Berks professor, 61, dies

By Zach Geiger COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

A Penn State Berks professor was killed Monday after suffering a heart attack while driving his

Richmond

Township. Paul Frye. 61, was a full-time lecturer of communication arts and sciences at Penn State Berks, Academic

Associate Dean Frye Affairs Paul Esqueda said. Frve taught at the Berks campus for five years and previously lectured part-time at the Berks and Lehigh Valley campuses.

Esqueda said. I think it's a huge loss for the campus and I think his colleagues and students are going to miss him a lot," he said.

A Vietnam War veteran. Frye also served in the Peace Corps before teaching at Penn State. Esqueda said. During his time at Penn State Berks, Frve advocated for diversity and hosted events like Dances of Universal Peace, he said.

consider ourselves a family, and we lost one of our own," said Susan Phillips Speece, chancellor of Penn State Berks.

The campus is planning different ways to celebrate Frye's life "peaceful spirit" after Thanksgiving break, Speece said. But the mood among faculty and staff on campus this week has been one of sadness as a result of the sudden loss, she said.

An e-mail was sent to Berks students and faculty Tuesday informing them of Frye's death, Esqueda said.

Frye's colleagues gathered to mourn his death and grief counselors were also present during his classes Wednesday to provide students with emotional guidance, Esqueda said.

"Judging by the outpour of grief and support, he was well-liked by faculty, staff and students, Esqueda said. "He was very kind. He used to bring flowers from his garden and give them out to stu-

prise to the Berks community, Esqueda said.

The crash occurred at 12:53 p.m. on Nov. 15 along U.S. Route

"At Penn State Berks we really 222 in Richmond Township, Berks County, the Fleetwood Police Department said.

Frye died after suffering a heart attack while driving southbound near the intersection of Farmer Drive. His vehicle crossed over the median and into the oncoming traffic lane and crashed into a telephone pole, police said.

Frye's vehicle was the only car involved in the crash and no one else was injured, police said.

Witnesses saw Frye "slumped over" in the vehicle prior to the crash and there were no skid marks or signs of the vehicle attempting to slow down, the Berks County Coroner's Office

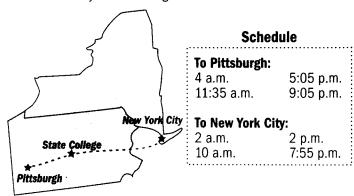
Frye graduated from Michigan State University in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in communication education and earned his Ph.D. in speech communication from the University of Denver in 1979, according to a Penn State Live press release.

Frye is survived by his son, Frye's death came as a sur- David Frye, who is a Penn State Berks alumnus, according to a Penn State Live press release.

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Megabus to increase service

Megabus will now have four daily departures from State College to New York City and Pittsburgh.



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Megabus adds four trips per day in routes

Megabus will increase its trips to Pittsburgh and New York City starting Dec. 15.

> By Nick Manella COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

In a quintessential college town, Megabus.com is seeking to win the hearts and wallets of Penn State students

The company, known for offering fares as low as \$1, recently announced an increase to four trips per day in its routes from State College to Pittsburgh and State College to New York City beginning on Dec. 15.

There's been an overwhelming demand for service in State College," said Dale Moser, president and chief operating officer of Coach USA/Megabus.com. "Our business model allows us to expand to whatever city is showing the highest demand, and right now State College is definitely up there.

Megabus.com is popular among students for its low fares and amenities including free Wifi. eco-friendly buses and power outlets available at every seat.

Students who have used Megabus.com in the past say they are looking forward to the upcoming expansion.

"I like it," said Taylor Balch (sophomore-computer science), who lives outside Philadelphia. "I

stuff like free Wi-fi, especially not for that cheap.

Moser said all features the buses are known for will remain intact as the company increases its routes.

'Our goal is for you not to worry about transportation," he said. "We want you to be thinking about what you're going to do when you get to your destination, not how you're going to get there. or dreading the ride.

The company also announced it will give away 10,000 free tickets in promotion of increased routes across the Midwest and eastern Unites States.

Though the increased routes don't begin until next month, the move is already winning over potential customers.

"I've never been on one, but it sounds like it's one of the nicer buses around." Jon Daniels (sophomore-civil engineering)

Moser said additional trips would be added if necessary in response to more demand in the area.

Currently Megabus.com offers service from State College to Camden, N.J., Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and New York City.

Buses depart from the Wal-Mart parking lot at 1665 N. Atherton St.

Tickets for the new trips are immediately available for pur-

haven't found another bus with To e-mail reporter: nwm5070@psu.edu

PSU pushes to beat MSU in drive

By Paul McMullen COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State is trailing in a close race to win the Penn State-Michigan State Blood Donor Challenge, which will hold its last drive today from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the Paul Robeson Cultural Center's Heritage Hall.

As of midday Wednesday. Michigan State had 1.561 units of blood and Penn State had 1.431 units of blood.

Though the victory remains within reach, it has been at least five years since Penn State has found itself in a deficit going into the last full day of donation, said Wendi Keeler, a donor resources field representative for the Red

She said Penn State is in the hole because of its inability to meet daily donor goals something Michigan State is having no problem doing during the 17th installment of the event. MSU has been able to acquire 99 per-

cent of its daily goal, whereas PSU has averaged about 98 percent of the goal, she said.

"It is important for people to know they can donate more than once a year." Keeler said. "This race is coming down to the wire. and we are going to need a big turnout on our last day if we are going to have a chance at win-

Donor Ally Chialastri (seniorsecondary education) said students should participate in the event not just to propel the university to its fifth straight victory. but because they never know when they could be in need. Students or someone close to them could be in a position where they need blood, and they should consider this an opportunity to pay it forward, Chialastri said.

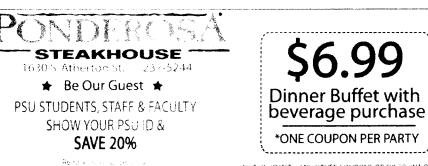
"It's nice to see that people are coming out and helping a good cause," she said. "All of the blood will be going to a good place, and it's cool there is added incentive to beat a long-time Big Ten rival."

Winning the race is a goal of the blood drive coordinators and university officials, but they said helping the community during a time of the year in which blood is in short supply is every bit as important.

Penn State's tradition of public service extends to its students. faculty and staff supporting others during times of need." Penn State President Graham Spanier said in a news release. donation to the American Red Cross is no exception.

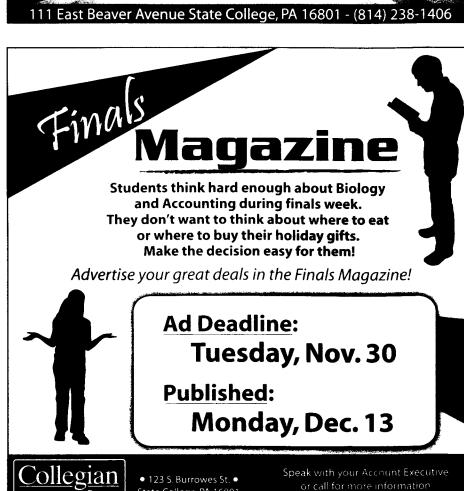
Those who wish to donate are encouraged to come by the desk early and set up an afternoon appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. From start to finish, the entire process can take anywhere from an hour to two hours. Keeler said. To have a good chance at winning the drive and meeting their goals, Keeler said roughly 300 donors need to come to the drive today.

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