

# Clubs and Activities

## SGA plans activities

The Student Government Association at Highacres has been busy preparing for this school term since last May. The members worked all through the summer organizing and settling matters concerning Freshman Orientation. This year's SGA got off to an excellent start with a very successful Freshman Orientation Week.

The ALL-U-DAY game this year is the Miami vs. Penn State game on November 1, 1980. There will be a dance, concerts, and a banner contest between the Commonwealth Campuses. The weekend always proves to be an exciting time for everyone. So plan to attend these events.

Also, SGA is holding a poster sale and two candy sales during the coming year. The poster sale will be held during the end of the fall term and the beginning of the winter term. There is a wide variety of posters to choose from,

so no matter what type of poster you like, SGA will be selling it. Next, are the candy sales. SGA has decided to reinstate their candy sales, due to the well-received response last year. Check the bulletin boards on campus for further details if you are interested.

OTIS, Organization of Town Independent Students, and the Committee of Public Interest sponsored a get together between the dorm and town students. The activity's purpose was to get a few dorm students to spend some time with a few town students. Students signed up for the activity during the week of September 22, 1980, and then during the first week of October the list was posted with the various assignments.

The SGA will be holding its elections on Wednesday, October 8, 1980. There will be seven freshman senators and two

sophomore senators elected. In order to run, a student must have a petition with 25 names, two sets of three goals, and two pictures of themselves. If anyone is interested in becoming a SGA senator get the above items in to any SGA member 24 hours before the election. Good Luck to anyone who runs.

This year's SGA members are as follow: President—Mike Ford; Vice-president—Mario Rosato; Treasurer—Paula Schell; Secretary—Kimberly Mulligan; Club Registration—M. Martha Beharry; RHC President—Dave Hubley; SUB President—Sue Nocchi; RHC Vice-President—Lori Owens, Finn Petersen; OTIS—Bill Warg; Club Finance—Jon Weaver; Election Committee—Karen Wertke. If anyone has any problems just stop by the SGA office at lunch or contact one of the people above.

## ROTC cadets begin training

Members of the Hazleton Campus Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) are once again hearing those familiar commands of "Attention!" "Left face," and "Present Arms." Training has now begun for the 52 returning sophomore cadets and the 98 new freshman cadets.

Major Hicks, who is in charge of the group, said that this year's class "looks good." Major Hicks also told the freshmen, "On the drill field you look a whole lot better than last year's group did at this time."

The ROTC program has been fairly successful at Hazleton for the past four years. Sergeant Bankus' boasts proudly, "Last year Penn State had more cadets accepted by the army for scholarships than any other ROTC unit. That makes us the best of over 250 other units." The program is set up to give students an opportunity to "try on" the army for up to two years without incurring any commitment to the army. During this time the cadets earn one credit per term in various courses which the army

teaches. The students also receive instruction in field training and military discipline.

While the rumors that the Hazleton ROTC unit is planning to launch a sneak attack against the ROTC unit at Schuylkill Haven are totally unfounded, the group has planned some interesting programs. They plan to test-fire the army's M-16 automatic rifles in October and they are planning weekend trips to Fort Indiantown Gap and Fort Dix in New Jersey.

Besides being involved in ROTC classes and drill work, all cadets have the opportunity of joining one or more special ROTC clubs. There are three of these special clubs: rifle team, a precision drill team, and a rangers club. The rifle team is new this year and if all goes as is planned, our team will be competing against teams from other colleges. The drill team learns such things as precision demonstrations using the rifle and sabre. Sgt. Bankus speaks proudly of the drill team, saying, "Sophomore Kathy Stone, the group's leader, is the best I've

ever seen." The rangers club is by far the most popular of the three clubs. The rangers go on trips ranging from rock and mountain climbing to camping in freezing weather. The club is totally outdoor oriented and they go on many weekend trips.

This year's ROTC group looks pretty sharp and they plan to have a very active program. The army's goal is to produce new and better prepared officers through the ROTC program and they should be pleased with the cadets from Hazleton. Their spirits are high and we look to see some interesting reports from the group in months to come.

## Drama Club to see play

The Highacres Drama Club is planning a trip to New York City on Oct. 17 to see the play "The Death Trap", a mystery written by George Bernard Shaw. The cost will be approximately \$17.30. Students should contact Mrs. Norma Moyer to make reservations for the trip.

## Int. U. to visit U.N.

The International Understanding class is planning a trip to the United Nations in New York City on Oct. 23. The trip is to familiarize the students with the everyday procedures that the ambassadors along with their delegations must follow daily.

Dr. Miller is trying to arrange briefings with the U.N. staff and delegations from other countries. Dr. Miller also believes that this trip will be very educational and beneficial to the students.

The cost of the trip is \$6.50 and is only open to the International Understanding students.

## Speculative Fiction Club lists highlights

The Speculative Fiction Club will be promoting the following activities during the fall term:

1. Dungeons and Dragons games for level 1 players. The games will be played in the dorm and will begin around 8:00 on Wednesday nights.

2. A film is planned for the fall and will be announced at a later date.

3. Short Story Discussion of Arthur Clarke's, *A Meeting With Medusa*, to be held in C-102 on Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.

4. October is bringing forth a discussion on *Grendel*, by John Gardner; the time is to be announced at a later date.

5. The club is co-sponsoring the Halloween Party with R.H.C. in the dining hall. The party will begin at 8:00 p.m.

## Women's studies program offered

Last year Penn State University approved the Women's Studies Program, which offers a multidisciplinary non-major option open to all undergraduate students. The option was created in response to students and faculty who share the important new interest in the experience of women which has emerged in the past decade. The option is designed to permit students to combine an interest in Women's Studies with any major; upon completion of the requirements, students receive a Women's Studies Certificate as well as a diploma for completing baccalaureate requirements.

The objectives of the option are 1) to recognize the study of women as a field of academic inquiry; 2) to familiarize students with "women's perspectives" as legitimate but previously disregarded components of study; 3) to introduce the depth and breadth of female contributions to society: in the sciences, social sciences, and the

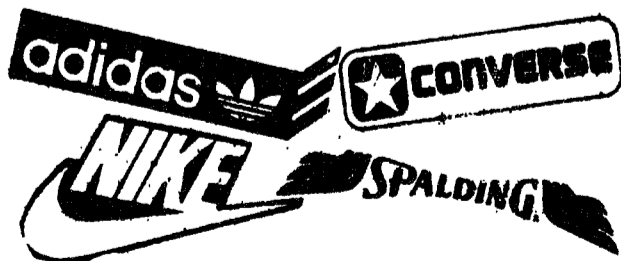
humanities, as well as in the professions, sports, and labor; 4) to develop a sense of pride in both female and male students in the accomplishments of women, past and present; 5) to enlarge our knowledge of women through all of these means as a necessary responsibility in the learning process.

The option consists of nine, three-credit courses. Dr. Margaret Cote will be offering one of these courses, *A Century of Women Writers (Engl 194)*, during the Winter Term.

In addition, Dr. Cote is organizing a Women's Issues Club, which is open to all interested people, including those who may not be able to schedule the Women Writers course. The club will consider political, economic, sociological, literary, and campus issues that especially affect young, career-oriented women. Movies, field trips, guest lectures and discussions are planned. The first meeting is scheduled for noon on Wednesday, October 22.

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