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Term Stays, Says Oswald

Hazards On Campus Pose Threat

As a class project last term, a small committee consisting of six Highacres students did a study of buildings on campus to determine if any fire hazards existed. What started as a simple group project ended in the shocking discovery of violations which pose a threat to property and lives on the Hazleton Campus.

The committee, which included Mark Bertoldi, Eddie Sofianek, Ron Meola, Joseph Melnick, Joseph Blisko, and Jeff Wolfe drew up a six page report on their findings. Only a few are listed below:

Classroom Building:

---This building has no fire plan. In case of a fire, a disaster could occur as students panic and try to flee the building.

---The rugs in the stairways are not fireproof. If they were to catch fire they would fill the area with smoke and render the stairs useless.

---It's against University policies to smoke in the stairways, yet there are ashtrays there. This encourages smoking and is potentially hazardous.

Library:

---This building has no fire plan.

---In the instructional services room, where an alcoholic-based type cleaner is used, the room is saturated with a strong odor of alcohol. This could be hazardous if the percentage of alcohol in the air becomes higher.

Main Building:

---This building also has no fire plan.

--- Extinguishers are old and obsolete.

---The new faculty secretary's office has many valuable machines in it and many flammable chemicals. Nowhere in this building is there an extinguisher to handle this type of fire.

---There are two fire hoses in the basement, but are not connected to any water supply. They're old and whether they are useable any longer is questionable.

Memorial Building:

---This building has no alarm system.

---There are no extinguishers on the main floor. The extinguishers in the writing clinic hasn't been checked since March 1974. The extinguisher on the steps to the writing clinic is discharged.

Commons:

---The only protection against fire in the snackbar, which contains deepfryers, grills, stoves, and many machines, is a small five pound extinguisher which hasn't been checked since March 1974.

---The new lighting system has created a major hazard. When the control box is in place it blocks the emergency exit. The only time that this system is used is during activities and this is when the exits are of prime importance.

Copies of this report were sent to Dr. William David, Mr. Paul Cerula, Mr. Richard Wrubey (Fire Marshall), and Prof. Leonard Shaevel (Chairman of the Faculty General Assembly). At present, only a few hazards have been taken care of. SGA recently decided to take action if the hazards are not modified within one month.

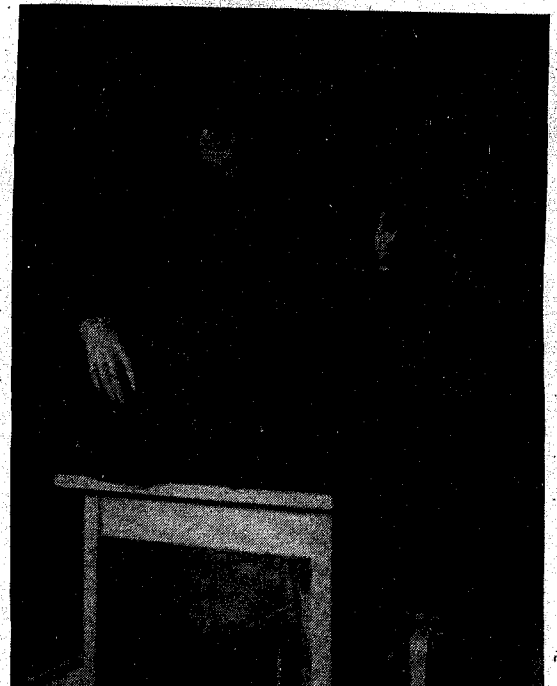
University Park---Dr. John W. Oswald, president of the University, told the University Faculty Senate of his intention to continue the present term system, for a five-year period, beginning with the Summer Term of 1977 and extending to the Fall of 1982.

He said such a calendar would include the following basic elements:

---A term system, as at present.

---The academic year opening with Fall Term registration and orientation prior to Labor Day with the first day of classes

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Comeriety, the annual faculty-student variety show, will go on stage at 8:00 p.m. on January 30 in the Commons. Seen above is Brad McNab in a scene from last year's show, acting in a skit by Carl Frankel titled "This is Your Life."