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# HIGHACRES PERSONALITIES

Synthesized "Sesquifulvalene" hasn't been discovered yet, but Dr. Htain Win is working on it. Dr. Win was born in Rangoon, (Burmese: YUN-GOUN) Burma, on January 1, 1931. He studied at the University of Rangoon and graduated with honors in Chemistry and a Bachelor of Science in 1954. It was at this time that he was selected by the Burmese government as a government state scholar for a Masters Degree in Chemistry which he acquired at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin in 1955.



DR. HTAIN WIN

As a part of the scholarship, he made study visits to: the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C., the National Physical Laboratory in London, England, the International Bureau of Weights and Measures in Paris, France, the International Organization for Standardization in Geneva, Switzerland, and Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt, a government physical laboratory in Braunschweig, Germany.

He completed his studies in 1956 upon which he returned to Burma and worked with the Union of Burma Applied Research Institute in establishing the Bureau of Standards.

In 1958, he was sent to attend the International Standard Organization General Assembly as a Burmese representative in Harrogate, England. Due to political instability, Dr. Win left Burma and came to the United States in 1960 where he worked for the Allied Chemical Corporation — National Aniline Division in Buffalo, New York for two years.

To procure a Ph. D. in Chemistry, he went to the State University of New York at Buffalo and completed his degree in 1967. Dr. Win joined Penn State in 1966.

In 1968, he was the only recipient among the PSU commonwealth campuses chemistry faculty of a \$2500 research grant from the National Science Foundation - PSU. With this grant, Dr. Win hopes to synthesize hitherto unreported non-benzenoid aromatic hydrocarbon "Sesquifulvalene" and investigate its physical and chemical behaviors.

He is now actively engaged in procuring equipment and chemicals for his research.

Dr. Win has also published three papers in the Chemical Journal; two papers in the Journal of Organic Chemistry and one in the Journal of Chemical Physics. He has just presented a paper at the Eastern Pennsylvania - PSU commonwealth campuses Chemistry Colloquium.

Being one of the three-hundred Burmese people in this country who is an expert on Burmese cooking, Dr. Win recently conducted a series of lecture demonstrations in Oriental cooking at the local Gourmet club in Hazleton.

Dr. Win's philosophy of life is: "I have a free, liberal outlook. I believe people should respect each other and help each other regardless of who they are; and optimistically look forward to understanding among humans for common survival." If you were asked to find a Highacres student who most reminded you of Errol Flynn, would you pick Jerry Notaro? Probably not.

Jerry hails from the thriving metropolis of Kelayres, Pa., where he was born on July 28, 1944. As a tot, he attended the Kelayres Elementary School and graduated from Hazleton High School in 1962.



#### JERRY NOTARO

Being an enthusiastic patriot to his country, he spent three and a half years in the Navy. Of this, he was in Jacksonville, Florida, for two and a half years lavishing most of his time on thirty-day passes to soak up the Florida sun; in Memphis, Tennessee, where he went to the Aviation Electronics Technician School for nine months; and in Spain for an interesting three months.

He is presently in a two-year course for Drafting and Design. Among his most recent accomplishments for the 1968-69 school year, Jerry is president of two organizations: Student Government Association, and the Delta Delta Tau Fraternity for Drafting and Design students. He is also vice-president of the Parnassus Honor Society (Hazleton Chapter of Keystone Honor Society), and has been nominated for Tau Alpha Pi, an honorary society for associate-degree students in engineering technology.

When asked what his favorite pastimes were, Jerry listed them as: tennis, basketball, hunting, and the most dangerous, crafty, and artful skill of reloading his own shells for hunting.

There is very little that Jerry dislikes about the world. His chief gripes are insincere people, rabble-rousers, and protestors. A few of his favorite things are mechanics, old movies, new sports cars, the Hazleton Campus, thinking, an over-abundance of apple cider, Clark Gable and Errol Flynn.

His comment on the newspaper: "I'm happy it's on its feet again."

Jerry's future plans include his entrance into the Capitol Campus in Harrisburg for a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Technology.

# HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS DO WELL IN COLLEGE

University Park, Pa. — For high school seniors with a taste for a challenge there's nothing like a bite of college work to whet the appetite.

And for those hungry enough to dig in, the menu can vary from English to math, anthropology to sociology or even physical education to geological science.

This academic bill of fare is called a Gifted Student Program and is offered by various institutions of higher learning in the State in conjunction with the Department of Public Instruction and local county school officials.

At The Pennsylvania State University the dish is served up by five Commonwealth Campuses and while the system's not run like a key club, the doors are controlled by certain prerequisites.

The purpose is to permit superior high school seniors to experience college level studies and earn college credits before they even set foot on the campus of their choice.