

COLLEGIAN PERSONALITY:

HAROLD MICHAEL

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What's Happening!?!

Harold Michael is more than a maintenance man and groundskeeper here at Highacres. He has been here for 28 years and knows the campus better than anyone.

Michael was born in the Bloomsburg area and attended high school there. "I was a structural steel worker in my younger years," Michael commented. In 1942 he joined the military.

After leaving the military in 1945, he learned about a job, through an uncle, as a chauffer and handyman for a Mr. Donald Murkle. "I didn't feel as though I wanted to start climbing right away..." Michael reflected.

In the Spring of 1946, he started his new job on the Norwinds Estate, which immediately adjoined the Highacres Estate. "I actually expected to go back to rigging steel," Michael said. For four years he served Donald Murkle, who owned both estates, as "sort of a jack-of-all-trades and a chauffer."

Because of financial difficulties in the upkeep of his

estate, Murkle sold to Penn State in 1949. At that time Michael was convinced by the new director to stay on as a maintenance man and began his new job on April 1 of that year.

Michael describes the University's early years as "quite a family set up; it was a wonderful relationship. At that time we had a starting time but never had a quitting time. We went home when the work was done."

As time went on, and Highacres became a little more complex, Michael stayed with the University because, "You became involved in pension plans and fringe benefits. I enjoyed this place. I really feel like I'm part of it and it's a part of me."

Michael has one son who was born on the campus, while Michael was working for the Murkles.

Michael is looking forward to his retirement in two years. "I don't think I'm going to get a rocking chair," he commented. Mr. Michael enjoys hunting and is a certified electrician.

Graduation exercises for Associate Degree Students will be held on May 27 at 7 P.M. All graduates should report to the Highacres Commons building to begin the processional.

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Auditions for the Penn State Blue Band will be held at University Park during Spring Term '77 as follows:
April 30 and May 1-Flag Corps
May 14 and 15-
Drum Major and Majorettes

Instrumentalist auditions will be held during orientation week of the Fall '77 Term. For more information, contact Ron Drum in the S.G.A. Office.

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Three Student Representatives to the Faculty Senate at University Park will be elected on April 27 in the Commons Building. This S.G.A. sponsored election is open to all Highacres students. All five candidates running for a position live off-campus.

Students will also be able to vote for the "Teacher of the Year" The faculty member receiving the highest cumulative average assigned by students will receive the award.

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Initiation for new members of the Parnassus Society was held on April 21 in the Highacres Room. Initiates were required to have a grade point average of 2.5 or above and be a participating member of at least two campus organizations.

WANTED!

THE HIGHACRES COLLEGIAN IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF BUSINESS MANAGER AND ADVERTISING MANAGER FOR THE 1977-78 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Candidates should be full-time students who plan to attend Highacres for at least two more terms. Business majors and/or business experience are preferred. For details come to the Collegian office on the ground floor of the Commons or call 454-6551 during office hours. Deadline for submitting applications is May 6, 1977.

