

# WANKO, PETRUSKA HONORED

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## Marian Petreskie Reigns As May Queen

Miss Marian Petreskie reigned as this year's May Day Queen at the annual coronation, held this Spring for the first time at an evening ball. Miss Petreskie, who was elected to the post by vote of her fellow students, was crowned on May 26, at the Highacres Union Building. Co-ruler for May Day was George Wanko, Student Government Association Vice-President, who also served as the Queen's escort.

Attendants upon the 1962 Queen were Misses Melanie Krasney, Di-

ane Kapes, Grace Remaize, Lois Lombardo, and Rosemary Carey, sophomores; and Misses Anne Wilford, Carmela Sacco, JoAnne Pretti, Kathy Dugan, Carol Ann Marciniak, and Lenore Waldron, freshmen.

Decorations transformed the main room of the Union Building into a blue-and-white-ceilinged area, surrounded by Grecian columns and highlighted by hanging bouquets and flowing fountains. Chairman of the decorations committee was Miss Rosalie Switaj.

## SPRING WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS SPRING TERM AT HIGHACRES

By JUNE FIEL

The weekend of April 27, 28, and 29 was designated as Spring Weekend by the Social Activities Committee of the SGA. This affair is a smaller representation of the annual event held at the Main Campus to welcome the advent of green trees and bermudas. The Highacres version provided a variety of diverting activities designed to please an equal variety of student interests.

A dance was held in the SUB Friday, April 27 from 9 to 12 p. m. Music was provided by the popular Shantones. Decorations complemented the general Spring Weekend theme and were in charge of the following: Ty Searfoss, Bill Petruska, Glenn Chamberlain, Joan Iacurci, Lenore Waldron, Paulette Lindenmuth, Carol Marciniak, Tom Evans, and Darilyn Clark.

For those who had been await-

ing the chance to recoup losses at the gambling tables, Saturday night was their opportunity as Las Vegas night returned to the Hazleton Campus. The arrangement was similar to the first such evening held during the Fall Term. Door prizes were offered to lucky winners and were chosen by John Fazio, Tom Evans, and Joan Iacurci. The assignments of wrapping money and sorting prizes had been given to a committee composed of: Darilyn Clark, Paulette Lindenmuth, Jill Faux, and George Wanko.

The final event of Spring Weekend was a Weenie Roast Sunday afternoon from 2 to 6 p. m. Refreshments consisted of hot dogs, soda, potato chips, buns, and pretzels and were provided by George Wanko and John Fazio.

Spring Weekend was the highlight of the Spring Term at Highacres.

## Named Most Valuable Students In Sophomore Freshman Classes; Dr. Cutler Addresses Annual Affair

Penn State University's Hazleton Campus at Highacres held its 15th Honors Convocation at Genetti's Pennsylvania Room Saturday night, June 2, with Dr. Howard A. Cutler, assistant to University President Eric Walker, delivering the address.

Highlight of the program was the presentation by Dr. Cutler of the Parnassus Awards to the sophomore and freshman students who best exemplify qualities of scholarship and leadership and who are adjudged the most valuable members of their classes.

The second year, or sophomore award, was presented by Dr. Cutler to George J. Wanko, vice president of the Student Government Association, and the freshman Parnassus Award went to William M. Petruska.

Dr. Cutler's theme, in his convocation address, was "In America, We Are Losing an Important Freedom—Freedom To Fail."

The speaker, after defining the freedom to fail as the freedom to refuse to run in the race to attain status and to excel in general, said freedom is essential in our economic system, where the phenomenon of risk on the basis of profit is the lifeblood of the economy.

The freedom to fail is essential in politics. It is different elsewhere. Here, if an election is lost, the candidate lives to run again.

Dr. Cutler said there are forces in society working against the freedom to fail.

1. An educational system which tells students from the seventh grade up that they cannot fail a test or they will not be admitted to college.

2. The fear (among college students) that if they fail they will be unacceptable to society.

3. The fear of humiliation (from failure) after showing that he is in any way competing. This leads to acts of compliance—and defiance.

### Presentation of Awards

Richard J. Mattern was in charge of the student government awards, which were given as follows:

Theta Sigma Pi Sorority, E. Bodenstein; Intercollegiate Conference on Government, B. Epler; Circle-K Club, W. Schneider; Belles Lettres Society, A. Kafka; Business Club, J. Longo; Highacres Collegian (student publication), T. Price; Photography Club, W. Schneider; Parnassus Society, P. Garbrick; Athletics, F. Esher; Physical Culture, S. Ross.

William Schneider presented the academic certificates and accorded the graduate recognition and Hobson M. Zerbe presented the academic honors awards.

The award in Business Administration went to Donald A. Gerone. Engineering, Andrew R. Marchese and Anthony M. Sarge; Natural Sciences, Robert J. Yale; Social Sciences, Donald A. Gerone; Electrical and Electronics Technology, Richard W. Bear; Drafting and Design Technology, William M. Evanco.

The invocation and benediction were given by Rev. Russell A. Bechtel, pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ. Richard V. Bertolini, president of the Student Government Association, was toastmaster and Frank C. Kostos, director of the Hazleton Campus, introduced the guest speaker. Joseph McCallus, director of student affairs, presented the Activities Awards.

Dancing followed the dinner program, with music by the King Lehr Quintet.

## 1962 P. S. U. COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

Approximately 2,500 degrees will be granted at Commencement Exercises Saturday, June 9. Weather permitting, the ceremony will be held at Beaver Stadium at 10:30 a. m.

In case of inclement weather, the following schedule:

10:30 a. m. — Colleges of Engineering and Architecture and of

Mineral Industries; also associate degrees.

1:30 p. m.—Colleges of Agriculture, Education, Home Economics, and Physical Education and Athletics.

3:30 p. m.—Colleges of Business Administration, Chemistry and Physics, and the Liberal Arts.

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