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Editorially Speaking

Unlike most of the editorials you have read, this one is not intended to condemn; rather, it is intended to report a condition that exists in our school. We do not believe that this condition is a good one, but we are not going to call it a bad one, either. It concerns the general nature of the student body of this year. We are merely reporting it to you because we feel that, if you become aware of it, you will form some of your own opinions on it and perhaps do something about it.

During the last term at the Hazleton Campus, a number of programs were presented for the benefit of students here. The programs varied in form from dances to lectures. We might learn a great deal about the temper of our students by briefly reviewing the general pattern of attendance at these programs.

We are very pleased to report that the number of students attending our dances and other forms light entertainment has increased a great deal from last year. Those of you who were at "Las Vegas Nite" saw convincing evidence of this. We think it is very encouraging to see that our students are finally taking advantage of these forms of diversion which the school provides for them.

However, those of us who attend some of the programs of a more serious nature found the attendance conspicuously small; and those of us who are sophomores can tell you it was very much less than it was a year ago. When Congressman Flood was here, for example, (as we were reminded by our anonymous letter in the last issue,) he was welcomed by only about 15 of our 280 students. This we find to be very discouraging, for these programs, we believe, provided, not only real entertainment, but valuable educational experiences as well.

What we have seen here is that, compared to the student of last year at least, the student of this year seems more interested in the frills of college life than in what we feel are its real values. He seems more intent on having a good time than in taking advantage of all the opportunities for education that a university A university education does not begin and end in the classroom; rather, it is found to be inexorably connected with all phases of university life. Our business

as students is supposed to be education. Are we really accomplishing this business without taking advantage of every educational opportunity?

What then is the cause of this ostensible lack of interest? We will not attempt to answer this question here; we will leave it to you to answer for yourselves. The students of this year seem to have a less serious and, we think, a less mature attitude than students of last year. It is said, however, that the college student matures during his freshman year. Perhaps all that is needed is a little more time.

THE EDITORS

Square Dance Held By Circle "K"

On Friday, February 2, 1962, the Circle "K" Club of Highacres sponsored a round and square dance at the H.U.B. Cafeteria. Music for the Affair was provided by Walt Kresge and his orchestra. Dancing lasted from 9 o'clock to 12 o'clock.

In attendance were student nurses from a number of Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton area hospitals.

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persons as these: Mr. Kostos, director of the Hazleton Campus, Mr. Schneider, assistant director, Mrs. Bodenstein, Mr. Zerbe, Mr. Escher, Rich, Bertolini, Miss Garbrick, the society's adviser, Mr. Epler, Al Tencza, Les Bogart, and many others.

The officers of the club are as follows:

President Richard Bertolini
Vice-President Dick Adami
Secretary Loren Bittner
Treasurer Leslie Bogart

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Every democracy is based on free elections. The secret, free ballot is looked upon in every country of the world as the symbol of liberty. In the United States, the free election is used by nearly every type of organization—from the government of a large corporation to the P. T. A. in the local school.

The Highacre's Student Government Association is also based upon free election. It is supposedly democratic. Its elections are free and secret. But what is the use of free elections when the voters are offered only one candidate for a particular office? What element of choice is there? How can one exercise his power over the government when, vote or not, the one candidate will be elected?

BELLES-LETTRES!

By CARMELA SACCO

A feeling of esprit de corps, commonly defined as group togetherness, is one of the many privileges shared by members of Penn State's Belles-Lettres Society. The members are presently combining their efforts under the chairmanship of Richard Strunk to print a booklet-type history of the Hazleton Campus. Various faculty members have been approached for any and all bits of information which will give students a veritable picture of the past happenings at their campus. It has been quite rewarding and indeed enlightening for our student interviewers to converse with professors, many of whom they might otherwise never have become acquainted with. The club project caused some real memory taxing and succeeded in uprooting

The fault for this does not lie with S.G.A., although perhaps more publicity would have attracted other candidates. It is the students, though, who should be ashamed of this past election. Don't they have enough interest in their school to play a part in its government? Or is it possible that they are so unanimously for one candidate that they all refuse to oppose him? No one can feel proud of winning such an election. Some, I hope, will feel ashamed enough to help revive active interest in Highacres' S.G.A.

CAROLYN EGGER

(Ed. Note—This column is open to the student body and the faculty at Highacres. Unsigned articles will not be published, but names will be withheld upon request.)

a number of buried gems from our university's past.

STATEMENT —

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munity to make a special effort to provide religious services on April 19 and 20 for the Jewish students and on April 20 and 22 for the Christian students. It is anticipated that arrangements will be made which will make it possible for all students to attend the appropriate services without seriously interfering with their class attendance. The usual class attendance policy will be in effect during this period.

Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter, special assistant to the President for student affairs, will release a schedule of services well in advance and in the meantime all inquiries are to be directed to his attention.