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## State Budget Affects Highacres

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State colleges and universities have suffered financially because of the postponement of a budget agreement by the Pennsylvania State Legislature. Penn State is one of the three major universities in the state along with Pitt and Temple.

The Hazleton Campus since it is a part of the Penn State system has had financial difficulties because of this postponement.

Each year the University is hit with inflation. The governor recommended a three percent appropriation increase but inflation has increased a total of six percent over the past year. Internal cost cutting must be executed by the University to make up the other three percent.

The University has assessed all of the commonwealth campuses and all available monies are placed into an emergency fund for critical needs.

Penn State is now borrowing the sum of \$2,000 per day in order to keep functioning properly. The interest rate on these loans will accumulate and the actual amount of loan will be approximately \$3,000 per day by the end of October.

The Penn State budget problem has had an effect on the Hazleton Campus. Open job positions on campus cannot be filled, including maintenance and secretarial positions. The purchase of new equipment has also been deferred because of the lack of funds.

"We haven't had to cut back on our academic programs. It would be helpful if people would write to their legislators asking them to support state universities," Dr. David commented, "and no problems are expected in the immediate future of the campus but there is a hazard if this continues too long."

## Orientation Camp Termed Success

By Cathy Rusinko  
COLLEGIAN News Editor

"It was a great thing. We learned what college life would be like, what we could expect from college, and what would be expected from us."

This opinion, stated by a freshman student participating in the pre-orientation camping trip at Bear Creek Campgrounds was unanimously supported by all participants.

A new dimension in the orientation program at Highacres this year, the campout was held August 28-30.

The trip was planned and coordinated by Dr. William J. David, Campus Director and the following members of staff and faculty: Joseph L. McCallus, Dean of Student Affairs; Everitt F. Binns, Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs; James E. White, Career Development and Placement Counselor; and Dr. Jerry B. Covert, Assistant Professor of Biology. The committee designed the trip to aid freshmen in adjusting to college life through interaction with upperclassmen, faculty, and staff in an informal atmosphere.



## Campus Improvements Made

By Brad McNab  
Collegian Staff Writer

At the end of each fiscal year, all state owned, operated, and related agencies and institutions find themselves in a position where they must spend all of their remaining money before the new state budget takes effect. With the monies remaining from last year's budget, the Hazleton Campus undertook various new improvements.

"One that is dearest to the students is probably the new concrete steps," said campus Director Dr. William David,

referring to the new stairway that is between Lot A and the faculty parking lot. This replaced the old metal fire escape steps that were the cause of much concern during the Winter months. However, these new steps should reduce the problem of slipping on ice, according to David.

Two concrete stairways have been installed between the two levels of the tennis courts. The lower set of courts was also resurfaced during the Spring Term.

The campus road along the main-building circle was also surfaced. Also, some holes in the road along the top of the hill were filled. However, David said, "This patching job along the hill is only a temporary fix."

Perhaps one of the most noticeable changes was the installation of the Security System in the Library. This was greatly sought after by Mrs. Ferry, Campus Librarian, the Faculty General Assembly, and the Student Government Association.

Another useful improvement was the purchase of new overhead projectors. One projector will be placed in every classroom. The shipment of the projectors will not arrive at Highacres until the middle of next month.

A new outdoor fireplace and picnic area was built with the addition of money from the Ray Martin Memorial Fund. David said he hoped to add picnic tables and chairs to this area.

Dr. David stressed that none of the improvements were made with this year's budget. All were from last year's budget and memorial gifts. Other campus improvements are expected but, "this obviously will not happen until the University is in a more stable position financially," Dr. David said.

## New Faculty Members Appointed

By Lisa Bagley  
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Four new faculty members have been employed at the Hazleton Campus the beginning of fall term. The new members are as follows: Dr. Robert G. Clark, Dr. Brian T. Keen, Harriet J. Rudolph and Dr. Eric R. Bell.

Dr. Robert G. Clark can be found in the Engineering department and has graduated from Penn State with the following degrees: B.S. in Engineering from Penn State, M.S. in Education, and a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania. The entire Clark family has gone to Penn State. Besides teaching, Dr. Clark has worked for R.C.A. Westinghouse, Hughes Aircraft Co. in California, and Carpenter Technology. During his travels, Dr. Clark has met Howard Hughes and Albert Einstein.

Dr. Brian T. Keen has done much work on his degree before coming to Penn State. Dr. Keen holds the following degrees: B.S. in Chemistry from South Dakota University, Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Wyoming, Post-doctoral Research Associate and Instructor in Chemistry Department from the University of Alabama, and a Visiting Assistant Professor in Organic from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Dr. Keen was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity in college, his name is listed in "Who's Who" in American colleges and he belongs to the American Chemical Society.

Harriet J. Rudolph, Assistant Professor of Speech, has traveled much during her career. Ms. Rudolph holds the following degrees: B.S. from the University of Arkansas, Medical Technician one year degree from Ohio State University Hospital, Master of Arts in Speech from the University of Arkansas, Ph.D. from the Ohio State University. Ms. Rudolph has worked as a medical technician and researcher. She taught speech at Mansfield, Ohio.

Dr. Eric R. Bell holds the following degrees: B.A. from Ripon College in Ripon, Wisconsin, Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Penn State. He now has the title of Assistant Professor of Student Teaching and Field Experience.

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