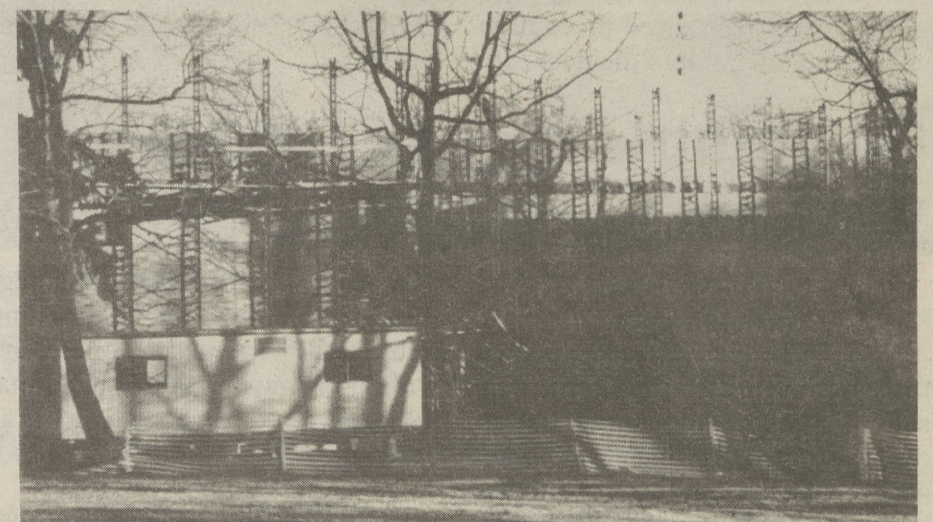
Photo Anthology of the New Classroom Building



Spring '98



Summer '98



Fall '98



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Some of the dignitaries who were present at the dedication ceremony.

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