

Penn State Hazleton Meets With Local Government Officials

A number of legislators represented communities throughout northeast Pennsylvania met at the Penn State Hazleton Campus in a unique program to share information about Penn State's plans for the future. The luncheon and program also provided an important opportunity for representatives from the Penn State Hazleton Campus and University Park to hear from the legislators about issues they feel are important to higher education.

The meeting was attended by: Senator Raphael J. Musto (14th District); Senator James J. Rhoades (29th District); Representative David G. Argall (124th District); Representative John R. Gordner (109th District); Representative George C. Hasay (117th District); Representative Edward J. Lucyk (123rd District); Representative Keith R. McCall (122nd District); and Representative Thomas B. Stish (116th District).

Helen E. Caffrey, director of Commonwealth Relations for Penn State University, spoke about the Penn State plan for the future, and focus of the University on delivering the highest quality educational program to Commonwealth residents in a most effective and efficient manner.

Hosting the program at Penn State Hazleton was Dr. James J. Staudenmeier, campus executive officer, and Arthur F. McCormick, president of the Hazleton Educational Council. Also taking part in the discussions of academic programs, community outreach and the economic impact of Penn State in the region, including Luzerne, Columbia, Sullivan, Wyoming, Lackawanna, Carbon, Monroe, and Schuylkill counties.

In his remarks during the program, Dr. Staudenmeier noted that "this is the first time we've been able to talk to our legislators as a group about some of the issues and opportunities we see at Penn State, and to learn from them what issues they face in their districts." "We haven't always done a good

job in letting our legislators know more about what we see as the future of Penn State, both at University Park and throughout the Commonwealth campus system. We're a large and diversified institution, and we need to do the best job we can of making certain that the residence of the Commonwealth and their representatives know more about us, and can be in position to suggest ways in which we can best serve our students and the Commonwealth."

Participating in the program from Penn State Hazleton were: Dr. Harold W. Aurand, director of Academic Affairs; Paula A. Callery, regional director of Development and University Relations; Deidre Jago, president of the Faculty General Assembly and a campus professor of Exercise and Sport Science; Joseph C. Spado III, president of the Student Government Association.

The Hazleton Educational Council (HEC) members present during the luncheon and program were: Attorney Henry A. Giuliani, treasurer of the Hazleton Educational Council; Donald M. Pachence, president-elect of the HEC; and Attorney Pasco Schiavo who chairs the HEC Government Relations Committee. Spado spoke of his experiences as a Penn State Hazleton Campus student, and of the importance that he feels Penn State represents as a land grant institution in service to the educational needs of Commonwealth residents. Attorney Schiavo spoke of the specific needs of the Hazleton Campus, and of the successes of the recent past in raising funds on behalf of the campus for educational purposes, citing the new Evelyn Graham Academic Building and the several endowed scholarships as examples of the support that Penn State Hazleton receives from the communities it serves.

The program concluded with a tour of campus facilities, of particular interest to those legislators who, were visiting the campus for the first time.

Three New Evening Courses Offered For Continuing Education

Updating skills to remain competitive in today's workplace is not just a good idea--it's necessary. The Penn State Hazleton Campus Continuing Education Office announces three evening credit certificate courses especially designed for the adult student. Administrative Secretary, Business Management, and Supervisory Management are three new certificate courses being offered beginning in January, 1994.

A special open house to discuss these programs and to respond to inquiries about other programs for adult students will be held at the Penn State Hazleton Campus on Thursday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chestnut Cottage.

In today's fast-paced business environment, employees need to keep their skills updated to remain competitive. According to a recent *New York Times* article, "...throughout the economic slowdown, with a large number of white-collar professionals newly unemployed or fearful of lay-offs, enrollment in continuing education courses has continued to inch up." Certificate programs are an excellent way to enhance skills and learn new ones--at a time convenient to the working adult.

The three certificate programs being offered at Penn State Hazleton--Administrative Secretary, Business Management, and Supervisory Management--include components of accounting, psychology, economics, business law, principles of management, and the contemporary business environment.

Upon completion of any of these certificate programs, a student can "step up" to an associate degree program.

For more information about how certificate programs can enhance career goals, call the Continuing Education office at (717) 450-3110.



Play It Again, Schrum

By Jovina Johnson

The evening of one-act plays allowed students and faculty to enjoy an evening of comedy and satire. Three one-act plays were performed with two monologues.

The first play, entitled *The Still Alarm*, was about two businessmen who somehow manage to remain calm as the hotel they are staying in is slowly burning down. The calmness the men display provides amusement. The special effects help add to the play as one can see the flames outside of the hotel window go higher and higher.

The second story, *Witness*, told the story of a symbolic assassination of the President of the United States. This was one of the more cryptic plays of the evening. The play-

ers wore face paint to symbolize such things as the split personality of the would-be assassin. This play gave the audience a treat because the climax consisted of gun shots and strobe lights. While giving the audience a chance to laugh, it also allowed them to open their eyes and look at the conditions of society in the sixties.

Act Two consisted of the third one-act and also featured two monologues. The first monologue was a humorous excerpt from the play *Places in the Heart*, performed by Stacy Love. The other monologue was entitled *A Call for Hope* performed by Larissa Long. The third one-act, *The Actor's Nightmare*, was about an accountant who suddenly found himself starring in three plays simultaneously.



This accountant did not know his lines, his co-stars, or even which costumes he was supposed to be in.

The plays ran for three days, (November 4-6). The head director was Professor Stephen Schrum. Diana Bourke also helped with the construction of the costumes.

All of the actors enjoyed putting on the plays for everyone to see. Dave Scopinich, who played in *Witness* and *Actor's Nightmare* said that, "Everybody was a really good team and made it easy to be on stage and it was very comfortable acting."

This is only the beginning of drama at Penn State Hazleton. In the spring semester, *On the Verge* will be performed March 31-April 2, 1994.