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PENN STATE DAY

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White lions lay in wait on the campus lawn. Nearby, children bounced on the moon bounce and tried their hand at extreme climbing. From the top of the hill, the smell of hot dogs and barbecued chicken wings filled the air. Music and laughter danced across The Commons, and the Nittany Lion made friends with young and old alike. Yes, this year's Penn State Day was a roaring hit.

On October 20, 2007, Penn State Delaware County held its annual PSU Day from 12 to 4pm for all alumni, students, prospective students, and families to attend a day of food, fun, music, crafts, games and Penn State pride. What made this PSU Day even better than previous ones was being able to hold the event outside – the weather was beautiful that day, perfect for any outdoor activity, and an event like PSU Day heavily relies on weather - good weather means more people attending.

"The past two years Penn State Day was inside so it really made a difference having it outside this year. Weather is the most important factor...attendance was much greater, a lot more people...it was wonderful," said Chris Coia, Associate Director for Student Affairs.

On the campus lawn were 100 unpainted lions waiting to be picked up by the artists that have volunteered to paint them for the "Paint a Lion" project. Another 20 of these lions are displayed in the Vairo Library in partnership with the "Lion Hearted Artists" art show, which is a collection of artwork done by the Lion-artists that is also being displayed in the library from October 20th to November 2nd. All proceeds for the Lion Project will go to the Penn State Delaware County Scholarship Fund.

There were many activities held at PSU Day that were for the younger group of attendees such as moon-bounces, an inflatable obstacle course, face painting sponsored by the Black Student League (BSL), bookmark-making sponsored by the SPSEA (Student Penn State Education Association), painting pumpkins, and even at 2:30pm there was children's music and stories with Penn State Alumni



The white lions displayed on the campus lawn
Photo courtesy of Kathy Dobash

Lauren Longbottom. The Nittany Lion was present, roaming about the campus grounds giving out hugs and "high-fives" throughout the day. Although these events were intended for children, it did not stop some of the young at heart from getting their faces painted, getting a temporary tattoo, or guessing how many candy corns were in a jar at the Lion Ambassador's booth.

Other activities set up during the day included computer games sponsored by the IST Club, video games and Lego's sponsored by the Engineering Club, photo-with-the-Nittany-Lion booth, 40-years-of-memories-booth with pictures of alumni and a white board for alumni to comment on, tattoos, and make-your-own-bumper-stickers booth. There was free food, courtesy of Delco's cafeteria, as well as Penn State creamery ice cream, popcorn, and grilled stickies thanks to the Blue and White Society. "The Lion Cooks Tonight" cookbooks were being sold for \$10 at PSU Day celebrating the 40th Anniversary, filled with countless recipes from appealing appetizers to delectable desserts.

In addition to the many activity booths that were assembled that day, there was live entertainment as well. The illusionist Jason Michaels practiced roving magic around noon and then did a live performance at 1pm, one of his

acts including escaping from a straight-jacket. Musicians Jr. and Sharon performed live music at 2:30pm with Sharon as lead vocals and Jr. on guitar. At noon the PSU vs. Illinois football game was showing in the Lion's Den and at 2pm the best-dressed-Penn-Stater contest was held.

For prospective students wanting to attend Penn State Delaware County, in the Tomezsko Building there were tables and booths set up providing upcoming students with information on the various degrees available at Penn State Delaware County such as Earth and Mineral Science, English, Education, Health and Human Development, Engineering, and International Studies majors, as well as financial and writing center information. There were also tours

of the campus given throughout the day by orientation leaders.

Overall, from the beautiful weather, great food, fun events to the unexpected turnout in attendance, Penn State Day transpired to be better than expected. A great deal of volunteering and work went into making this day possible with help from faculty, staff, and students.

"We did not have as much help as we would have liked...there were some glitches with the power...overall, it was exhausting but exhilarating," remarked Diane Shorter, Student Affairs Specialist, who was busy at the front table giving out wrist-bands to attendees. Dale Soring, Student Life Staff Assistant, who was also helping out at the front table, took note of how quickly the free giveaways diminished. "Lots of freebies...student planners, shoe bags, t-shirts...we were really busy," she said. "500 t-shirts were gone before two o'clock in the afternoon."

Having such positive results from this year's Penn State Day creates a brighter future for the next one. Miss it this year? Don't miss Penn State Day the next time it comes around because not only will you be left out of the fun and great food, you will be missing out on the pride and sense of community you get during this wonderful event. Show your pride!

From PSU Delaware County to PSU Brandywine

Special to the Lion's Eye

Penn State's Delaware County campus is now Penn State Brandywine. Approved Nov. 2 by the University's Board of Trustees, the name change is intended to strengthen the image of a high-quality campus and to distinguish the campus from other educational institutions in the Delaware County area. It also reflects the campus' increasing student enrollment from areas outside of Delaware County, including neighboring counties, Philadelphia, southern New Jersey and the state of Delaware.

"Since opening its doors 40 years ago to several hundred students in the immediate community, the campus has grown to approximately 1,700 students," said Penn State President Graham B. Spanier. "In recent years, the campus has shown a steadily rising increase in students from neighboring Chester County, the city of Philadelphia, parts of southern New Jersey and the state of Delaware. The change to Penn State Brandywine reflects its geographical region more accurately and avoids confusion with other local institutions that share the 'Delaware' name."

Penn State Brandywine Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska said the name change is a key component for the campus' continued success.

"We have distinguished ourselves over the years through our first-rate Penn State University programs and faculty,

our efforts to serve the community through teaching and public service, our cultural diversity, and much more.

As the campus moves forward into its next 40 years, we believe our new name—Penn State Brandywine—will reflect our increasingly regional appeal, and position us for a dynamic and exciting future," said Wisniewska.

Penn State Brandywine, which was founded in Chester and moved to its current location in 1970, offers baccalaureate degrees in 10 disciplines and provides the first two years of instruction for more than 160 academic programs at the University. It also offers associate degrees in three areas as well as several certificate programs.

Before reaching the University's Board of Trustees for consideration, the proposal for the new name was approved by a campus faculty and staff committee, the campus Advisory Board and Chancellor Wisniewska.

Together, Penn State Abington, Penn State Brandywine and Penn State Great Valley serve more than 6,000 students in the region.



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