



Director Frank C. Kostos presents Debra Zehner (left) and Armine Cumsky with Parnassus Student of the Year Awards at recent Awards Banquet. Miss Zehner, a sophomore, is the co-captain of the cheerleading squad at Highacres while Miss Cumsky, a freshman, is on the news staff of the Highacres Collegian.



Mr. Ralph H. Crawford, left, receives gift from Tony Proffetta, vice-president of the Student Government Association, after the former was presented the "Teacher of the Year" Award at the First Annual Awards Banquet held last Thursday at Genetti's Pennsylvania Room.

Crawford named Prof of the Year at Awards Banquet

The first annual Awards Banquet of the Hazleton Penn State Campus was held on June 3 at Stan Genetti's Pennsylvania Room in downtown Hazleton.

Mr. Ralph H. Crawford, retiring Assistant Professor of Zoology, was named 1970-1971 "Teacher of the Year." He was presented a gift by Anthony Proffetta, outgoing Vice-President of the Highacres Student Government Association. Miss Debra Zehner, an SGA representative and cheerleading co-captain, was chosen "Sophomore of the Year" in an award presented by the Parnassus Honor Society. In a similar presentation, Miss Armine Cumsky, also an SGA representative and a Collegian Staff member, was named "Freshman of the Year." Director Frank C. Kostos made the Parnassus presentations. M. Leonard Shaevel, Faculty Chairman, 1970-1971 presented book awards to the following students: Robyn L. Heckman for excellence in natural sciences, Joseph J. Kelly for business administration, and Robert A.

Schreibmaier for engineering. Chris Pogozelski, outgoing SGA President, served as master of ceremonies and Miss Susan Kisthart delivered the invocation. The main address of the evening was by Kostos.

Certificates of participation were given by the following organization heads to worthy members: Chris Pogozelski, Student Government; Tony Proffetta, Student Union Board; Mary Ellen Shemanski, Senate; Thomas Caccese, Belles-Lettres Society; Italian Cultural Society; Barbara Sheerin; Joseph Sword, Parnassus Society; Mary Polascik, Theta Sigma Pi Sorority; Gregg Matyas, Delta Delta Tau Fraternity; Joseph Wisdo, Business and Economics Club; Debra Zehner, Cheerleaders; Mr. George Caliva, Tau Alpha Pi.

The climax of the program was the installation of the 1971-72 SGA president, Paul Yanoshik by Pogozelski.

The Awards Banquet Committee consisted of Miss Cumsky, Miss Kisthart, Mary Polascik, Pogozelski, and Steve Barrett.

"impressed" with Highacres

President Oswald visits Hazleton Campus

President of Penn State of ten months, Dr. John W. Oswald visited the Highacres campus for the first time on Tuesday, May 11. He was met at the Hazleton Airport by Director Frank Kostos, Dean Joseph McCallus and Maribeth Corradini, Chris Karboski, Nancy Kent, Susan Kisthart, and Len Nork, all members of the student body.

When he arrived on campus, Dr. Oswald was greeted by Chris Pogozelski and Tony Proffetta, President and Vice-President of SGA respectively; and Paul Yanoshik and Alan Ritz, SGA's incoming executive officers.

Throughout the day Dr. Oswald toured the campus with Mr. Kostos and he met with the faculty. Following this he held a question and answer session with the students.

Oswald centered his remarks to the students around his role and his interest in the Commonwealth Campuses. He said his absence to this time did not mean that he is not interested.

He recognized the importance of the Commonwealth Campuses by saying that of the 9,000 new Penn State freshmen in 1971, 6,000 were enrolled on campuses outside of University Park.

In discussing his new position with the University, Oswald said, "I set my priorities quite early recognizing it is a widespread university trying to deal in as

effective a way with the students." He briefly explained several of the new programs he has initiated, including the Student Advisory Council, the University Council, and the Student Assistants to the President.

Two University Park students share the latter title, and one of them, Edward Beckwith, accompanied Oswald on his trip to Hazleton. Beckwith, a graduate student

in the College of Science, spoke with leaders of the student body during the visit. According to Oswald, Beckwith "represents an extension of me."

At Main Campus, the new president raps with students occasionally in the dorms, residence halls, or in the Hetzel Union Building. He said, "This has been extremely helpful to me. It is very important to talk about freedom." He added that

one of the basic freedoms of the student is "to make as much or as little of college as you want. The learning process requires you, as an individual, to be aggressive in respect to studies and education."

When asked by Tony Proffetta, vice-president of the Student Government Association, if the new Council of Presidents is representative of all Commonwealth Campuses, Oswald replied,

"OSGA (Organization of Student Government Associations) has been an effective way of governing students at the Commonwealth Campuses. There have been some differences between individual campuses on the subject. It is important for me to have a Student Government Association that I can relate to."

Oswald said that he would meet with the COP as it now exists in hopes of finding a solution agreeable to all campuses.

He told his audience that he wants students to make more of their decisions locally. He doesn't want one set of policies to rule every campus since they all differ.

When asked about the possibility of making new courses available at Highacres, Oswald replied that "new courses are geared to the interests of an area." If enough interest is generated on campus for a particular course, it can be added.

Oswald announced that six new faculty members have been assigned to Highacres in connection with the opening of the new classroom building.

The future of the Markle Mansion located on campus was raised. Oswald said that in most cases it costs just about twice as much to renovate as to build. Although an architect has been appointed for a new physical education building to be erected, tentatively, on the site of the mansion, Oswald said that if interest and sentiment run high, not only on campus but in the community, there is a possibility of saving it.



Shown arriving at the Hazleton Municipal Airport on May 11 are (from left, front row) Edward Beckwith, Student Assistant to the President, and Penn State President John W. Oswald who were met by Director Frank C. Kostos, right. At right rear is Dean of Student Affairs Joseph McCallus, President Oswald, and his entourage later toured Highacres, spoke to campus members, and addressed the Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Dinner that evening.

Polish Culture course offered

University Park, Pa., May--A new course in Polish culture and civilization will be added to the list of offerings of The Pennsylvania State University during the Fall Term.

The course is a response, in part, to the new ethnic awareness which is abroad in America today, according to Dr. Sigmund S. Birkenmayer, associate professor of Slavic languages at the University.

Pennsylvania has one of the largest concentrations of Polish-Americans in the East, Dr. Birkenmayer points out, with substantial settlements in Pittsburgh, Scranton, Philadelphia and Wilkes-Barre. Many of these people feel that their contributions to American culture and civilization have not been fully recognized.

The course, which will be taught in English, will deal with Polish life from the early Middle Ages to modern times, paying special attention to literature, arts, music, science, and philosophy.

Dr. Birkenmayer, who will teach the course, is himself a Pole. He first came to the United States as an exchange student in 1946, and taught at the University of Puerto Rico before joining the Penn State faculty in 1960. A noted bibliographer, he is the author of a book on the Russian poet, "Nikolaj Nekrasov."

Caccese wins Highacres Walker Award Nomination

Thomas M. Caccese, sophomore at Highacres, has been chosen the nominee of the Hazleton Campus for the Eric A. and Josephine Walker Award. The award was established Nov. 17, 1970 by the Pennsylvania State University to honor its Outstanding Commonwealth Campus Student.

The purpose of this honor is to recognize Commonwealth Campus students whose outstanding qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, and citizenship have influenced fellow students and have contributed to the prestige and well-being of their campus and, hence, to the reputation of the University as a whole.

Caccese, who resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caccese, 16 W. Holly St., Hazleton, is majoring in Health and Physical Education.

His activities at Highacres, over the past three years, have included Student Government,

Vice President; Student Union Board, President; Veterans Fraternity, President; Belles-Lettres Society, President; Student Court, the President's Disruption Committee, and the Parnassus Honor Society. Caccese is also the sports editor of the Highacres Collegian.

Caccese was also the recipient of last year's "Outstanding Sophomore Of The Year" Award and the Faculty's "Leadership and Achievement" Award. He is also listed in Who's Who in American Junior Coll. In addition, he has participated athletically on the intercollegiate and intramural basketball teams, and was the captain of the Pocono Region Championship bowling team. Caccese also served as the Assistant Coach of the basketball team this year.

Tom Caccese spent three years in the U.S. Navy prior to entering the Pennsylvania State University.

Fifty couples attend annual May Ball

Can you imagine 100 Highacres students dressed in gowns and suits? Strange as it may seem, that was the scene on May 15 at 9:00 p.m. in the S.U.B. The event was the May Ball, sponsored by the Theta Sigma Pi Sorority, the Delta Delta Tau Fraternity, and the Veterans' Fraternity.

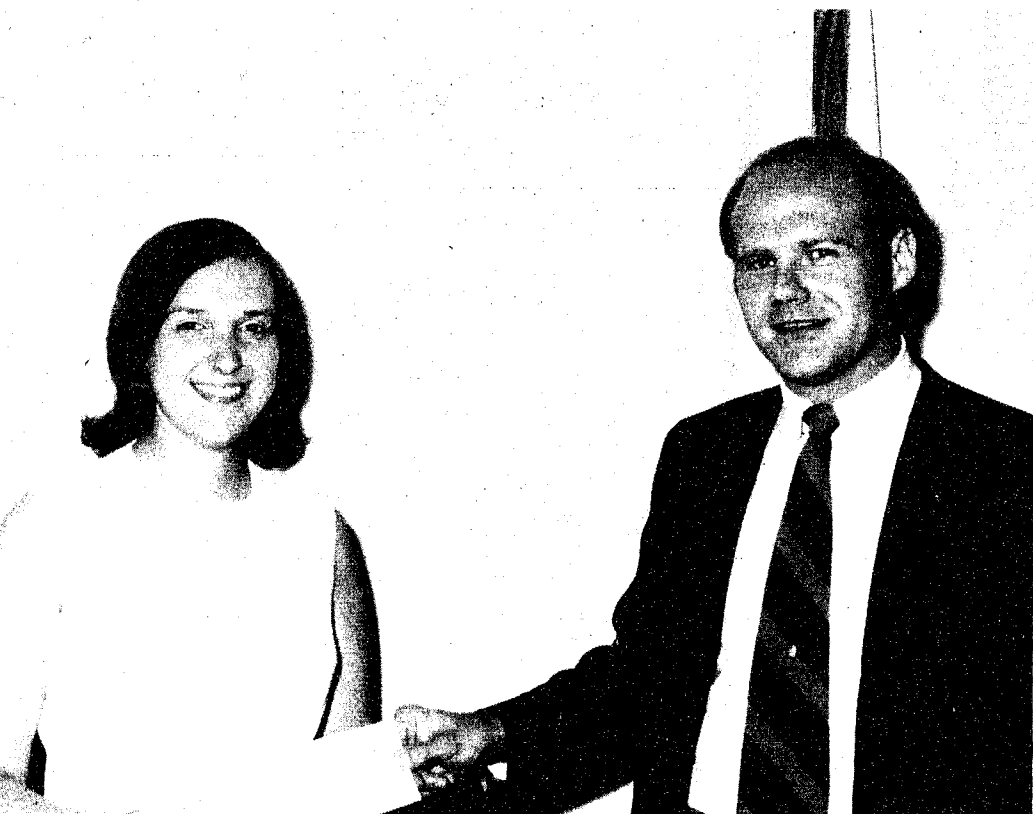
The attention for the first part of the affair was centered on the Queen and her court. At 9:15, the procession began, led by the attendants and their escorts, Armine Cumsky and Frank Campbell, Karen Burcak and Bob Penkala, and Robyn Heckman and Gregg Weiler. Diane Oberst was crown bearer; her escort was Rick Wasatonic. Scroll bearer was Linda Gray who was escorted by James Bonner. Keeper of the heart and keeper of the Key were Lynn Farmer and Judy Trisko. Their escorts were Dave Pikna and Len Nork respectively. The heart and the key were presented to the

queen during the ceremonies. Mary Polascik served as hand-maiden, her escort being Alan Leininger. Maid of honor and her escort were Susie Kisthart and Tom Heppie. The Queen was Deb Zehner. Her escort was Tom Caccese. The Queen was crowned by last year's Queen, Cheryl Fetterman, who's escort was Tony Kakiel. During the ceremonies, the Queen was presented with a dozen red roses. Members of the sorority also presented their president, Mary Polascik, with a gift.

The S.U.B. was converted into a tropical paradise for the occasion. The food provided was also in keeping with the theme "Aloha" being tropical snacks, small sandwiches, and fruit punch.

The music was provided for by T.N.T.

After the May Ball was over, the guests went to Stan Genetti's Tyrolean Room for dining and dancing.



Miss Susan Kisthart receives \$ 100 U. S. Savings Bond from Mr. Stuart Erwin after she was named recipient of the Faculty Leadership and Achievement Award. The presentation was based on her active participation in the annual Comerity Show. Miss Kisthart is a staff typist for the Highacres Collegian.

Graduation set for June 19 in new classroom building

Faculty Marshall James Concannon and the Graduation Committee have been making final preparations for the first annual Graduation Exercises to be held June 19 at the Hazleton Campus.

The procession of graduates and faculty will start from the Student Union Building to the Lecture Room of the New Classroom Building at 10:30 a.m. The program will be given by William Gebhard, pastor of the Grace United Church of Christ, Hazleton, Dr. Michael Matsko, chairman of the Hazleton Educational Council will deliver the main address.

Frank Kostos, director of the Hazleton Campus, will confer the associate degrees in Business, Chemical Engineering Technology, Drafting and Design Technology, and Electrical and Electronics Technology. Mr. Kostos will be wearing a medallion, which represents his authority by the University to confer the degrees.

It has been decided by the committee and the University that no flash pictures will be allowed to be taken during the ceremony.

Ushers for the exercises will be officers and representatives of the Hazleton Campus Student Government Association.

A tea will be held in the Student Union Building following the exercises for the graduates and their families.

The following are the 1971 Associate Degree Graduates at the Hazleton Campus.

Two year Business: James J. Barrett, David J. Bielen, Marvin J. Enama, JoAnne M. Filoreto, Thomas J. Franek, Timothy Gibson, Daniel J. Humenick, John A. Kalinchak, Keith R. Kerchusky, Harold Meier, Jr., John J. Nichalik, Anita M. Midlick, Sharon A. Rock, Robert A. Rusinko, John M. Slaby, Carol A. Soley, Joseph D. Sulkevich, Wayne T.

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Car Club chartered

At a meeting on May 26, 1971 the Student Government Association Committee on Chartering Student Organizations met and reviewed the request for a Permanent Charter by the Hazleton Campus Car Club. Taking into account the recommendation of the Student Affairs Committee and all aspects of the club's constitution the Chartering Committee hereby grants a permanent charter to the Hazleton Campus Car Club.

Members of the Committee on Chartering are Chris Pogozelski, Nancy Kent, Len Nork, and Frank Hayes.

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