

## The End of a Two Year Love Affair

By Donna Marie Baver

My magical mystery tour at Highacres has ground itself to a screeching halt after two ever-eventful years here at the crazy merry-go-round on the hill, as I have lovingly christened Highacres.

Two years can become a lifetime, as these two years have become for me--a special lifetime I will always remember and cherish.

In these two years I have seen many changes and many special events on campus.

I have seen the first steps taken in the construction of a physical education building. I have seen the retirement of two well-known and beloved profes-

sors, Elizabeth Bodenstein and Andrew Kafka.

I have seen a new director come to Highacres, Dr. William David, and have had the distinct pleasure of getting to know both him and his lovely wife.

I have seen a new Assistant Dean of Student Affairs move into the office in the Commons, the same time that I moved into my office in the game room, and will always cherish the memory of the help and understanding that this remarkable man, Everitt F. Binns, has afforded to myself and my staff, in fact, to everyone on campus.

I have seen a number of new instructors begin careers at Highacres, among them Dr. Christie Lerch, Dr. Laura Dill, Dr. Carl Frankel, Thomas Caccese, Mrs. Norma Moyer.

I have, this past weekend, seen the most significant cultural event ever held at Highacres, the Greater Hazleton Area Fine Arts Festival, held at Highacres for the first time this year, which attracted over 5,000 people. This event will greatly enhance community and cultural involvement with the campus.

I have seen the founding of three new clubs--the Drama Club, of which I am proud to have had a part, the Parachute Club and the Chess Club. I have seen the expansion of the Student Union Board and have witnessed the growth of the Collegian to an intelligent and informative student newspaper, a growth which reflects the interest of a number of people, whom I would like to thank.

First of all, I would like to express the appreciation of myself and the rest of the staff to Dr. Michael Santulli, who has always been ready and willing to help us whenever we needed him, ever-present with advice, good ideas, and general encouragement, along with innovative suggestions.

Everitt F. Binns has been a constant source of encouragement and help to the Collegian this year. He was always willing to take the time to discuss campus activities with a staff member, and suggested many interesting article ideas. Besides giving us news, he has been responsible for making a great deal of it, for without

Mr. Binns, a number of the events and activities at Highacres this year would not have been possible. He has devoted himself to literary and cultural pursuits, and his major interest is in making the campus a better and more enriching experience for all those who attend it. What more could a newspaper ask than a man who has literally made a huge portion of the news we print.

I would like to thank Richard Campbell and Carl Frankel, who took the time to write editorials for the paper, editorials which were controversial and sparked student interest. James White has also been extremely helpful in his career information bulletins.

We would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Deidre Jago and Tom Caccese for their aid in the sports reporting. James Cancannon, with his off-beat coverage of a number of events, has livened up the sports page.

We would like to thank the SGA and the SUB, who have kept us informed of their plans and their activities for the past year.

And last, but certainly not least, I personally would like to thank my staff: Christie Tito, executive editor; Donald R. Serfass, managing editor; Jim Gormley, reporter at large, who is well-known for his controversial articles; Barbie Mace, in charge of Library News; Joyce Barton, RH correspondent and editorialist; M. Hydock, sports reporter; Ben Baltrousaitus, reporter; Kurt Nenstiel, composition assistant; Jim Durso, reporter, and many more.

The two years have been busy and ever-eventful. There have been a lot of changes, a lot of growth, a lot of effort and a lot of accomplishment. I'm proud of what we have done, what Highacres has done. It is a growth and expansion that I am proud to have had a part in.

And now, two years after I began my love affair with Highacres, I bid a tearful farewell to the valley, to all of the wonderful people I have met here who will remain ever-beloved in my memory, to the Vir-

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