

# SAFETY OR SCHEDULE

by Kathleen Gibson  
and Fred Bachman

A raging blizzard-12 inches of snow-gusts of winds blowing cars off the road, visibility-0. These seem to be the pre-requisites for classes to be cancelled at the Hazleton campus.

On Wednesday, Nov. 13, Radio WAZL reported that roads and highways in the Hazleton area were dangerous and that driving conditions were poor. In addition, both city and State Police warned that driving should be done only in cases of extreme emergencies and then only if chains were used.

Most of the other schools in the Hazleton area had sense enough to realize that the weather conditions were hardly ideal for attending classes, and thus they closed the schools for the day. However, the administration at the Hazleton Campus of Penn State deemed it necessary to schedule classes on this day.

All students attending the Hazleton Campus are commuting students since there are no dormitories.

The safety of students should be considered more important than a few mere classes. On Nov. 12, those who dared to attend classes, despite the warning of State Police Officials, needlessly jeopardized their lives. This should be remembered by the administration the next time weather conditions are prohibitive to the safe commuting of students from their homes to this campus.

# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

by Annette Bowers

This week the Faculty Spotlight focuses on Mr. Uehling.

Mr. Uehling was studying for the ministry but decided to switch to the field of English and Literature. I asked him why.

Mr. Uehling said that he feels that Literature is one of the most creative and highest forms of art. He is interested in people and about their reactions to life. He feels you can learn more about their reactions through the study of Literature. Mr. Uehling enjoys writing and this influenced him to choose the field of English and Literature.

Mr. Uehling was born in Gothenberg, Nebraska, and attended Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska, where he graduated with a B.A. in English. He received his M.A. from P.S.U. and he hopes to go on for his Ph. D.

Mr. Uehling served as a community recreation director and baseball coach in his hometown. On a local radio station at Hastings College he was an interviewer.

While still in college he attended the Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C. for a semester. This is a predominantly Negro college, where of the 1,200 students, 5 were white.

I asked Mr. Uehling his reasons for going there. He said, "I wanted to understand what the thoughts were of my black contemporaries on the black-white relationship."

When asked what he thought were some of the difficulties freshman had in adjusting to college, he said, "The student had to understand his own motives for being in college,

then try to find out for himself the value of a higher education. Most important he has to learn to trust his own judgment and confidently apply himself."

In closing the interview I asked Mr. Uehling if he liked teaching here at the Hazleton Campus or at State College where he had done graduate assistant work.

He said, "At State College there is a greater variety of students. There is a more formal atmosphere and more respect for the professors," but he continued, "here at the Hazleton Campus I have the opportunity to visit informally with my students. There is a good teacher-student communication." Because of these reasons Mr. Uehling prefers a smaller campus rather than a large one.

Mr. Uehling is no longer here at Highacres. He received greetings from the president and is now serving in the armed forces.

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