

Evaluation Program Gains Attention

The University's self-evaluation program slowly is winning attention for its potential and promise.

President Eric A. Walker says his mail from college and university presidents has been heavy since this self-study was first announced on July 1 of last year.

"What these presidents want to know, primarily," he reports, "is (1) how are you doing it? and (2) what are the results?"

The first question, he says, is conclusive evidence that many institutions have comparable studies under consideration.

The second, he explains, is a little more difficult to answer, especially since fewer than one-fourth of the University's 65 departments have been examined thus far.

"But, in the main," the President adds, "I think it is only fair to say that I have been very much encouraged by what I have learned about the departments in these first evaluations."

"We still have a long way to go in some areas, and I know that future evaluations are going to be both good and bad, but it would be a mistake to assume that I am less than optimistic about the whole undertaking."

Before the summer months bring an enforced lull in the evaluations, from 15 to 20 departments will have undergone the scrutiny first, of the department itself, and then of a team of three or more distinguished visitors.

"The word 'distinguished' is clearly deserved in this instance," President Walker says, "because we have been very much impressed by the character and ability of the men who have come to our campus to undertake these evaluations."

Only a few people have turned down invitations to serve in this capacity, he notes, and most of them have called to ask whether dates could be changed to conform with their schedules.

"These men think so well of this program," the President reports, "that none of them want to miss it if they can possibly arrange it."

Dr. M. Nelson McGeary, who serves as secretary of the five-man Standing Committee on Evaluation, says the evaluators, usually three in number, arrive on campus Sunday night, having previously been supplied with copies of the department's self-evaluation and other data, undergo a general briefing by one or more members of the committee, and go to work early Monday morning. Evaluations average about two a month.

The evaluators make their own rules. Over a period of three days, they will usually talk to the Dean of the College in which the department is located, to the department head and others in the department, to undergraduates, graduates, and sometimes the members of other departments.

They report orally to the President before they check out Wednesday, and endeavor at least to get started on the outline of a written report.

"The oral report does not differ radically from the written report except, perhaps, that the oral report deals more directly with personalities than does the written report," the President says. "I have found these reports both frank and forceful."

The President further noted that he has been both surprised and disappointed by the reports thus far.

"I am more convinced than ever," he confides, "that we have some very good men and some very good departments at this University."

"But the picture is not uniformly good. There is a lot of work to do and, with the help of these evaluations, I think we should get started on the rebuilding job as soon as possible."

The President meets with each department, after its members have had an opportunity to study the written report of the evaluators, and the findings are discussed in an atmosphere of general good-will.

"I think, and I hope, our faculty members understand that I am not looking for the opportunity to find fault in this operation," President Walker says. "It would be closer to the truth to say that all I wish to get out of this evaluation program is a better University."

President Walker says he will look to each department to initiate its own program of self-improvement.

"It will be my job," he adds, "to make it as easy as possible for each department to achieve distinction, either by furnishing the funds it will need to get started on the job, or by speeding any executive action that may be found necessary in the rehabilitation process."

The President said he thought it would be unwise to name the "good, bad and middling" departments at this stage of the operation.

"Much more important," he insists, "is that we learn something about ourselves through these self-evaluations, and then set out to overcome our more serious shortcomings."

Turning to statistics for a moment the President said his meetings with the evaluators range from one to two hours, their typewritten reports from eight to ten single spaced pages, and the follow-up meetings with department personnel another one or two hours.

"It is too early to say what exactly will result from these evaluations," one member said, "but the outlook is good. I am confident that the total experience will be valuable."

Highacres Bowling Team On Way To Victory



HIGHACRES BOWLING TEAM . . . LEFT TO RIGHT, FIRST ROW: WAYNE MICHAEL, BOB GARRISON, HANK GROBELNY. SECOND ROW: LEE HILDEBRAND, AL TENCZA, AND BILL SLATTERY.

The Highacres Bowling team has slowly but surely put itself in the position of obtaining the Anthracite League. Although the scores of the various games are not available, the team has the remarkable record of seven wins and only one loss. Members of the team, shown above, are Bob Garrison, Al Tencza, Wayne Michael, Frank Grobelny, Lee Hildebrand, and Bill Slattery as alternate. These boys, and all of the boys playing sports for Highacres deserve a round of applause from the students for their whole-hearted participation in the various sports.

ANTHRACITE SECTION FIFTH ROUND STANDINGS

AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 1962

CHES	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pts.
Pottsville	5	0	0	15
Hazleton	3	2	0	7
Scranton	2	4	0	6
Wilkes-Barre	0	4	0	2
BOWLING	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pts.
Hazleton	5	0	0	36
Scranton	3	2	1	26
Wilkes-Barre	1	2	1	14
Pottsville	0	5	0	4
TABLE TENNIS	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pts.
Scranton	6	0	0	26
Wilkes-Barre	2	2	0	12
Hazleton	1	4	0	9
Pottsville	1	4	0	8

Science-Fiction Books Donated By Student

Mrs. Mary Ferry announced March 2 that Mr. Edward Soltis, an EET Student, donated the following new science-fiction books to the Highacres Library.

1. Hartley, L.P. — Facial Justice. N.Y., Doubleday, 1960.
2. Barzman, Ben. — Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. N.Y., Putman, 1960.
3. Anderson, Paul. — Three Hearts and Three Lions. N.Y., Doubleday, 1961.
4. Mills, R.P. — O Decade of Fantasy and Science Fiction. N.Y., Doubleday, 1960.
5. Nourse, A.E. — Tiger by the Tail. N.Y., McKay, 1961.
6. Knight, D. — Far Out. N.Y., Simon and Shuster, 1961.

Deadline for news for the next issue of the Collegian is April 16.

Highacres Downs Wilkes-Barre

The Highacres Five downed the Wilkes-Barre Campus on Jan. 29 by a score of 83-67. Tom Randis led the attack with 20 points. H. Sheidy cashed in for 18, with C. Milora going in for 14, and J. Fulton helping with 13.

Bonawitz and Baron were high for the losers with 14 each. Jones helped with 13 points.

Highacres Takes Scranton Campus

The Hazleton Campus avenged an earlier loss by defeating the Scranton Campus by a score of 90-74, on February 19, 1962. John John Rosenstock led the attack for the locals by scoring 24 points. Joe Fulton was next with 22, and H. Scheidy and C. Milora had 16 and 13, respectively.

DeSanto was high for Scranton with 41, and Brazil was next with 16.