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## Tri-County Reading Festival

by Bob Kiefer

On May 8th the Student Government Association (SGA) and members of the Hazleton campus faculty and staff jointly sponsored the 22nd Annual Tri-County Dramatic Reading Festival.

Students from area high schools participated in the annual event which was held in the Highacres library. There were several categories which students could enter in; prose, poetry, and drama. Each high school was permitted to enter one student in each of the reading categories. The students were judged on such points as diction, volume, variety, and relationship to the audience. All of the readings were limited to a time of between six to ten minutes. The judges were also grading the students on

subtlety of the presentation as well as on appropriate innovations. The contestants were encouraged to include gestures in their presentations when possible and evocation was stressed. All participants received a certificate of appreciation and the first three winners in each category received inscribed plaques.

The annual festival gave each of the participants experience in dramatic reading before an audience. This exposure to public speaking should not only help the students in future reading events, but it will also help in everyday life where oral communication is useful. All contestants had a fun, as well as educating, experience and look forward to the next reading festival.

## Card catalog gets computerized

Since January 1, the Pennsylvania State University Librarians have closed their catalogs. The new system computerized, the computer output microfiche, will be operational by July and will be in use until 1983 when the automatic system will be available to all library users.

The catalog will contain materials cataloged beginning January 1, 1981, Penn State theses and dissertations, and new uncataloged books. The books will be listed as a dictionary

catalog-author, title and subject, shelving, and as a register-complete bibliographic information.

The catalog will be updated monthly and cumulated annually. New microfiche machines will be available for the computerized catalogs at University Park and the Hazleton campus. The old card catalog will still be used for retrospective material. Additional information on the new catalog system will be available shortly.

The Parnassus Honor Society of the Hazleton campus held its annual induction ceremony on April 14, 1981.

The Parnassus Honor Society is the branch organization of the Keystone Honor Society at University Park. Membership in the Parnassus Honor Society means automatic membership in the Keystone Society.

Membership requirements for the Parnassus Society include at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average and participation in at least two campus activities.

During the ceremony all the inductees were given a candle and asked to repeat the oath of the society. Dr. David, an honorary member of the society, then spoke to the group. Mrs. Mary Ferry, the Highacres head librarian, was then given a gift from the society for recognition of her devoted service to the Hazleton campus. Mrs. Ferry will be retiring after this term.

The Parnassus society sponsors several activities throughout the year. They hold an annual book sale, sponsor the freshman and sophomore of the year awards, and serve as ushers for graduation exercises every year.

New officers elected for next year are the following: President is Eric Reidinger, Vice-president is Lori Folk, Secretary is Roxanne Franek, and Treasurer is Diane Fisher.

## Transfers—

### where will you live at U-Park?

Are you planning to transfer to the University Park campus soon? Most of you will sooner or later.

If you do you will probably find a very different form of campus life than you are involved with now. You undoubtedly have many questions and concerns about adjusting to the main campus. One of your main worries is probably where to live. This is a very important consideration, as it can have enormous impact on your college career.

There are many alternatives to consider when deciding where to live. Will you live in a dorm? An apartment? A house? A mobile home? A rooming or boarding house? Once you decide on the type of place you want to live in, you'll need to consider specific locations. Do you want to live close to campus or farther away? What type of lease do you want? Nine month? Twelve month? How many roommates do you want, if any?

What about security deposits? What type of transportation is available? And of course the most important consideration: how much can you afford? What is your monthly rent and what is included in that rent? Utilities?

Heat? Parking?

The answers to these questions and more are very important when deciding on where to live. But you as a transfer student are not alone.

OTIS, the Organization for Town Independent Students, is a voluntary student organization on campus designed to deal specifically with these questions. The Organization celebrated its 10th anniversary last October, and has a very positive reputation in the State College area. OTIS's volunteers are proficient in areas concerning housing, consumer affairs and legal affairs. They can help you learn about State College and its services, such as banking, transportation and parking. They can also give you information about the campus itself.

You need this information before you make any decisions about living in State College. If you are planning to visit the Penn State campus stop in at the OTIS office, room 20 Hetzel Union Building. Or call (814) 865-6851. Or you can write OTIS at Room 20 Hetzel Union Building, University Park, PA 16802. Remember — you are not alone. OTIS is more than willing to help you. That's what they are there for.

## New faculty members sought

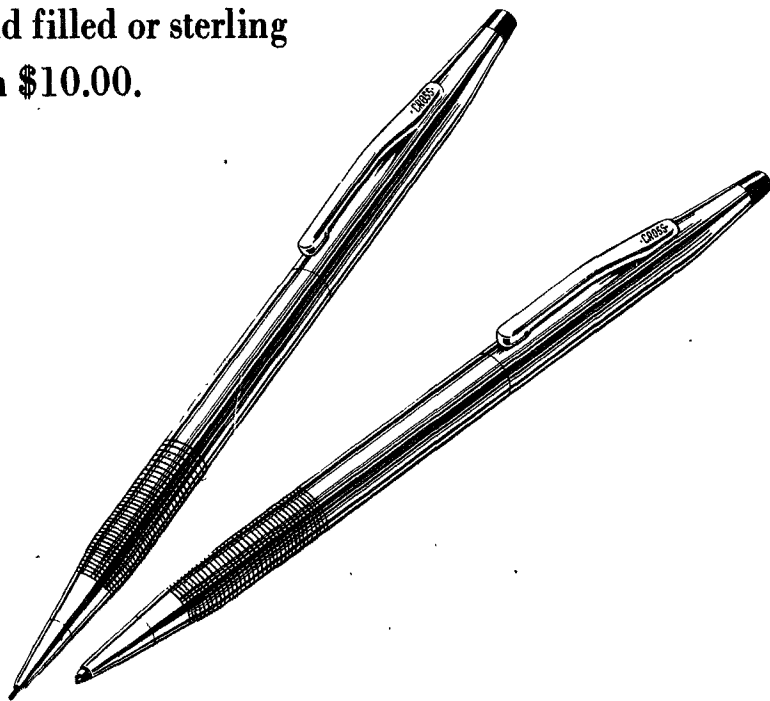
Dr. David is in the process of selecting the new faculty members for the Fall term. Leaving their positions vacant are Sociology Professor Ms. Pat Lyons, librarian Ms. Ferry, and Dr. Brian Keen of the Organic Chemistry department.

The vacant spots will be filled after a careful process is completed. First, the criteria of the applicants are delivered na-

tionally. Next, the resumes are sent to the Home department at University Park where the resumes are reviewed to meet the minimum requirements. Then Hazleton receives a stack of resumes and appoints a search committee to review the applicant. The best 4 or 5 are then selected. They are then invited to spend a day at University Park and a day at Highacres. Then the final choice is made.

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