

A SHORT THOUGHT

The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.

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WHOSE CAMPUS?

Fellow Students:

I am addressing this letter to each one of you because I am honestly concerned with the affairs at our campus and I need your help.

The fall term of this academic year is now underway and I feel a lack of communication between you and your Student Government Association. I have attempted to find out why and the only plausible conclusion I arrive at is: you, the student body, do not fully understand the significance of your Student Government Association (SGA) and your SGA has not attempted to enlighten you as to its purpose and undertakings.

First, the SGA is composed of 10 council members and four executive officers. These members are elected by you; they represent you; they, for all practical purposes, are you. They are pledged to concern themselves with student activities and interests and, in this respect, I must commend the body for its efforts. However, I find that SGA members are somehow alienated from the mass of the student body. This is of greatest concern to me because, without you, we are a farce — a formal organization stating grand motives and ideas, but incapable of making these ideas a reality.

As your president, I urge you to review your role as students and discover what responsibilities you must accept as such. When elections are held for SGA representatives, you should not consider how popular a candidate is. Rather, you should consider the attitude, fortitude, and motivations of the candidates. The can-

didate that you choose to cast a ballot for should dedicate himself to the interests of the student body. Furthermore, he must be willing to uphold these interests in the light of ridicule from faculty or administration. If he cannot dedicate himself in this way, he becomes not a representative of you, but of the establishment.

However, your responsibility does not stop when you elect people to represent you. You, as a student, must be in constant contact with your government. SGA must be aware of your sentiments and needs before it can attempt to take remedial action.

Questions may arise in your mind as to what the Student Government Association can do. With your support, our frontiers are unlimited. For example, the Student Union Building, or Sub, as we fondly call it, was a direct result of Student Government Association in action. A need was recognized on this campus and those representatives who had student welfare in mind sought to fulfill the need. What then seemed an impossibility became a reality.

It seems to me that an example such as this should inspire all students to strive for continued progress on this campus. It should if anything, prove that a unified student effort can accomplish a "Mission: Impossible."

I also sense that many of you feel that there are no matters of real concern to you here at Highacres. I cannot stress how much in error this feeling is.

Everyday, student problems arise of which many of you are not aware. To illustrate this: Do
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HIGHACRES BREAKS GROUND



Groundbreaking ceremonies for a \$3 million building project at the Hazleton Campus was held on Sunday, November 16. Some 300 people attended the event.

The afternoon's activities were opened by Mr. Frank Kostos, director of the Hazleton Campus. Mr. Kostos then turned the program over to Dr. Michael Matsko, Chairman of the Hazleton Campus Educational Council, who served as master of ceremonies.

Dr. Matsko introduced Eric Walker, President of the Pennsylvania State University. Walker outlined the importance of the 19 Commonwealth Campuses by saying that University Park has reached its ultimate capacity. Future growth of Penn State depends primarily on the expansion of the Commonwealth Campuses. Hazleton Campus plays a vital part in that expansion and several buildings are scheduled to be erected on our grounds.

Also at the groundbreaking, Dr. Walker presented a replica of the famous Nittany Lion to the Hazleton Campus. Barbara Sipler

accepted the statue on behalf of the student body.

In her acceptance speech, Mrs. Sipler defined the true meaning of the Nittany Lion by saying, "The lion, by virtue of his stance, signifies leadership and by virtue of his species, signifies strength. I cannot find two words more befitting the Pennsylvania State University than leadership and strength."

Upon accepting the presentation, she said, "May it serve as a constant reminder of the leadership and strength of Penn State, and may it encourage all of us to live up to the traditions and ideals of our University."

Other honored guests at the occasion were: U. S. Representative Daniel J. Flood; and State Representative James Bachmann.

Construction of the classroom-laboratory building and the food service building are already underway. Future buildings include a dormitory and a library.

You-The Collegian

The Highacres Collegian staff is reorganizing. The paper represents the students and reflects their interest and enthusiasm.

In order to represent the student body fully, the newspaper needs a loyal and hard working staff. The present edition has been published through the efforts of only six students.

Although these six students are dedicated to the welfare of the campus it will be impossible to publish another paper under these conditions.

Anyone wishing -- and willing -- to work on the newspaper should contact Barbara Sipler or Joyce Rupp as soon as possible.