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STUDENTS ELECT NEW SGA OFFICERS

SGA elections were held on Wednesday, April 24. The offices of President, Vice-President, and eight representative seats had to be filled. There was a fine turnout of voters for the election. Bonnie Bangor was elected as Vice-President. The eight representatives chosen were: Nancy Ancharski, John Barletta, Frank Carpency, Kathy Gibson, Robert O'Donnell, Larry Opert, Bonnie Penkala, and Francis Schiavone. Due to a discrepancy in the vote count, a re-election for President was held on May 1.

Jerry Notaro was chosen as the new President of SGA.

The requirements for candidates to be able to run for office were: 1) at least a 2.0. cum., 2) had to be planning to spend at least two more terms at Highacres campus, and 3) had to submit a petition with ten signatures to Dean McCallus some time before the election.

May Ball Queen

The May Ball Queen and her court were also chosen in Wednesday's election. The girls involved in this election were all members of the Sorority of Highacres Campus. Kathy Romano was chosen as the May Ball Queen and Judy Mangle as her Maid of Honor. Miss Romano's court consists of the following girls: Bonnie Penkala, Cherry Guresh, Kristina Andrukitas, Karen Berbeck, Jane Stein, and Jinny Birt.

Mock Election

In addition to the SGA and Sorority elections, a mock primary was also held. Students were given three choices for President of the United States. The first choice, counted for the election choice, and the other two will be used for statistical analysis. In addition to voting for President, students were asked to answer three major questions under consideration in the political campaign. The first question dealt with what course of military action the U.S. should undertake in Vietnam? The answers varied from total withdrawal of U.S. Forces to an all-out military effort. Another question dealt with what course of action the U.S. should undertake in the bombing of North Vietnam. The choices ranged from the total cessation of bombing to the use of nuclear weapons. The final question was concerned with which urban crisis should receive highest priority in government spending. The choices of answers were: education, income subsidy, housing, job training and employment opportunity, and riot control and stricter law enforcement.

Although the turnout of voters was quite good, more students should make an effort to vote in these elections and exercise the right they have to choose representatives to student offices.

HIGHACRES PROPOSED AS FOUR YEAR COLLEGE

A study of all branch campuses in Pennsylvania has recently been completed by Heald, Hobson and Associates, educational consultants. The report was interpreted by President Eric A. Walker of Penn State to strongly support the Commonwealth Campus system.

The report recommended that eleven branch campuses be converted into community colleges, four be phased out, and that eight be converted into four year regional campuses.

The Hazleton campus of Penn State University was among those recommended for conversion into four-year regional colleges. According to Dr. Walker, the Highacres expansion had been considered prior to the report as a means of extending the University's service to more people.

The Campus has over forty acres of land which can be utilized for construction of educational facilities.

One of the structural deficiencies will be remedied when construction is completed on the newly proposed classroom-laboratory building. Even the narrow entrance to the campus is being widened as if in anticipation of the numerous students who will flock to Highacres when it is converted to a four year regional college.