

# Eye On Campus

## A Discussion with the Dean

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"A college is principally determined by its full-time faculty." These wise words are none other than those of Dr. Paul J. deGatigno, Penn State Delaware County's new Dean of Academic Affairs. A man of great experience and knowledge, Dr. deGatigno believes that great teachers and a curriculum for broad education of humanities and sciences mark the excellence of our institution. He also believes that very few liberal arts schools can proceed without the pre-professional programs that we offer, which include Human Development Family Studies, Communications, and Business.

Furthermore, Dr. deGatigno believes that a small school like ours has a more intimate learning environment, which offers the perfect learning experience to train us all for the trials of University Park's requirements and tests. These academic rigors are not unfamiliar to this man, as he himself is a graduate of our own fair alma mater. Having received his doctorate at Penn State University in 1975, Dr. deGatigno has spent his career in liberal arts schools since 1976 filling positions as a professor, a chair of an English department, the chair of a Humanities division, and the dean of a school of arts and sciences before taking the position of our director of student affairs.

Although his focus in life has been in education, Dr. deGatigno has also served his nation as well as his community. He served in the United States army in both active service and as a reservist, commanding a joint service intelligence brigade before retiring from service after attaining the impressive rank of colonel. He believes that this experience has made him a better leader in both military and educational

spectrums and has allowed him to see that both the military and college are very stressful and demanding, calling for preparation in all aspects. His work in academic affairs includes serving the faculty, managing their work environment, providing resources to accomplish goals, and hiring well-credentialed staff.

Dr. deGatigno now resides in Granite Run with his wife, who works as a high school English teacher. He is a great supporter of student clubs and club sports, and he wants to be as involved as possible. "Clubs and organizations are all a valid and essential part of a student's education and their overall college experience," he says. He especially feels that a strong student newspaper gives a voice to student issues, serves as a laboratory for strong writers, and provides a great place to practice the journalistic craft.

When asked about future improvements to our fair campus, Dr. deGatigno was simply full of ideas, including adding new educational programs as well as advancing existing ones. This process would also include adding new certificates, which would attract new audiences. Even more ambitious ideas included the beginnings of plans for the addition of a residence hall on campus, increasing the student body to 2500, adding new club sports (and upgrading existing ones to the varsity level), and having our campus declared as an arboretum.

Completing his third month in service, the new Dean remarks that it has been a pleasure, and he remains enthusiastic and engaged in his position, looking forward to working with others to develop the school and campus. With this unwavering devotion to both the staff and student body on campus, Dr. Paul deGatigno truly lives up to his parting words of our interview: "It's not about me."

## GLOBAL WARMING KICKOFF

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Promoting a healthy, safe and ecologically friendly world is the topic of this year's One Campus, One Book lecture series, and on September 14, a group of professors in the college's science department presenting a very realistic view of the impact of global warming to our campus.

Dr. Timothy Lawlor began with a basic description of global warming. He explained the natural influence of Earth's global climate by the changing orbit. He discussed the fact that this wobbling effect changes the way the Sun hits the Earth and therefore will change the climate, but made it very clear that our current temperature changes are too drastic to be natural.

Dr. Michael Rosa, the resident chemist, spoke about the greenhouse effect and the increase of CO<sub>2</sub> in our environment. He explained that the controversy behind global warming, which is the cause and the solution, not its existence. He continued on to explain that global

warming is like a blanket trapping 12 gigatons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.

The third speaker, Dr. Elizabeth Dudkin, explained the politics of global warming and the lack of action being taken by the federal government. Political interference is the interference of scientific process or conclusions for political gain. The Bush Administration has gone as far as shutting websites down until the administrator's change the content.

The final speaker, Dr. Laura Guertin, discussed the existence of permafrost. Permafrost is ground that has been frozen for over two years and then begins to melt. The gas that was once trapped in the permafrost is released into the atmosphere. Dr. Guertin also related global warming to the audience by discussing the polar bears. Two thirds of the polar bear population will be gone by 2050 and polar bears are soon going to be put on the endangered species list.

There are easy steps that can be taken, even on this campus, to make our lives greener. Global Warming, as discussed, is not a problem to be solved for future generations because within the next two

### -UPCOMING- -CAMPUS EVENTS-

October 10 - Justin Kredible, 12:30pm  
TMZKO Classroom Lounge

October 11 - Halo 3 Tournament,  
307 Main, Engineering Club

- National Coming Out Day  
GSA, Common's lobby

October 12 - Alcohol Awareness Day  
: Happy Hour, 12:30pm,  
Lion's Den

October 15 - Ticket sale for Semi-formal  
Dance which will be November  
16th, Friday, 7-11pm, contact Pete  
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October 18 - Paraphrasing, Summarizing,  
and Quoting Workshop,  
320 Main, 11:30am

October 19 - MSA party, 203 TMZKO,  
4:30-7:00pm

October 20 - Penn State Day, 12-4pm,

October 23 - Javier Mendoza, 11:30am,  
Fireside Music Series,  
Lion's Den

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"We are thrilled to have partnered with the Edun LIVE management team in this joint effort of a socially positive business initiative," said Joel Friedman, vice president of general merchandising for Barnes & Noble College Booksellers.

The Edun LIVE clothing sold at campus bookstores will typically feature emblematic imprints of the school's logo or design. Student groups and associations interested in having their own logos and messages printed on Edun LIVE t-shirts can arrange for custom orders by contacting the bookstore's manager.

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decades the effects could be irreversible.

This semester, our campus, has taken this vast topic in an attempt to inform the whole school. The next school-organized event is the Green Film Fest on October 10, which will feature the movie *An Inconvenient Truth* in the Lion's Den from 4:00- 6:00 pm. Popcorn will be provided and a discussion will follow the film.

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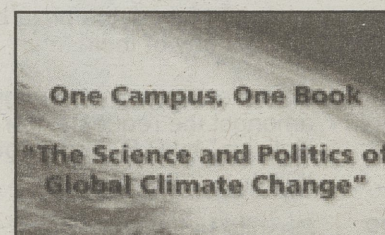


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