

Highacres

Commentary

By George P. Yanoshik, Jr.

On May 27, commencement exercises will be conducted here at Highacres.

"Commencement" is a term that frequently takes on various meanings to different people. For some, it means "the end." No more headaches with school work or class scheduling. You are finally free to do as you please without having any academic restrictions placed on you.

A person of this opinion is not likely to go very far in life. Since Americans, to the most part, are success-oriented today, a person who leaves school

as a college graduate without any goals or aspirations for the future certainly does not conform to this model.

Commencement, according to its dictionary definition, though, is the beginning. For college graduates, this is the time when life "in the real world" is finally a reality.

It is a new beginning and a chance to prove your worth not only to yourself as an individual, but also to society and the world in which you live.

Students will leave Highacres with a number of various

degrees ranging from Business to Engineering and Sociology.

Hopefully, the graduates of this campus will seriously reflect on their education here and make a wise career decision — possibly a selection that will influence the remainder of their lives.

It is unfortunate that every student leaving the universities nationwide cannot walk into a career that he studied so hard to prepare for. Labor market trends show that this is not always possible. Jobs are in demand, now, and the '82 graduate may have to settle for a career outside of his major temporarily.

Don't be discouraged. Hard work and dedication will assist anybody in working his way up the ladder of success. It will just be a matter of time and perseverance.

Graduation day is the first day of the rest of our lives. It is now that the carefree college student must fill the role of a



responsible adult. This very important day should be taken seriously. Remember, be "Penn State Proud" always, and when you, as college graduates, land that career which you've prepared so hard for, don't forget what a Penn State Hazleton Campus education has done for you!

Dear Editors:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the reasons why the SGA presidential election of April 14, 1982, was contested.

After the results of the election were announced, I informed Alita Rovito and Chris McNab that Donna Spengler and I would be contesting the election on the grounds that the election was fraudulent and unconstitutional.

For example, at 4:45 P.M. certain SGA senators commandeered the ballot box, (a cardboard shoe box) from the Residence Hall. With the ballot box in their possession, these senators proceeded to solicit votes, (privately) from students who did not cast ballots earlier in the day.

The time limit of the election was also violated. At 5:20 P.M. the senators who commandeered the ballot box badgered Residence Hall students to vote, even though the election had officially ended. This was a direct violation of Article XII — Section 4 of the SGA constitution; this article states that the polls will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Furthermore, a blatant violation of ethics was committed by an SGA senator. This senator took advantage of his position as an election official. This person was heard asking students to vote for the candidates he advocated.

In addition, several off-campus students who went to vote in the Commons between the hours of 3:30 P.M. and 4:50 P.M. were denied their right to vote being the ballot box was not there.

With all of these witnessed facts, Chris Barrett, (a pre-law major) helped Donna and me organize our appeal. Chris was very instrumental in helping us obtain a re-election, which was properly conducted. For this, we thank Chris very much.

Hopefully, this letter will clear the air and put an end to any controversy. In short, the election of April 14, 1982 was a sham, and a re-election was indeed merited.

Sincerely
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