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Shaevel receives award

Four PSU faculty members have been chosen to receive the 1981 AMOCO Foundation Outstanding Teaching Awards, each check in the amount of \$1,000. For the second consecutive year, a member of the Highacres faculty has been selected for this honor. Last year Dr. Harold Aurand, Professor of History received it, and this year Myron Leonard Shaevel, one of Hazleton PSU's physics teachers. A member of the Hazleton campus' faculty since 1966, Professor

Shaevel is the co-author of three textbooks. He graduated from Lowell Technological Institute in Massachusetts with B.S. and M.S. degrees.

This isn't the first award that Professor Shaevel has received. Not only has the administration commended his talents, but Hazleton students have also recognized his abilities by naming him "Hazleton Teacher of the Year" in 1970 and 1977.

Even now Highacres students commend most aspects of



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Shaevel's teaching methods. Most students favor the frequent quizzes he gives, realizing that it alleviates the cramming for the final and also allows a little more time to cram for other finals. One sophomore student comments: "Professor Shaevel explains things very clearly, has good lectures, works helpful examples, and is available a great deal of time on campus."

Mr. Shaevel has also co-authored and co-produced "Science Countdown," a local tv

quiz show in which various high schools competed. He also coordinated a program titled "Color, Perception, and Optical Illusion" for fifth grade students in the Hazleton elementary schools. And, most recently, he developed a program for sixth graders, "The World Around Us."

The AMOCO recipients are chosen by a group nominated by faculty members and students and recommended as finalists by a University Council Committee.

Requirements change for baccalaureate degrees

Pennsylvania State University baccalaureate degree requirements (B.D.R.) will, beginning with the 1981-82 school year, take on a new categorical form. Required basic courses will be defined in order to give students a clear understanding of which courses are necessary in fulfilling their degree programs. The Bachelor of Philosophy degree program will be exempt from specific B.D.R.s since this is an individually planned program. Also, this change will not affect Associate degree programs or students enrolled in a program prior to the 1981-82 school year.

B.D.R.s are those basic courses required by the student before beginning study in his or her specific major. The intention of the university in categorizing the B.D.R.s is to make clear to the students which courses will fulfill

specific credit requirements. For example, six credits will be needed to fulfill one's Arts' re-

quirements, and for this purpose 81 interrelated courses are provided. Communications will require nine credits, Natural Science six, Humanities six, Social and Behavioral Sciences six, Quantification six, and Health and Physical Education four. Students will no longer select courses from an unrestricted multitude which may include courses that are inconsistent with their desired program of study.

All baccalaureate programs will require a similar number of basic course credit requirements in each category such as Arts. Also, courses for all programs will be selected from one common list. It will become subsequently easier for students to change majors since separate college B.D.R.s will become, to a greater extent, interchangeable.

Complete information concerning new B.D.R.s will appear in the 1981-82 Baccalaureate Degree Programs information book.

Matchick joins campus faculty

By JAYNE ANN BUGDA

An alumnus of the Hazleton Campus of The Pennsylvania State University, Dr. David A. Matchick, recently joined the faculty at the Hazleton Campus. Dr. Matchick will be filling a position in the Engineering Department.

Dr. Matchick received his B.S. in Science and his M.E.P.C. in Environmental Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University. He also received a M.S. in Radiation Health from the University of Pittsburgh. In 1980, Dr. Matchick received his Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University.

Prior to his teaching position at the Hazleton Campus Dr. Matchick was a research assistant in the field of Nuclear Engineering and has participated as co-investigator in the development of a concept paper concerning the feasibility of the Energy Park development in Pennsylvania. Dr. Matchick is also the co-author of the research paper proposal "Optimization of In-Situ Plutonium Utilization in a PWR," which was awarded a contract by the Department of Energy. He is currently developing the XSDRN-BURN computer program to analyze reactor geometries for their optimal utilization of nuclear fuel.

Dr. Matchick has a number of publications that are in accordance with his background in the science field.

His professional membership includes the Health Physics Society and the American Nuclear Society. Dr. Matchick will begin teaching at Hazleton Campus during Spring term.

C. Brooks Peters lectures on campus

In conjunction with the National Holocaust Memorial Week of last month, the Hazleton Campus of the Pennsylvania State University along with the Jewish Community Center of Hazleton sponsored a lecture by C. Brooks Peters. Mr. Peters appeared on the 28th of April in the Highacres gymnasium. The following day, Mr. Peters attended Professor Miller's History of Fascism 143 class and answered questions raised by the students.

Mr. Peters had worked in Germany as a foreign correspondent for the New York Times from 1937 to 1941. With the entrance of America into the war Mr. Peters enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and saw combat duty in the Solomon Islands Campaigns. He returned to the New York Times in 1945 and became the Times first Bureau Chief at the United Nations. He later held such posts as attache to United States diplomatic missions abroad, ad-

viser to the Emperor of Ethiopia, and special consultant to Teddy Kolley, Secretary General, Prime Minister's Office, Jerusalem.

Mr. Peters spoke to an audience of nearly 200 on his experiences in Germany and the German anti-Semitism of that time. He related an eye witness account of the Kristallnacht or "Crystal Night," the burning of Berlin's largest synagogue, and his impression of the Jewish situation in Germany at that time. He also recalled his meeting Hitler, Goring, and Goebbels, and his travels, as a Times correspondent, with the conquering German armies into Poland, Holland, France, and Belgium.

To conclude his lecture, Mr. Peters accepted questions from the audience. A respondent audience then engaged Mr. Peters with questions until 10:00 P.M. when the lecture ended.

Graduation slated for May 28

Highacres Campus of Penn State will be conducting its eleventh graduation this spring term. Sixty-six students will be receiving their degrees on Thursday, May 28, 1981 at 7 p.m. This outdoor ceremony will take place in the Highacres gardens.

One rehearsal for the graduation ceremony will be conducted on Thursday, May 28, at 1 p.m. Candidates who do not plan to participate in the graduation ceremony, or who are not able to attend rehearsal should contact Dr. Staudenmeier's office as soon as possible.

Graduates are expected to assemble in the Commons gameroom not later than 6:30 p.m. for robing, last minute instructions, and assembly for the Processional.

Most of the graduating students have participated in 2-year programs, but there will be some 4-year program candidates receiving their degrees also.

Associate Degree candidates may purchase their cap and gown at the Hazleton Campus Bookstore — the color must be gray. Baccalaureate Degree candidates should purchase their cap and gown at University Park — the color must be black.

John Yamulla, President of the Hazleton Education Council will be the speaker at the commencement exercises. Rev. Stacy I. Weaver, from United Church of Christ, Conyngham will give the invocation. Refreshments will be served after the graduation ceremony.

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