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### "Plan For the 1980's"

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As the final year of the '70s comes to a close, and a new decade approaches, people are reexamining life and searching for new ways to improve it. In a sense, that is what the Penn State University did when the "Plan for the '80s" was drawn up. The report, properly titled "A Perspective on the '80s: A Plan for the Pennsylvania State University," was written for the University as an outline of objectives to be aimed for during the next ten years.

Still in the draft edition, the plan outlines one-hundred recommendations which have been compiled through the effort of four task forces composed of about thirty people in each. These people represent all members of the academic community, including faculty members, administrators, students, and staff members of the University.

A rumor that has been circulating around the campus is that one of the objectives of the '80s is to switch from a three-term to a two-semester year. Such a plan would involve changing to the early semester calendar in which the fall semester

would begin about the same time it currently does, only it would last for a fifteen week period rather than ten weeks. This way the term wraps up before Christmas and a new term begins in January and ends in mid-May. Classes run on the hour with ten minutes in between and a three-credit course, for example, would meet three times a week as in our current system.

According to Dr. David, this idea is a very minor consideration of the university. It has been considered in the past, and the last two times it was reviewed by a committee, a deadlock has resulted, splitting the committee in half. Dr. David also pointed out that the current president of the University is not really pushing for such a change while he is in office, an office he will hold until 1983. And in the event the plan is approved, it will take as long as six years to be effected, long after most of the currently enrolled students will have left the University. Even though this change does not seem likely in the near future, Dr. David remarked that it's still something to think about. For students there

are several advantages and disadvantages to think about. For example, students consider the long Christmas break as a big advantage of the fifteen week semester. This allows the student to relax and enjoy his vacation without a term paper or exam hanging over his head. Another advantage to be found in changing the calendar is that if a student becomes ill or for some reason cannot attend classes for a while, there is a better chance for him to catch up with his studies since the term is spread out over a longer period of time. On the other hand, a student may prefer the present ten week term because if he is enrolled in a course he does not particularly care for, it lasts for a relatively short period of time. Some students enjoy the faster-paced calendar, feeling a fifteen week term would drag things out too much.

Even though a change in the calendar is not a major objective of the "Plan for the '80s", Dr. David highlighted a few of the objectives that would affect the Highacres Campus. A closer working relation with the Wilkes-

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### McDonald's, Condors team up for big prizes

The Highacres basketball team, the Condors, has always provided excitement and suspense on the court. To add to the excitement, McDonald's has an offer you can't refuse. You're probably wondering how McDonald's and the Condors are related. Well, the connection is that the Hazleton Campus has been selected as a focal point for the College Basketball-McDonald's Hamburger promotion by McDonald's Incorporated.

Your part in the promotion is easy; all you have to do is attend as many home basketball games as possible. If you live up to your part of the bargain, McDonald's will make two Highacres basketball fans very glad they did. The way the promotion works is that

ten names will be chosen from those in attendance at each home game. These ten fans selected will constitute the semi-finalists for the Grand Prize. The Grand Prize, for two lucky fans, will be a vacation to Freeport in the Bahamas and will include round-trip air fare and hotel accommodations. In addition to the Grand Prize, many other prizes will be awarded at each game.

Now that you know about "The Great Getaway," I hope to see you at the games. There are 11 home games which provides ample time for you to attend at least one game. So come out and cheer the Condors on to victory. If you don't, the most you could lose is a trip to the Bahamas!!

### 'Rock' Course to be offered

A new course—Music 198 The History of Rock Music—will be offered to Highacres students Spring term 1980.

The History of Rock Music will study the rock-and-roll era from its simple beginnings in the early 1950s to its more complex stages in this decade.

The course will cover Rhythm

and Blues, Country Rock, Rock 'n' Roll, the Beatle influence, Motown, Soul music, Rock, and Jazz Rock music.

Requirements for the course will include three tests and, if possible, a trip to a rock concert. The only pre-requisite for Music 198 is Music 5.



Work will soon begin on the Highacres Campus front entrance on Route 93. Lions and gates will make a more noticeable and attractive entryway.

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