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## PSU Delco under fire

### For the second time in a month, Delco receives a bomb threat

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Again for the second time in less than a month Penn State Delaware County was rocked by a bomb scare.

According to an official report done by Penn State Delco, a male called the admissions office between 9:20 a.m. and 9:22 a.m. on November 19 and said "There's a bomb."

This prompted the immediate evacuation of the entire campus due to the fact that the caller did not specify which building a bomb was placed.

No blame has been set as of yet, but there are many speculations among the students that it is the same student who had a test on both days.

Dr. Edward Tomesko, the campus executive officer, is not as quick to point a finger at any particular group. "I'm not even leaning on a student as a cause here. We have had four or five people leave the University recently who are angry with us. It could be one of them, but whoever it is I want him."

Both the state police and Penn State University are attempting to trace the call and bring the perpetrator to justice.

At Penn College in Williamsport a female student who called in two separate bomb threats was sentenced to two consecutive 4 month jail terms, five-hundred hours of community service, 8 years probation, and was expelled from the campus.

By 9:55 a.m. the staff of the center of academic computing had finished clearing out the four buildings on campus and at that time the building was ordered closed by Tomesko until 1:30 p.m. when they were originally set to resume classes.

At about 1:15 p.m. the state police on the scene informed the campus executives that the search would not be complete until around 5:00 p.m. that night.

Within the next few minutes the search finished and, to stop any confusion, a decision was made to have the staff report back to work at 2 p.m. and classes would resume at 5:00 p.m. like it was previously decided.

The day after the threat, Tomesko referred to the caller as just "some character deciding to spend your money."

The cost of closing the campus is approximated to be \$18,800 per hour. This figure was formulated by combining the cost of tuition, utilities, and salaries for the entire campus. Because this latest threat closed the campus for 8 hours it cost the University \$150,400 which is approximately 44 people's tuition for the semester.

An information hotline has been set up by the campus, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator. This hotline is completely confidential and can result in a \$2,000 reward if the tip leads to the conviction of the caller. The number is 610-892-1304 for an off campus phone and 304 from any on campus phone.



Photo courtesy of Ron Hill  
Students and faculty alike celebrate their diverse cultures during the welcoming flag ceremony at this year's multi-cultural food fest, which took place on Nov. 20.

## Multicultural Festival Brings Campus Together

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Hola, mis amigos! Bonjour! Aloha! Wassup! These are just a few of the various greetings heard in different cultures worldwide. Even though each greeting comes from a different part of the world, they all mean the same thing; hello! This small amount of diversity shows that our nationalities and ourselves are all special because they are all different and we are proud of it.

On Nov. 20, students and teachers from different cultures joined together to celebrate diversity at the Multicultural Festival. The event was located in the Classroom building lounge during common hour. It was organized by students Ivena John and Elvina Gbee, who both play an active part in PSU's multicultural club.

"The purpose of this event is to expose students to a wide variety of cultures," said John. Considering the massive turnout of students, the multicultural festival lived up to its purpose. Students were greeted by Student Life advisor Sharmon Bryant, who also had a hand in organizing the event.

After her brief introduction, students were able to sample foods from a diverse buffet. The various types of food included chili from Mexico, various types of rice and chicken from the Asian countries represented, pizza for the skeptical eater (and if they enjoy Italian food), and Irish potatoes for dessert. Mmmmmm. Irish potatoes.

After everyone took their food, there was a flag welcoming ceremony consisting of students and faculty from different nationalities. Each person who participated was given their country's flag and went up to the microphone to tell a little bit about their nationality. Some of the countries that were represented were China, Ireland, Britain, the



Photo courtesy of Ron Hill  
Faculty and students are shown enjoying many of the wonderful cultural dishes prepared for the event.

Philippines, Zambia, Liberia, Ghana, India, Puerto Rico, Tanzania, and the United States.

Along with learning something about fellow students, the facts were also quite interesting. Did you know that Filipino food is delicious? Or that not all Irish are drunks?

If you want to learn more about the diversity on this campus you should attend the multicultural festival next semester or go to a multicultural club meeting. You might even find out something interesting about your culture.

### Happy Holidays from the Lion's Eye

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