



**“Ruthie” retires . . .**

She calls herself ‘the last of the originals’ although, of course, she really didn’t begin to work for the university until 1948, 14 years after the inception of the Hazleton Center.

However, Ruth Donar Reichart, who retired early this year after 36 years and four months with Penn State-Hazleton, did begin her tenure at the Walnut Street building almost a year before the move to Highacres.

Barely 18 years old and fresh out of McCann Business School, ‘Ruthie’, a Nuremberg native, had one false start in the working world, five weeks at a factory in Hazleton, before she accepted the job at the Hazleton Center of Penn State.

She recalls that her typing instructor at business school arranged the university interview after learning of the job opening from a friend, a chemistry professor named John D. Carr.

Ruthie was interviewed for the position by J. Richard Mattem, assistant administrative head and went to work as secretary for the evening class management training program (now Office of Continuing Education). She later switched to the department of registrations and records which eventually evolved into the Office of Academic Affairs.

Her first boss was H. Leland Whitfield, a district representative for Hazleton Center, then she worked for Frank Kostos when he was assistant administrative head of the Hazleton Campus.

When Kostos moved up to head the campus, she decided to stay with the position she liked so well, dealing with students, faculty, registrations and records. She next worked for William E. Schneider then associate director for academic affairs, then for his successor, Dr. James Staudenmaier, present director of academic affairs.

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**ANNUAL FUND REACHES TOWARD \$10,000 GOAL**

The 1984-85 annual fund campaign began last fall and by the end of 1984, alumni and friends of the Hazleton Campus had contributed almost \$5,000 to it.

Since then the pace has slowed and with just four months left, the campaign has raised a total of \$6,585 still \$3,415 short of its \$10,000 goal.

Anna Jean Leib, who heads this year’s campaign, noted that a contribution to the Hazleton Campus Fund counts as a contribution to the university fund of which it is a part. She urges those who

have not yet given in this fiscal year, to send the coupon below to the Hazleton Campus.

“Each year our fund manages to provide a few extras for our campus,” said Mrs. Leib, “things which don’t quite fit into the operating budget. Right now our engineering and engineering tech students desperately need CAD (computer aided design equipment) and the biology students should have their ailing autoclave replaced. They look to you for help.”

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She remembers the days when the office was in the room which is now the Harlam Lounge and classes were held upstairs in the same building. She said that at one point she and her records were moved to the Markle’s “butler’s quarters,” a building which stood where the library was later erected.

Remarkably, she has almost total recollection of the names of students over the years and many of them have stayed in touch with her long after they left the campus.

Ninety of her friends and co-workers came out to honor Ruthie at a laughter-filled retirement dinner last month. But in spite of a retirement gift of a rocking chair, Ruthie doesn’t seem to be preparing for any ex-

tended porch sitting.

She says she just wants more time to enjoy being with her husband but she admits she signed up to take a course in Italian for travelers and from all reports, that’s just the tip of the iceberg.

She tells the story on herself that once she was walking in New York City’s crowded Times Square and heard “Ruthie, Ruthie”. It turned out to be a Hazleton Campus alum who was attending a lecture series at Columbia University.

So if you’re in Rome, or Venice, or Paris or Tokyo and hear someone yell “Ruthie,” take a look around. You just might find Ruth Donar Reichart enjoying her retirement.