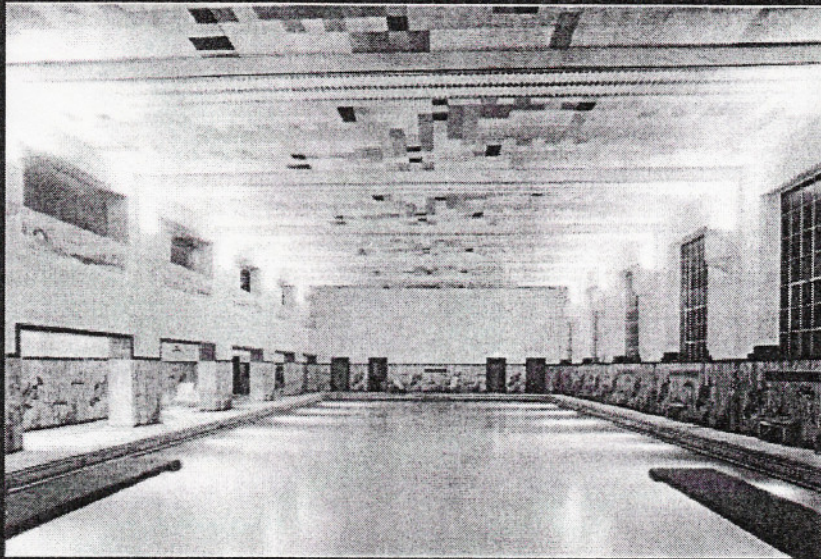


# STATE COLLEGE HISTORIC SITE



## The Glennland Building

The Glennland Building opened in 1933 as State College's largest apartment building, and for the next 40 years was the tallest building in town. Physician Grover Glenn and contractor/businessman O.W. (Orlando Wilbert) Houts installed "Pennsylvania's Largest and Most Beautiful Indoor Pool" in their 40-unit apartment building. State College's young people learned to swim in the pool, and young people from State College and beyond took unauthorized joy rides in the residential elevator, the first in town. Penn State men took classes in the Glennland pool; many an alumnus had to swim across it to graduate.

In 1946, the building was sold to Henry S. Elder

and R. Paul Campbell. Among the Glennland's business tenants were State College's first commercial radio station, WMAJ (1945–1964), and The Music Room (1933–1964). Pioneer Centre County aviator Sherm Lutz lived at the Glennland from 1933 until prior to his death in 1998. In the early 1940s, American poet Theodore Roethke was a tenant.

The Glennland pool became unprofitable after State College's first outdoor community pool was built in 1959 and Penn State's Natatorium opened in 1967. In 1968, the pool was converted to offices—some embellished with the Glennland pool's colorful ceramic wall tiles.

