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Personality

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Some say that the experience of teaching is not very exciting. This is not the case with Dr. Michael Santulli, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Highacres.

Santulli was born in Brooklyn, New York and spent the first ten years of his life in that area. He then moved to Flatbush, New York with his family. "The only recollections I have of Flatbush are of seafood and baseball," Santulli said when referring to his early years. Again his family moved after ten years to Allendale, New Jersey where he met his fiancée, a French girl, and was married.

He was the only member of his family to graduate from college. "Most of the memories of school are of mis-educative experiences. Ever since I was small I liked to read and I am still reading a great number of books today," Santulli said.

French and English were the subjects he taught at a high school in Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey; the name meaning cleft of the rock.

Santulli was later inducted into the Army Chemical Corps where he worked in a chemical laboratory to conduct chemical experiments by synthesizing hallucinogenic drugs and nerve gas.

When faced with the decision of selecting a major in college Santulli was not sure what course to take. He had an aptitude in science, and Chemistry was his first choice. Santulli commented, "With no support to help me make a decision, I chose to venture into Philosophy because I find it to be absolutely absorbing."

Throughout his life, Dr. Santulli based most of his decisions on aesthetic values rather than for economic reasons.

He began teaching at Penn State in 1961 which included a teaching assistantship

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as well as graduate work for a doctorate degree at University Park. Santulli remarked, "To me, teaching is one of the most difficult things to do. One of the major benefits of teaching is that I never stop learning. Other people show me points of view that I never knew before."

Santulli taught Philosophy at Highacres from 1964-66 and then transferred to Bucknell University in Lewisburg for four years. He then chose to return to Hazleton Campus because "I received a job here and the campus is small. There is an emphasis on good teaching and the students are interesting."

Dr. Santulli holds the following degrees: B.S. in Chemistry from St. Francis College in Brooklyn, N.Y., an M.A. in Philosophy from Fordham, N.Y.; and a D.Ed. in Philosophy from The Pennsylvania State University.

He has a son and a daughter whose names are Gabriel and Daniel, respectively. He also has two dogs and a cat at his home.

Dr. Santulli does not have a great deal of spare time but he enjoys the pastimes in which he is able to participate. "I have three public passions," Santulli said, "which include teaching, fly fishing, and playing the piano." He makes an effort to play the piano at least two times a day.

"I believe I live a crisis life and fall from one crisis to another," Santulli said.

Dr. Santulli now resides in Mountaintop, Pennsylvania and sees this small town as "a non-descript community with a beautiful location. He has no immediate plans for the future except to teach here at Highacres and "The one problem I don't have is being bored."

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On Women

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The American Optometric Association (AOA) wants to interest more women in the male dominated profession of optometry.

The A.O.A. points out that optometry fits in well with many women's lifestyles. It offers independence and flexible working hours, and a national mean net income of \$33,000 a year.

Optometric education begins with two to four years in an preoptometric education program at an accredited university, college or junior college offering a preprofessional laboratory science curriculum. Four years of education in an optometric college follow. There are 13 colleges of optometry in the U.S.

There are a number of specializations within the field, as well as opportunities for research, teaching, military or public service and health administration. Women interested in the field should write to the Career Guidance Department, A.O.A., 7000 Chippewa St., St. Louis, Mo. 63119.

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