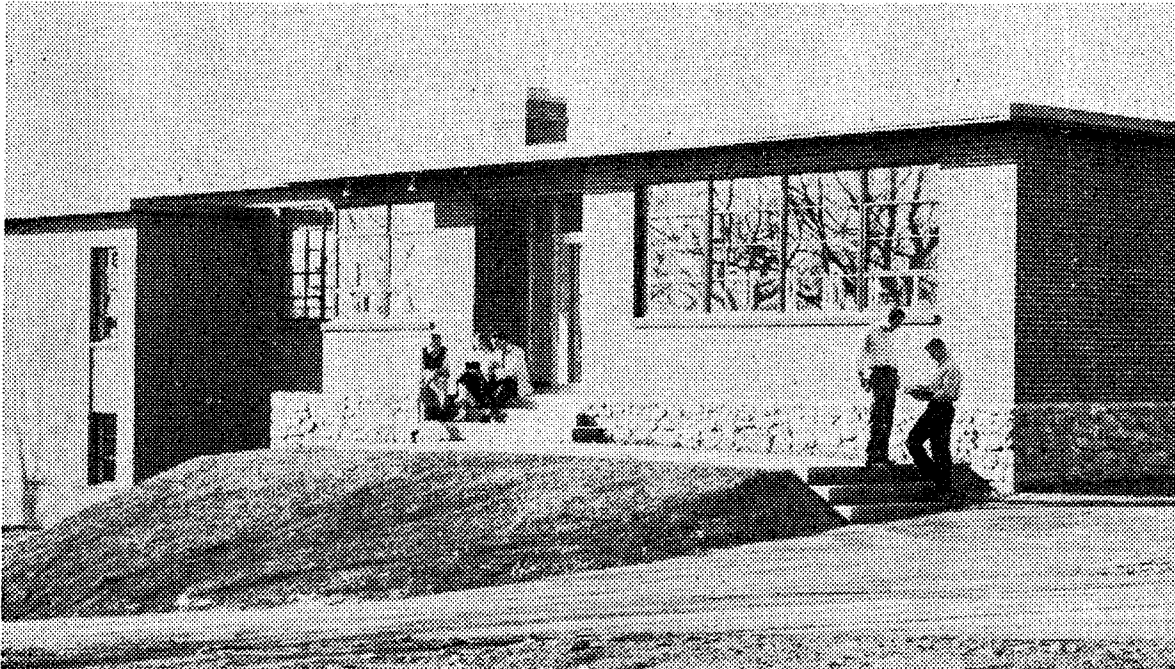


## Hazleton Campus Observes Its 25th Year



NEW STUDENT UNION BUILDING added to Highacres Campus.

### FRANK C. KOSTOS NAMED DIRECTOR OF LOCAL CAMPUS

Appointment of Frank C. Kostos as director of the Hazleton Campus of the Pennsylvania State University was announced recently at University Park by President Eric A. Walker. (Until this appointment, Kostos was administrative head of the local campus, a title which no longer will be used.)

President Walker represented the appointment which became effective April 29, 1959, as the first step in an organizational change designed to bring the academic and financial operations of the University's fourteen urban area centers into closer alignment with the University Park campus.

#### Personal Representative

In his new position, Kostos will serve as Walker's personal representative in this area, will be responsible for administering the affairs of the University on the Hazleton Campus, and will pursue these objectives in consultation with his Advisory Board, the academic deans and general officers of the University.

"It is our wish, through this reorganization," Walker said, "to place in the hands of the director of each campus many of the responsibilities normally assigned to a college president or dean, and to develop through him a two-year community college capable of bringing to the area served by the Campus all the advantages of the State University."

The president was warm in his praise of the new appointee who has served the Hazleton Campus as administrative head since 1954.

Earlier, President Walker announced the appointment of Kenneth L. Holderman as coordinator of the University's state-wide System of Commonwealth Campuses. (The Hazleton Campus will be part of this system and no longer will be an extension of the University.) Holderman will serve as the liaison between Walker, the directors and the administrative officers of the university.

Kostos joined the Hazleton Center in 1945 as an instructor in engineering. Two years later he was moved up to administrative assistant, and five years ago became administrative head when Merle E. Campbell transferred to the main campus in charge of Division of Center Administration.

After receiving his master of science degree in 1939 from Bucknell University, where he also earned his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering, Kostos worked in industry before entering the teaching field. He taught at Mt. Carmel High School, Wilmington, Del., Brown Vocational High School and Valley Forge Military Academy before coming to Penn State.

Civically, the new director is actively serving as secretary of the

West Hazleton Lions, treasurer of the newly formed Council of Civic Clubs of Hazleton, and vice president of the Tri-County Principals' Association.



MR. FRANK KOSTOS

### HIGHACRES VERSATILE FACULTY ARE ACTIVE IN MANY FIELDS

Highacres can boast of a versatile faculty who are active professionally in their own fields of teaching as well as in other subjects.

James Steel, Assistant Professor of Botany, is well-informed in Egyptology and also on railroads. In addition, he is an authority in music. Recently, he gave a concert of recordings, featuring unusual works by modern European composers. He sometimes composes.

John Barnes, Engineering Instructor, is a professional artist also.

George Nelson, Assistant Professor of Engineering, is a practicing architectural engineer and consultant in blasting effects. In this latter capacity, he is called as an expert witness in court cases all over the country.

Andrew Kafka, Assistant Professor of English, has been appointed to the State English Committee of the Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg. As chairman of the subcommittee on College Preparatory English, he attends occasional meetings in Harrisburg to assist in the Committee's work in reexamining the English curriculum in the public schools.

Gordon Wilcox, English and Speech Instructor, is an authority on music as well. He recently lectured on contemporary American composers. He is also a composer in his own right.

Richard Mattern, Associate Professor of Chemistry, has been awarded a Fellowship for College Chemistry Teachers by the Na-

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### Highacres Campus Alumni Association Formed

For some time, there has been considerable interest in establishing an alumni association to serve the students of Highacres Campus. Special interest was shown by the graduates and students of the Associate Degree Program, among others. Recently, a student-faculty committee was formed to promote such an organization for all past and present students, regardless of their curriculum.

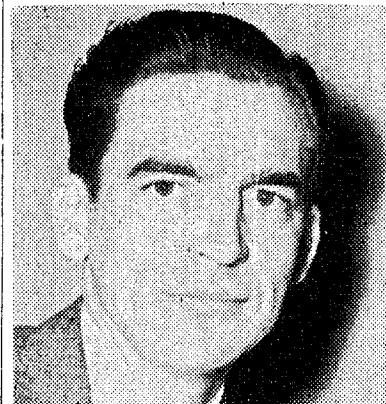
It was learned that students who have studied at the Hazleton Campus are enthusiastic about this development. Some of them are working nearby; others are in remote parts of the United States. Whether near or far, for them Highacres persists in being memorable; their feelings reflect the loyalty and sentiments that are associated with one's Alma Mater. They look back to their friendships and experiences gained here during their early formative college years, be it in the terminal Associate Degree curriculum or the Baccalaureate. They continue to be interested in Highacres.

While many come to visit in person, or learn of Highacres news from their friends, others cannot do this. Thus, the Alumni Association is going to publish a Newsletter periodically so that they can follow the developments here.

A number of successful organizational meetings have been held at which William E. Kahler, class of 1956, was elected president of the Alumni Association, and Joseph S. Yemola, class of 1958, and William Mace, class of 1959, were elected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

The first big social reunion to be held by the Association will be a catered banquet on Memorial Day, May 30, at 6:30 p. m. in the Student Union Building at Highacres. The speaker will be Professor Merle E. Campbell who is Dean of Student Affairs of the Commonwealth Campuses of the Pennsylvania State University, and who was administrative head of the Hazleton Campus from 1951 to 1954. All present and past students are cordially invited.

William Mace, treasurer, will collect your donations, \$2.50 to cover the cost of the banquet.



Professor Merle E. Campbell

### PSU'S First Undergraduate Center Originated As Four Borrowed Rooms In 1934 — Just 25 Years Ago

For the part twenty-five years The Pennsylvania State University's Hazleton Campus has served to meet the educational and cultural needs of Hazleton and its surrounding area.

This hilltop campus, whose fresh mountain air stimulates and invigorates the minds and bodies of its students, has a beautiful landscape. Its charm consists of a command of the picturesque Conyngham Valley with an exquisite panorama of trees, of patchwork fields, and of luxuriant foliage that attracts the eyes of many spectators and tourists.

Formerly the private estate of Alvan Markle, Sr., Highacres, as the campus is known locally, was purchased in 1948 and occupied in 1949. There are six buildings on the campus: the old library building, the main building, South Hall, the old recreation building, and the new \$100,000 student union building.

This efficiently organized campus, now a permanent community institution, originated as four borrowed rooms in the Markle Bank Building in 1934. Hazleton was the first community of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to apply for and succeed in establishing an Undergraduate Center of The Pennsylvania State University. The center, in June of 1937, moved to the Broad Street School made available by the Hazleton City School Board. To cope with the post-war rush of veterans and other students, the Walnut Street School was added to the Broad Street facilities in 1944. In 1948 because of a rise in student enrollment, Highacres was purchased and converted into a Campus.

The first administrative head of the Hazleton Center was Robert Eiche, now head of the Altoona Center. His successor in 1939 was

Coleman Herpel. The late Amos A. Goss served from 1943 to 1951. Merle E. Campbell, currently in charge of the Division of Administration, preceded the present head, Frank C. Kostos. Kostos was promoted from assistant head in 1954.

In addition to offering one to two years work in all but three of the university's 61 curricula, the Hazleton Campus offers the Associate Degree programs in Drafting and Design Technology, and Electrical Technology. It also offers one in Medical Technology.

It is fitting that as the Hazleton Center prepared to look forward to the celebration of its Silver Anniversary it should be officially designated in 1958 by action of the Board of Trustees of the University as the Hazleton Campus. In the words of an editorial in the Hazleton Standard Sentinel, written on the occasion of the Student Union Building dedication and interpreting this change of status: "It is a practical expression of the faith of university officials in the future of this city and its environs. Men of vision are, in effect, saying to us: We find your past efforts for higher education good, and we know we can depend on you in the future."

### PRESIDENT WALKER SENDS BEST WISHES TO HIGHACRES

Calls Campuses Important  
Academic Outposts



President Eric A. Walker looks upon the Pennsylvania State University's two-year campuses as "important academic outposts of the University's total educational program" which the Commonwealth might profitably utilize to "erect a collegiate system for meeting its future educational needs."

He so envisioned the role of the University's newly-integrated System of Commonwealth Campuses, the Hazleton Campus included, at a dinner May 14, 1959, attended by representatives from each of the University's 14 campuses and centers.

Representing the Hazleton Campus were Frank C. Kostos, who directs the Hazleton operation, and Roland E. Edmunds, president of the Hazleton Advisory Board.

"Under the new policy," President Walker explained, "the authority and responsibility of the director will be broadened and deepened so that he might serve essentially in the same capacity as the dean of a college. This means,

among other things, that he will have closer ties and more direct lines of communication with the administrative officers at University Park, and that he will be given increased authority for the academic performance of the faculty under his administration."

The President pointed out that Continuing Education services will still be available throughout the State as well as at the several campuses and centers, and he represented this as significant since few junior colleges in other states have been able to provide this service because they lacked the faculty, the facilities, and the orientation for them.

Turning to the financial aspects of anticipated expansion, he said each community will be expected, to the extent considered possible, to subscribe to the costs of a University-approved site, construction of the physical plant, and major repairs. Operational expenses, he added, will be met with University funds allocated on the basis of a policy that applies uniformly to all off-campus units.

Of advisory boards, he said simply that an attempt will be made to "regularize" the composition, the basic responsibilities and authorities, and the channels of communication of these boards in order that each might make its maximum contribution to the growth and development of the System of Commonwealth Campuses.

### CONGRATULATIONS, HIGHACRES, FROM OUR CAMPUS STAFF

The Staff of the Hazleton Campus wishes to extend their congratulations to Highacres on its Silver Anniversary. The Staff includes secretaries, Miss Ruth Donar, and Mrs. Vivian Enama; custodians, Mr. John Coyne, Mr. Burgess Faux, and Mr. Harold Michael; Manager of the Student Union Building, Mr. Francis McGurgan; Mr. Tucker, and Mrs. Seely.