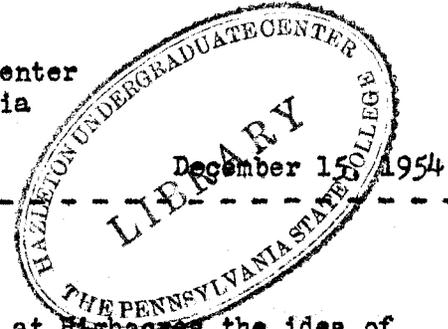


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Do You Want A SUB?

For the five years that the Center has been located at Highacres the idea of building a new Student Union Building has been debated on and thought about by the students, faculty, and administrative councils. During the spring semester '54 the student council members, themselves, "started the ball rolling" by circulating petitions to all students to get their views on this important matter. Since little action on the petition resulted at the main campus, some of our present students have dusted off the aging issue and are now in hopes of settling it on the strength of new petitions, which are now in circulation.

Why does the Center need a new recreational building? Does the Center have enough money to finance the construction of the building?

Highacres lacks an appropriate place for the students and faculty to congregate and a SUB would make possible center-wide meetings of the student body. Thus, speakers could be invited for the benefit of all students, not only special classes. Movies, plays, etc., could be put on with adequate space to seat audiences comfortably. Special matters concerning and benefiting all enrollees, and problems needing student and faculty views and decisions could be discussed by everyone concerned.

A SUB would be a tremendous saving and convenience to all students, whether participants in social functions or not. An average of \$250 a year is spent out of student activity fees for renting halls for the Semi's and dances. Approximately \$125 is spent annually on decorations for these halls. If refreshments are provided by the hall personnel, the cost is higher; if the Center supplies its own eats, time, money and responsibility are needed to convey the commodities to the hall. With the Center's own hall, most of these expenses would be decreased considerably.

Even though the building will not include a gymnasium, the intramural program can be expanded greatly. At the present time we have one intramural sport -- fencing, which is practiced in the narrow and crowded South Hall.

The Rec Hall here at Highacres is rather small and can hold hardly more than thirty students -- that is -- if all are seated. The limited space permits only card playing, chess, checkers, scrabble, and similar table games. The only other recreation is a T.V. and a radio, which require no energy and room. A SUB would constitute and would bring new and more life to the "lighter side" of college, such as ping pong, shuffleboard, darts, and a sizeable place to lounge and relax.

Our Center is still young, and local financial backing is meagre, but the main campus authorities at State College have offered to finance the construction of a SUB with the assurance that they will be repaid every semester.

Where will this money that the campus will be awaiting come from? One solution is this: that the students pay-as-they-go for a student building. The precedent as to the amount of assessment asked -- \$10.00 -- has been set by other colleges. A recent example is Ogontz Center. Their students have willingly paid this added amount, and their new SUB is just about complete. Students who are transferring to the main campus after this year and who may not get the benefit of using a new SUB here should remember that they will have the privilege of using a nearly-completed SUB and other facilities that OTHER main-campus students have helped to build. This fact remains: that your present funds will aid those in the future, as former students' funds will aid you in the near future.