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A Tribute To Professor Shaevel

faculty of the Hazleton demonstrations.

themselves. five years ago, was thusiasm with showman-presented again last ship. There is a place in spring. He thought he the classroom for the spec-

science and master of science degrees at Lowell four of the many close tation program.

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campus experienced the teaching aids have been vice and he always had example of the best of Also, that he always had loss of one of our most adapted throughout the time to listen. "Many what people can be and time to help. "No matter special professors; M. Penn State campuses. times we would have cof- what this university who it was, whether a P h y s i c s . program. He created, colives in the same apart- Staudenmeier, and he said fect stranger, he would Professor Shaevel was a authored, and co-produced ment building as that Professor Shaevel did always make time to talk Shaevel, Here at Hazleton, he was fee breaks," says Dr. represents. member of the faculty a television quiz show here at Hazleton since 1966 called "Science Countand has done more for the down" for high school campus than any other single person. He was four years on Channel 44 single person. He was four years on Channel 44. elected "Teacher of the A recent project of his was Year" twice by the student a series of programs to body, in 1970 and 1977. In represent the concepts of 1981, our university for-Physics to elementary mally recognized his scholl students. He many achievements in the developed a program classroom by presenting called "Color, Perception him with the AMOCO and Optical Illusion" for Foundation Teaching fifth graders and a second Award. Probably one of program, "The Physics Professor Shaevel's Around Us" for sixth highest honors was the graders. Also Professor title of "Master Teacher". Shaevel was scheduled to Professor Shaever not appear before the January only taught Physics well, meeting of the American but he also had many other Association of Physics varied talents. He played Teachers in New York the piano, and while in City to present a paper on college, he played in bars the Doppler Effect to make money for school. "Teachers must learn He had a terrific sense of from their teaching, S" he humor and a few years ago said " and they can't be was a key figure in coming afraid to experiment." He up with a show called believed that the teacher's "Comeriety" in which the enthusiasm - expressing a faculty and staff spoofed genuine concern for the The show student contributed most which was done every to the desire to learn. year and stopped about "Teachers can confuse en-

These stantly going to him for ad-campus...He was an no matter where he was. friend of a student who he had wanted to talk about some kind of problem."

He always had time for students to send letters of but he had ceratin beliefs everyone. She remembers recommendation. "There and he stuck to them. One a time when "we were were very little student, in particular that Mr.s He having coffee and a girl faculty or campus ac- Jais remembers was, "If a am called about a problem or tivities in general that he man and a woman reached tion something and when she was not involved in." a door at the same time, he for was finished, she wished when I asked Dr. would alays make her go him and I a Merry Christ-Staudenmeier about the first. He was a true gen-mas. He was Jewish. He content of the tleman." She feels that he never burdened others with his problems;

He only listened. "Once in great while" Dr. Rudolph says he would break down and come to her. He also helped Dr. Rudolph in getting her first two articles published. sometimes he would spend seven or eight hours looking them over. He never thought he was above anyone. He was the perfect gentleman. "He was old worldish in ways we think of as dating back to the early 1900's. He had a great respect for woman and he loved children."

Unfortunately, I did not get a chance to be taught by Professor Shaevel, would try his hand at being tacular demonstration or by Professor Shaevel, an artist, so he started the occasional joke, but we where he was at his best. painting at the beginning can't forget that we are But, like all freshmen, I of last summer educators and not endid have a chance to see He earned his bachelor of tertain ers. 'him in action in the Sumhim in action in the Sum-I talked to mer Counselingand Orien-Institute friends of Professor leaving the session, I and (Mass.). He co-authored Shaevel here on campus everyone else there, left feeling very optimistic about coming to college. He had us psyched about coming to this campus, and filled with confidence that we had what it took to make it. H e impressed upon everyone that we were going to come here and be successes, if we tried out best Dr. Santried out best tulli remembers a time last year when the two of tnem spent two days looking for golf clubs. They went to Scranton, Barre. Wilkes everywhere you could imagine to find these clubs. Finally, they found them in Herman's in the Lehigh Valley Mall. Professor Shaevel talked the salesman into giving the clubs to them for the sale price that was not going to take effect for two weeks!. Then he talked him down even lower. Dr.

Over Christmas break, microcomputer programs out by now knowing him Santulli states that he was tribute was that he made the students, staff and to enhance classroom better. Students were con- a "model for everyone on one feel like he belonged

cording to Dr. Stauden-s a y n o , , meier and his secretary, a To me, those five words Commons

memories of Professor counsel a Shaevel were from the student, to go looking for three to four months they golf clubs with a friend, to would spend together in make a person feel extra the summer counselling special, or to just be there. program. They spent af- He never said no. Dr. ternoons putting the slide Rudolph said it best, presentations together. She feels that his best at-c l a s s

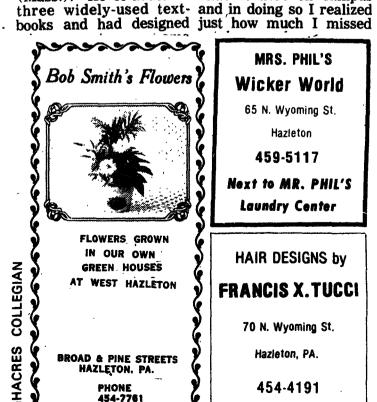
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faculty member, staff content of the tleman." She feels that he "Comeriety" shows he reason why he was in so replied, "Nothing on cam- many things was probably pus was sacred." Ac- because "he could never

few years ago Professor sum up the man that was Shaevel started a dance M. Leonard Shaevel. He band called "M. Lenny was never too busy for and the Shovels" which anyone, to listen to their was going to perform in problem and help out, to but write a letter of recomsomehow fell through. mendation, to help a friend Michelle Jais' fondest get an article published, to "...that was a man with

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