

Artist donates panel

by Jane Bugda

A Hazleton artist has created an art panel which was recently donated to the Hazleton Campus of Penn State and which is currently on display permanently outside of the library on campus.

Salvatore DeFazio, a former Hazleton Campus student whose original choral work has also been performed at the campus, donated his art panel "Mind: Body: Spirit," during dedication ceremonies at the Hazleton Campus as part of the 125th anniversary festivities at the University.

The work is composed of black and gold paint on a four by four foot steel panel. Other of DeFazio's sculptural pieces are displayed at Mining and Mechanical Institute in Freeland, and St. John the Divine Cathedral in New York. DeFazio also commemorated the visit of Pope John Paul II's visit to America in sculpture.

STS course offered

Winter term

STS (Science, Technology, and Society) is a new course being offered Winter term at Highacres. The course will be taught by Dr. Frankel and Dr. Marchesani.

The course objective is to make us more aware of the impact that Science and Technology have on our lives by drawing its concepts from biology and the philosophies of science. The course includes new holistic interpretations of evolution stressing the role of symbiosis and cooperation in nature.

Scientific essays and a selection of science-fiction stories will be used to illustrate ideas developed in the course.

Basketball activities videotaped

A broadcast started last year by the Hazleton Campus Video will be continued again this year on Channel 13. The program will be shown at the latest a week later than it was taped. Last year's program consisted of the entire basketball game.

"This year we hope to include interviews with the players and other activities around the cam-

In addition, an arts and crafts studio has also been opened on campus, funded through a \$1,600 grant from the Gifts and Endowments office at the University. The grant was used to purchase art and photographic materials and equipment and may be used by staff and students at the Hazleton Campus.

Price Bell present research

Dr. James Staudenmeier, Associate Director of the Hazleton Campus of The Pennsylvania State University, announced that two campus faculty members recently gave presentations before a national convention of English teachers in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Alan Price, Assistant Professor of English, and Dr. Eric Bell, Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology, presented research into the effects of anxiety on college composition students. Their study sought to determine whether students showed greater motivation and improvement in composition courses when grades were withheld.

Dr. Price and Dr. Bell participated in the session "Anxiety: Its Use (And Abuse) in the Composition Process" as part of the annual convention of the National Council of Teachers of English. Other panel members included Dr. Bruce Smith of Georgetown University, Dr. John Daly of the University of Texas, Dr. Richard Veit of the University of North Carolina, and Dr. Dawn Wilson of Kent State University.

pus, instead of just the games," said Mr. Barry Jais, club advisor.

The club's most important feat this year was the building of their new studio in the Physical Education Building. Plans for other projects are still undecided. New members are still welcome and interested persons should see Mr. Jais, Mr. James Methot, or Finn Peterson.

SGA holds dance, sale

The two major SGA events for the month of December were the Semi-Formal Banquet and the Christmas Candy Sale. The second annual SGA Semi-Formal Banquet was held on December 12, 1980, at Gus Genetti's. The buffet meal began at 8:00 p.m., and was enjoyed by all. Entertainment was provided by The Marty Edwards Band which began to perform at 9:30 p.m. The entire crowd danced until 12:30 a.m.

The Christmas Candy Sale was very successful again this year. Over \$700.00 worth of candy was sold by the SGA members. The chairmen, Alita Rovito, Dee Hartman, Marybeth Powell, and Richard Prewitt, did a very good job in organizing this year's sale.

Highacres ski club ready for slopes

Since the first day of school, the ski club has been busy planning its activities for the year. They have already held a ski movie and a ski tune-up and swap shop for good, used equipment. Also planned is a visit from ski shop and ski resort people to explain their programs such as inter-collegiate ski racing and night skiing programs. Professor Concannon, the advisor, is also checking into ski areas for a possible trip during spring break.

On their immediate schedule, the ski club plans to do some night skiing at Camel Back Ski Area and Big Boulder Ski Area. There might also be a weekend trip to Greek Peak in New York. Any member of the ski club receives a 15% discount on purchases at Alpine Ski Shop (Route 940, White Haven) and Michael's Timberline Ski Shop (Route 940, Blakeslee). There are currently over 160 members. Professor Concannon welcomes more to join.

Officers are: President — Jim Concannon, Vice President — Mike Buczynski, Treasurer — Carol Pozda, and Secretary — Marlene Steber.



The cast of "The Best Man."

Drama club presents play

by Jim Bagley

The Highacres production of Gore Vidal's *The Best Man* was presented on October 28, 29, 30, and November 1 in the Commons. Attendance for the show totaled about 400 with a capacity audience every night. The play was directed by Dr. Carl Frankel with assistance from Martha Beharry.

The cast of characters included: Dale Rhine as Dick Jensen; Tim Kelly as William Russell; Chris McNab as Mrs. Gamadge; Joe LeMonica as Art Hockstader; Mandy Amsell as Mabel Cantwell; Greg Reinsmith as Bill Blades; Eric Peterson as Joseph Cantwell; Beth Howard as Senator Carlin; Bill Warg as Dr. Artinon; and Enoch Zelinski as Sheldon Marcus. Playing reporters were Jennae Saylor, Diane Hunter, Judd Buskirk and Lisa Betley. Also in the play were Karen Seltzer, George Rodriguez, Dagmar Shaup, Chris Nash, Francis Roman, Dave

Wertzel, and George Schwartz.

There were many behind-the-scenes jobs that helped make the show a success.

Dr. Frankel had this to say on the play: "The quality of the production was very good. The actors did themselves proud. Overall, I was very pleased with how they worked through rough spots without them showing." He added how timely the production was with the election so close to the performances and that this play was performed by quite a few people at election time. "It showed a lot of the influences that are at work in the political world. What happened November 4 (Election Day) showed that truth is sometimes stranger than fiction. The play correctly forecast the demise of liberal Senators such as McGovern, Bayh, and Church who were all elected out of office."

Ex-student politician wins libel suit against student newspaper

A former U. of California-Santa Barbara student politician recently won \$18,000 in punitive and compensatory damages in a five-year-old libel suit against the student newspaper.

Former Daily Nexus Editor James Minow was ordered to pay \$3,000 in personal punitive damages while the U. of California Regents, as publishers of the paper, were ordered to pay \$15,000 in compensatory damages to Murvin Glass, a 1975 student government presidential candidate. Glass filed the suit claiming Minow and the Daily Nexus libeled him in a series of editorials, articles and cartoons.

The libel suit centered around two controversial cartoons that ran in the Nexus during Glass' campaign for external president of the UCSB Associated Students in 1975. One depicted a small black boy, wearing a M.G. button, sitting on a throne and saying, "And to think I owe it all to voter apathy." The second showed three black students stealing copies of the Nexus from a box and referred to the theft of 8,000 copies of the Nexus issue that endorsed Glass' opponent. Glass claims those two cartoons and stories within the Nexus insinuated he was responsible for

the newspaper theft and caused him to lose the election by 300 votes.

The trial also revealed a longtime rivalry between Glass and Minow, stemming back to their competition for Daily Nexus editor in 1974. Minow won that race by one vote. Glass, a former Nexus minority affairs editor, continued working for the paper until he was fired in 1975 for allegedly failing to produce his quota of articles.

The current Nexus carried daily reports of the libel suit, but was otherwise detached from its outcome. "There's a certain amount of shame in the sense that it was our organization that was ruled at fault," says Editor Jerry Cornfield. "But that all happened five years ago — there's no one on the staff now that was here then. We see James Minow on campus (as editor of an alumni publication) and we know who he is, but that's about it."

Cornfield doesn't think the court's ruling will affect the Regents' policies toward the paper. "We do not anticipate any repercussions in terms of more oversight by the Regents," he says. "But then we were surprised by the decision, and in the short run, it's hard to tell what the impact will be."



Highacres Chorus will present its annual Medieval Feaste January 30 (student night), 31, and February 1. Student admission is \$9; adult admission, \$13.50. The Feaste will be held at Stefanisko's Hall on the Hazleton-McAdoo Hwy. For more information contact Dr. Jumpeter (office in S-bldg.)