

## CHARACTER I

This is the first in a series of articles whose somewhat idealistic aim is to give impetus to constructive thinking by students towards self-improvement. Since this series shall be called "Character," we should first define this rather illusive term. Character may be defined as the aggregate of distinctive qualities or attributes belonging to an individual--impressed by nature, education or habit.

But who is to be the best judge of your character? No one but you can (or may) do this, for only you know your true self. The practice of introspection may, in some cases, be carried to extremes, but that is not reason enough to denounce it completely as one of the paths to a neurosis or psychosis. Almost every great man was quite strict in his self-analysis, and achieved by this means the strength of character that is desired by us all, whether consciously or sub-consciously.

Therefore, we may conclude that the first process to be perfected on the rocky road of character-building is sincere objective introspection. In fact, without this there can be no honest evaluation of our faults or strength; hence, no true character improvement. Once this is achieved, however, the road becomes much smoother, and a steady, uplifting progress is made.

Having given the "why," let us briefly examine the "how" of introspection. If this is done sincerely, there will be little difficulty encountered, and the first step is safely behind us. Pick a desirable trait, and decide to what extent you think it should be carried. This can be done by observing it in someone you think has perfected it. Then, thinking of what you have done concerning this trait, evaluate yourself honestly, and formulate a plan whereby your faults may be corrected, and good points bettered. Remember, this task is not an easy one, for you must, in most cases, overcome some deeply ingrained habits. However difficult the task, the rewards are handsome, not only to you, but to all the people with whom you associate.

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### (Hazleton vs. Wilkes-Barre)

The Hazleton Campus basketball team edged out a scrappy Wilkes-Barre outfit 52-50 in a well-played tilt at the Nanticoke gym.

Bob Sarnoski and Jim Meiss were the standouts for Hazleton, with 16 and 15 points respectively.

Other scorers for the Hawks were Rodzewich, Marciniak, Hnat, E. Sarnoski, Lucas, and Tihansky.

The best bets for Wilkes-Barre were Verbin and Ostrowski.

### (Hazleton vs. Scranton)

The local cage representatives in the Penn State Campus League continued their winning ways and slaughtered the Scranton Center 95-59 in a game played at the latter's court.

Jim Meiss turned in another terrific night for the Hawks as he carried 23 points and turned in a good all-around performance.

Also contributing greatly to the victory were Hnat, Rodzewich and Marciniak.