

Panel Discussion On Public Schools Held At The Highacres Campus

A hard-hitting panel discussion on the public schools took place at the Highacres Campus of Pennsylvania State University recently.

Frank give-and-take on a wide range of subjects brought out many questions from students on alleged serious defects of teachers, mainly in the high schools, politics, and provisions for better-than-average students.

Two students and an area educator made up the panel. They were Phyllis Cohen, a freshman; Paul Thompson, a senior, and Julius Schneider, supervising principal of West Hazleton High School.

The most intensive discussion took place in the course of a question and answer session between Schneider, the other panelists, and members of the student body.

Schneider was asked about the influence of politics as related to teaching jobs, so-called "kick-backs" and other questions pertaining to politics and the board of education.

In his area of decision, Schneider told them, politics has no influence, but he said he could not speak for the situation in other school districts.

Schneider agreed with a student contention that it is practically impossible to fire an incompetent teacher under present Pennsylvania law, unless you can prove charges of immorality. Business could not profitably operate under this principle, he admitted.

He also acknowledged that Pennsylvania schools are doing practically nothing to help the better students. Everything, he said, is done for the average, weak and retarded students, but most superintendents are afraid to start classes for advanced students.

Our leaders of tomorrow are the best students, he said, but in most high schools, the good ones just learn to loaf because the tempo is too slow.

The panel was the project of Frank E. Walser, speech instructor at Highacres. Walser called it a success and said the students were frank and forthright. The session was rewarding to all who took part in it, he said. Approximately 50 students and four instructors were present, with the classroom filled to capacity.

Francis Parano, a senior, was student chairman. Walser said it is his hope to have another such panel next year.

"Mother-Daughter" Tea Held At Highacres

Theta Sigma Pi Sorority sponsored a tea with entertainment at the Highacres S.U.B. on Sunday, January 10, 1960 for the mothers of students, wives of the Faculty, and the Faculty women.

An interesting program was presented, featuring singing, dancing, a dramatic reading, and piano renditions by sorority members.

Chairman for this occasion was Sandra Pohlman, first-semester freshman at P.S.U.; Claudia Laux,

also in her first semester, planned the entertainment. The program announcer was Mary Lou Zukovich. Usherettes were Mary Korba, Evelyn Casper, Janet Kamin, Donata Matteo, Barbara Jarick, and Claudia Laux.

Mary Lou Zukovich, a second-semester student in pre-med, is president of the Sorority. Mrs. Elizabeth Bodenstein is faculty advisor.

THETA SIGMA PI SORORITY PLANS TRIP TO NYC

A trip to see a play in New York City will climax the semester's activities for the girls of the Theta Sigma Pi Sorority. The girls are planning to make the trip in February during the mid-semester vacation.

On the agenda thus far are plans to see either Jackie Gleason in "Take Me Along," or "Sweet Bird of Youth," and dinner.

The trip will serve as a farewell party for the girls who are leaving Highacres in February.

Bake Sale

Sorority plans for the month of January include a bake sale on a date to be announced. Here's a good chance for all you lucky fellows to go see how she can bake! Edwina Roland is committee chairman.

Miss Sandy Pohlman and her committee are getting ready to serve the girls' mothers and the faculty wives at a Mothers' Tea on January 10. Miss Claudia Laux is in charge of the entertainment and she is now recruiting all our local female talent.

Christmas Banquet Held

On Sunday evening, Dec. 13, the sorority held their annual Christmas banquet at Singley's Steak House. The thirty girls present enjoyed their meal very much. On the menu were ham, turkey, chicken, pork chop, and lobster tail platters.

Mrs. Leah Kostenbauder, Mrs. Mary Ferry, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bodenstein were guests at the affair.

After dinner the girls exchanged gifts with their secret pals. Mrs. Bodenstein, advisor to the girls, was the recipient of a lovely rhinestone pin and earring set given her by the sorority.

Hazleton Campus Goes Beatnik!

Colorful empty bottles displaying a lone candle provided a beatnik lighting system throughout the SUB on the eve of Dec. 4. Strips of black, orange, green, yellow and pink crepe-paper hung from the ceiling and in the doorways. Allan Saul sat in a corner, beating on bongo drums, while Tom Malarkey made his way to the top of a ladder to recite a few lines of Shakespeare. Several students gathered in groups and

sat on the floor to advocate some beatnik principles. The beatnik atmosphere was almost complete. Lacking were such essential items as liquor, and the insurgency which prevails among beatniks.

Confined by these restrictions, the students made the best of their opportunities. Several of the male populus went the distance in make-up. They came with darkened beards, horn-rimmed sun

glasses, and casual sneakers or white bucks. Most of the girls' attire consisted of bermuda shorts and extra large sweaters.

It appeared that everyone had a good time. Activities of this sort are almost certain to be recognized by the students as an outlet for disbanding all that ails them. A hearty well done to all responsible for making the beatnik party a success.



College-Community Chorus Sings Handel's "Messiah"

The Pennsylvania State University's Hazleton Campus-Community Chorus presented its Christmas interpretation of Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday evening, December 13, at the Seehler Auditorium of Emmanuel's United Church of Christ in Hazleton.

The "Messiah," an oratorio, was

written in 1741 by George Frederick Handel. It was completed in 24 days and after a rehearsal April 8, 1742, it was performed at Dublin.

The soloists at the College-Community concert were Mrs. Brian Fetterman, Mrs. May Morrow, Rev. John Stoudt, and Rev. Brian Fetterman. The accompanists were Thomas Clatch, pianist, and Joseph Jumper, organist. Both accompanists are students of music at the Hazleton Campus. Miss

fessor of music at Highacres is the directress of the chorus.

After the performance, refreshments were served by the Theta Sigma Pi Sorority of Highacres under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Bodenstein.

The concert given before a capacity audience showed excellent musicianship on the part of all. The tone quality of the chorus and its interpretation of the work was splendid. Miss Garbrick and her chorus entertained those present in the truest sense of the word.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL IN SESSION. Seated around the table from left to right: Vic Cortez, Vic Mills, Sandie Pohlman (Secretary), Jack Baradziej, Thomas Brennan (President), Bob Perugini (Vice-President), Joseph Bolitsky, Nancy Bradney, and Ed Coel (Treasurer).

Mid-Semester Ranking Of Students

These are the Hazleton Campus students who have attained the honor of being in the first fifth ranking through virtue of their mid-semester grades:

BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS

Rank	Student	Semester & Cur-	Average	riculum
1	Cheplick, Peter	3.82	3	Ch.E.
2	Bradney, Nancy	3.60	3	A.L.
2	Marino, Joseph	3.60	1	Chem.
2	Zukovich, Mary	3.60	2	P.M.
5	Ceol, Edward	3.50	3	B.A.
6	Defina, Dominic	3.44	1	A.L.
7	Cortez, Vic	3.40	3	B.A.
8	Kobrick, Thomas	3.31	1	Engr.
9	Chegwidder, Carl	3.25	1	Engr.
10	Allison, Richard	3.20	1	Sec.Ed.
10	Rabots, John	3.20	3	Sec.Ed.
10	Slavich, Michael	3.20	1	Phys.
13	Macoviak, Thomas	3.19	1	Engr.
13	Rineheimer, Arthur	3.19	1	Engr.
15	Washo, Basil	3.18	3	Ch.E.
16	Sullivan, Francis	3.15	3	Phys.
17	Bartkowiak, Robert	3.06	1	E.E.
18	Blank, Jr., Samuel	3.00	1	P.M.
18	Bridge, Michael	3.00	1	Engr.
18	Fichter, William	3.00	1	Psy.
18	Greybush, Joseph	3.00	3	P.M.
18	Lent, Charles	3.00	1	Sec.Ed.
18	Tarone, John	3.00	1	B.A.
18	Yale, Barbara	3.00	1	Journ.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE STUDENTS

1	Bartos, Bernard	3.59	1	E.T.
2	Gladis, Stephen	3.25	1	DDDT
3	Glenn, David	3.19	1	DDDT
4	Remaley, William	3.13	1	DDDT
5	Casper, Catherine	3.12	3	MDT
6	Love, Donald	3.06	1	DDDT
6	Palinchak, Michael	3.06	1	E.T.
8	Beccone, John	3.00	3	E.T.
9	Andreas, Walter	2.94	1	E.T.
9	Bogert, Gerald L.	2.94	3	E.T.
11	Maruschak, Joseph	2.93	3	E.T.
12	Bernoski, Fred	2.88	1	E.T.
12	Pasdon, Norbert	2.88	1	E.T.
12	Yencho, Joan	2.88	3	MDT
15	Naugle, Allan	2.85	1	DDDT
16	Rodzewich, Joseph	2.83	3	DDDT
18	Kolesar, George	2.81	1	DDDT
19	DeMara, Francis	2.76	12	E.T.
19	Resuta, Francis	2.76	1	E.T.

Beat Goes Square: Now In Dictionary

Many of the dictionaries that college students are using this year contain, to the possible dismay of some academic conservatives, such new items as rock 'n' roll, beat generation and the screwdriver cocktail.

In fact, Larry Urdang, a lexicographer for the American College Dictionary, recently disclosed that the beat novelist Jack Kerouac had been asked by the dictionary to help define beat generation.

Mr. Kerouac's definition: "members of the generation that came of age after World War II and Korean War who join in the relaxation of social and sexual tensions and espouse anti-regimentation, mystic dis-affiliation and material-simplicity values, supposedly as a result of 'cold war' disillusionment."

In addition to screwdriver (a cocktail made from vodka and orange juice) and rock 'n' roll (a heavily accented rhythm, related to hillbilly and blues forms), new scientific terms and names are in the latest dictionary.

Pope John XXIII and Governor Rockefeller made it, and so did sputnik, strontium 90, astronaut, count down and dirty and clean bombs. Clean in this sense means free of radioactivity.

Some words that did not make the thirty-second printing of the American College Dictionary, according to Mr. Urdang, but that are under careful consideration are: espresso, blue jeans, Ethel Barrymore, rush hour, kickback and freeloader.

College Arts Society To Present Film Feb. 22

The College Arts Society will present the third in a series of four outstanding films February 22. The film "Monsieur Vincent," based on the life of St. Vincent de Paul is in French with English subtitles.

The last movie of the series is scheduled for April 4. It is an Italian film entitled "The Bicycle Thief."

"What is the hardest task in the world? To think."

—Emerson.

Ronnie Lyon Elected Chairman Of ICG

A new club has been organized at the Hazleton Campus. This club is known as the "I. C. G." standing for the Intercollegiate Conference on Government. The purpose of this club is "not to preach, nor even to teach, but merely to provide a means whereby students may learn together how their government operates."

The club has had two meetings thus far. At the first meeting the temporary officers of the club were elected. They are: chairman, Ronnie Lyon; secretary, Donata Matteo; and treasurer, Joe Bolitsky. The club has begun to draw up its constitution and by-laws.

The temporary officers attended a Regional Executive Committee Meeting at the University of Scranton on Sunday afternoon, December 13. Plans for a regional convention were discussed. The Hazleton Chapter of I. C. G. is a member of the Northeastern Region of Pennsylvania I. C. G. The regional convention will be held at Marywood College in Scranton on March 6.

The State Convention will be held in Harrisburg on Thursday, April 7 through Saturday, April 9. The State Convention Program for 1960 will be the framing of a bi-partisan mock political platform and a bi-partisan mock nominating convention for President and Vice-President of the United States.

I. C. G. is an organization composed of more than forty junior colleges and universities in Pennsylvania on a state-wide basis. Pennsylvania is the only state that has an organization of this kind. Membership in the Hazleton Campus I. C. G. is open to any student in good standing who is interested in politics, government, or parliamentary law.

The I. C. G. was founded in 1934 at the University of Pittsburgh and has gained wide influence in state political circles.

Have you Used Highacres' Record Lending Service?

There are still very few students who have noticed a new addition to Hazleton Campus' library—that is, a record lending service. The wide selection of records may be taken out in the same manner books are.

All students are encouraged and urged to take advantage of this service.