

## STATE COLLEGE HISTORIC SITE



### State College High School

When this school opened September 1, 1964, on Frazier (later spelled "Fraser") Street, high school students were finally in their own building. All grades previously occupied the Frazier Street School at Highland Alley. As enrollment here increased beyond the original 124 students, the high school eventually filled the Fraser Street block from Nittany to Fairmount avenues. A large second-floor room in the 1931 addition became, in 1934, a combined school/public library (opened during school hours and Monday evenings)-State College's official public library prior to Schlow Memorial. The 1942 addition on Fairmount Avenue gave the high school a larger auditorium, more classrooms, and a new main entrance.

In 1947, two murals enlivened lunch in the base-

ment cafeteria. "Pioneer Mural" was designed and painted by a 1944 alumnus, Penn State Art Professor Stuart H. Frost. "Mount Nittany," with fabled Princess Nita/Nee, was a cooperative teacher/alumni/student project designed by art teachers Kathryn Royer and Reba S. Esh, under the director of internationally known Penn State art educator Viktor Lowenfeld.

In 1957, tenth to twelfth graders began a gradual move to a new high school. For a few years, this was the junior high school. The Fairmount Avenue Elementary School was here from 1965 to 2002. The Delta Program (formerly, the Alternative Program) moved here in 1981; Community Education (formerly Continuing Education), in 1982



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