



SPACIOUS LUNCH ROOM in the new \$100,000 Student Union Building at Highacres, showing peak activity during the lunch hour.

## STUDENT UNION BUILDING HUB OF HIGHACRES ACTIVITIES

A long-awaited improvement at the Hazleton Campus was made in the summer of 1958 when construction of a student union building was begun. This building was linked to the chain of progress being made at our campus when it was formally dedicated in November of 1958.

A movement to get a new building originated a few years ago by students who circulated petitions, urging that action be taken to provide quarters for student activities. The petitions passed through the hands of the students and the administration several times over a period of about three years before they were finally recognized by the University's Board of Trustees, who, after a request by the Highacres' Student Government Association, approved a plan for the structure by an assessment on each student attending the local campus.

The recommendation for the new building was then passed on to the Hazleton Educational Council, an advisory group to the Campus, who later arranged financing through the Hazleton National Bank. During the past year, action was taken and the project was underway.

The building, built of brick, stone, and wood with a steel frame, is of split-level construction. A wide expanse of glass provides a pleasant view of the Conyngham valley.

The recreation-dining area on the main floor is 72 feet long and 40 feet wide with an asphalt tile floor. Movable tables and chairs make it possible to adapt this area for a variety of uses, including student dances, movies, plays, and concerts. Also on the main floor are the service area and kitchen, the office of Mr. Francis McGurgan, manager of the SUB, the book store, and two auxiliary rooms.

The ground floor contains a stu-

dent lounge, rest rooms for men and women, the boiler room and the coal room. Another incomplete area can be adapted for use as a game room or for several rooms of varied purposes.

## COLLEGE ARTS SOCIETY ACTIVE

Prominent in the cultural roles played by the Hazleton Campus in the community is the College Arts Society which was founded in 1951. The purpose of this organization is to bring to the study body outstanding films, both foreign and domestic which the students have probably not seen. During the 1958-59 series more than 300 persons took advantage of these outstanding films.

In the spring of 1958, the College Arts Society and the Hazleton Art League co-sponsored an exhibit of paintings by Penn State artists, many of whom are on the art staff at University Park. This is just one example of the things which the College Arts Society has done to bring culture to the student body and to Hazleton as a whole.

For the future, the College Arts Society has plans for expanding its activities. The society has requested funds to sponsor some kind of artistic recitals such as a singer or a pianist which would take place next year. Money has also been requested in order to hold a lecture series by prominent people from such places as University Park. These lectures would be on subjects related to the liberal arts and would aid the students in their classwork and would give them greater depth and perspective.

The College Arts Society, which is advised by Mr. A. Gordon Wilcox, reorganizes at the beginning of each semester. The funds for this society are provided by the Student Government Association.

## Professor James Steel Relates Story of Past Social Activity At Highacres — "The Mummy Club"

As the Hazleton Campus celebrates its Silver Anniversary this year, it is natural that some fond memories of Highacres should recur to faculty. One particular social activity which once captured the imagination of former students has been kindly related to the Collegian staff.

It is a little-known fact among students now attending Highacres that approximately seven years ago the Egyptian Empire was breathing its last at the Hazleton Campus. Coming to a close was the long and happy reign of the Third Dynasty, when the Pharaohs ruled, wielding the most absolute and unquestioned power. Confused?

The true story is that in the hey-day of the Broad Street Center, and continuing when the Center moved to Highacres, there was a unique society at Penn State, known as "The Mummy Club." Here is how it started.

One spring day, while in class looking at the usual assortment of vacant faces showing spring-fever, an exasperated professor (little

realizing what he was starting) cried, "Let's not sit here like a group of Egyptian mummies!" Thus, the club was born. Its formal name was "The Amateur Egyptological Society," and its main purpose was to study ancient Egyptian life, lore, etc. Professor James Steel of Highacres' faculty had just returned full of enthusiasm from a visit to a museum which featured Egyptian relics, and he was invited to sponsor the club. Under his direction, the club grew, and its members absorbed ancient Egyptian culture.

According to the left-over scrapbooks, the meetings were something to behold. They were presided over by a Pharaoh, ably assisted by a couple of Grand Viziers and a Scribe, and attended by mummies. (What else?)

Besides the countless possibilities for good fun and puns, the study of ancient Egyptian life (pyramids, pharaohs, hieroglyphics, etc.) was a worthwhile hobby for all.

Students, shall we get the "Mummy Club" out of wraps for next term?

## R.O.T.C. PROGRAM AT HIGHACRES TO BE DISCONTINUED

In spite of the efforts on the part of the Hazleton Education Council and at least one veterans' organization, the ROTC program at the Altoona and Hazleton centers will be discontinued, effective July 1.

The reasons for this movement were disclosed by University President Eric A. Walker, who stated that the Air Force had requested the closing of the ROTC program at Hazleton because "for economic and educational reasons."

Col. G. B. Hieby, Jr., professor and head of the department of air science at the University, verified these reasons. He noted that of 300 cadets who had been trained on the Hazleton Campus during the last three years, only three had enrolled for the advanced program. About the same report was given of the Altoona Campus.

In opposition to this action, stands Roland Edmunds, Chairman of the Hazleton Education Council, who said that the end of the reserve officers training program at the local campus would be a "blow to our community."

Drake-Wear VFW Post 589 is strongly opposing the move to remove the corps.

It is felt, VFW officials said, that students will be deprived of privileges offered by the training which in the past has equipped hundreds of officers with preliminary schooling for duties in the U. S. Air Force.

The discontinuance of the ROTC program will mean the recall and reassignment of Major Mark Richardson, who, in the opinion of the Collegian staff and others, has done a fine job this year.

## Greetings From Our Assistant Administrator



Mr. William Schneider

Everyone at Highacres knows Mr. William Schneider, the Assistant Administrator at Highacres. However, does everyone know that he is a District Representative of the Pennsylvania State University who helps organize academic courses around Greater Hazleton that covers the Danville-Bloomsburg-Berwick-Weatherly Area?

For example, this year a number of formal and informal extension activities under Mr. Schneider's leadership gave training and pleasure to approximately 413 adults in twelve programs which emanated from the Highacres Campus. For example, there is the Great Literature Course now in its ninth year.

One-day Workshops and Conferences are also held — namely, the annual Journalism Workshops for high school newspaper staffs, the Labor Workshop in economics for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, the One-Evening Workshop for high school English teachers, and the One-Evening Workshop for high school Mathematics teachers.

Comments on Silver Anniversary Upon being asked to comment on the occasion of Highacres' Silver Anniversary, Mr. Schneider released this statement:

The formative years of Penn State in Hazleton included a few offices converted to classrooms in the former Markle Bank Building, supplemented by a borrowed chemistry laboratory from the Hazleton School District.

When comparing these 1934 facilities with the present 1959 Hazleton Campus, complete with a new Student Union Building, one can visualize the future of Highacres in the next 25 years if the same degree of progress continues. All that is required to make it so is the continued enthusiastic interest, contribution and loyalty from each and every person in the area who had, has, and will have the slightest association with a growing Penn State in Hazleton.

## Health Department Also Celebrates Silver Anniversary

That the Health Department is truly an interesting part of the Hazleton Campus is the opinion of every student at Highacres — whether he has ever made use of its facilities or not. The very fact that such a department exists and that a nurse is always present when needed has proved its worth many times over to ill and well students alike.

The Health Department has functioned since the Hazleton Campus was founded in 1931. But its duties have not always been just with the sick. For example, in 1953, the cottage in which the Health Department was located at that time became the student recreation building. Thus the nurse became co-ordinator of recreation as well as health.

September 4, 1952 marks the date that Mrs. Arthur Kostenbauder (Mrs. K., as she is fondly called by all) came to Pennsylvania State University at Hazleton as health nurse, during the administration of Mr. Merle Campbell, Miss Florence Yannes, her predecessor, had left the Center to pursue "hospital nursing."

Among Mrs. K.'s varied duties as Highacres' nurse is the paramount one of keeping the students informed about the best way to live, associate, congregate, and maintain the highest standards of health on the campus. She passes her valued information on these subjects through an annual health lecture given to incoming freshmen during Orientation Week, through the Highacres Collegian, and through conversation with individual students.

Mrs. K. has stated that the greatest happiness she has enjoyed while at Highacres was the rare opportunities so many students gave to her in helping them channel their decisions—not only pertaining to health or recreation, but decisions pertaining to the personal problems that they found themselves confronted with during their college life. She further states this: "I have had seven years of the richest experience of my life here at Hazleton Campus and I consider it a golden opportunity for service to youth."

Mrs. Kostenbauder, a registered nurse, was graduated in 1919 from the Ashland State Hospital. She has held such positions as supervisor and directress of nurses in the Ashland State Hospital, and as school nurse in West Hazleton High School; she has done private duty nursing in Hazleton, and has received the high honor of being voted into The College of Physicians Directory for Nurses, which is an honorary society for nurses in Philadelphia.

Civically, Mrs. K. has been president for two terms of the Federation of Women's Clubs in Hazleton, and of the PSU Center Auxiliary of the Hazleton Campus. She also served as vice-president of the Luzerne County Federation of Women's Clubs in Wilkes-Barre for eight years. In addition she has been the county chairman for UNICEF, a member of the Board of Directors of the YWCA (and recently appointed first vice-president), a member of the State Hospital Auxiliary, an instructor for Home Nursing and Nurses Aid for the Red Cross, and she has also worked with the Blood Donor Pro-



MRS. KOSTENBAUDER

gram since its inception in Hazleton.

Mrs. Kostenbauder is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hazleton and is married to Arthur Kostenbauder, an engineer for the Jeddo Highland Coal Co. She is the mother of two children: Mrs. George Tibbens of Washington, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. LeRoy Hinkel of Hazleton.

The Highacres Health Department is under the direction of Dr. Herbert Glenn, who is in charge of the Main Campus Health Department.

## HIGHACRES TO HAVE TWO SUMMER SESSIONS AGAIN

Each Will Run For Six Weeks

Beginning May 25, 1959, registration will begin for two summer sessions at Highacres Campus: First six-weeks session: June 8 through July 17. Second six weeks session: July 20 through Aug. 28.

One-half fees are payable at registration; remainder payable when classes begin.

The following subjects have been proposed: (All classes meet every day Monday through Friday)

### First Six-Weeks

English Literature 2 — Great Books of American Literature (3 credits).

History 21 — History of the United States Since 1865 (3 credits).

Math. 42 — Differential Calculus (4 credits).

Political Science 3—Government and Politics in Modern Society (3 credits).

Speech 200—Effective Speech (3 credits).

### Second Six Weeks

English 0—Elements of Composition.

English 1 — Composition and Rhetoric (3 credits).

Math 2—Algebra (3 credits).

Math 6—Plane Trigonometry (3 credits).

Physics 235—General Physics (5 credits).

For all information concerning these courses, see Mr. William Schneider in the Highacres Campus main office.

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