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BREAKING



GROUND

In February of this year, the land was cleared across from the Kostos Building and the ground was broken to make room for the latest addition to the Penn State Hazleton Campus. When students began to question why the land was being cleared, we were informed that it was to be the site for our new bookstore. To the students it was not just a new bookstore, it meant mainly three other things.

1. Less people bumping into one another and saying "excuse me" like in the old bookstore.
2. No more waiting in line to get into the bookstore at the beginning of the semesters.
3. More Penn State paraphernalia to buy!

The reason for the new bookstore was the result of the increase in student enrollment. The present store was originally only capable of servicing 400 people.

This year the enrollment is up to 1,200, three times that of which our bookstore can adequately accommodate. The new store will be five times as large as the old store, more space, more merchandise. Mr. Ted Imbert, Bookstore Manager, said they are trying to purchase a better variety of things for our bookstore which will be similiar to those at University Park. I also asked Mr. Imbert about the rumor that the new store may be a head-quarters for other campus'. He said nothing is definite yet. If it is a headquarters, it will be more like a "collecting area for four other campus'." I then proceeded to ask him about the possibility of a MAC machine being in the store. Again, he said nothing is definite yet and University Park will make the final decision about this and other matters concerning our bookstore.

The tentative date for completion of the bookstore is October 24, 1988.

As with any closing of a store, it is possible that there may be a clearance sale but as far as any Grand Opening sales, students will just have to wait and see. So start saving your money and be ready to do all your Christmas shopping in the new Penn State Hazleton Campus Bookstore this December.

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HAZING PROHIBITED

As a result of the suspension of Alpha Phi Alpha at University Park, the issue of hazing has become a matter of great concern. An anti-hazing law went into effect in Pennsylvania on Feb. 14, 1987 prohibiting hazing by organizations at public or private institutions in Pennsylvania that

can grant an associate or higher academic degree. Anyone breaking this law commits a misdemeanor of the third degree. The bill also specifies that the organization in which a person is trying to gain admission is not precluded from responsibility because of the willingness of that individual to

participate in such activities.

Disciplinary action will be taken against any student organization that commits a hazing violation.

Student organizations are important in helping individuals develop through activities made available to them. The Penn State campus

has nearly a thousand clubs, organizations, fraternities, and sororities that help personalize the college experience. Not only is hazing illegal in Pennsylvania, but it has no place in an educational institution committed to positive human development.