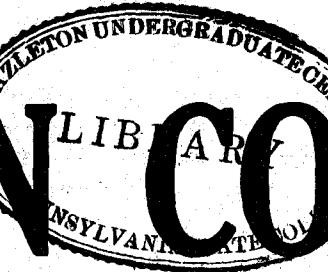


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## Four New Students Register At Center

With the opening of the second semester, the Center welcomed four new students, one girl and three boys. The girl, Miss Betty Reese of Audenried, is a Freshman who spent her first semester at Cedarcrest College near Allentown. A graduate of the Class of '37, Hazleton Senior High School, Miss Reese is now taking a Liberal Arts course.

Leon Stepanik, a Sophomore, is a graduate of the St. John Kany Preparatory School. He attended Penn State College at the Campus last year and the first semester of this year. He is enrolled at present in the Liberal Arts School. Mr. Stepanik is a resident of McAdoo.

John Timko of Eckley, a student in the School of Education, is a graduate of Foster Township High School (you know! the school that gave our basketball team a very unexpected trouncing two weeks ago.) He also attended the East Stroudsburg State Teachers' College.

Chester has sent us another of her favorite sons. This semester we have with us Anthony Filippone, an alumnus of Chester High. Anthony is a freshman in the School of Commerce and Finance. He is rooming with another Chesterite, Fred MacDowell.

We hope that our four new students will enjoy their stay at the Center as much as we enjoy having them with us.

## Attend Debate Conference At Penn State Campus

Certrude Hecht, Emer Flounders, Anthony Piccola, and Walter Organist—four charter members of the Hazleton Center debating team—a few weeks ago made a trip with their coaches. Mr. Herpel and Mr. Janssen, to the Penn State Campus and participated in a freshmen conference on the current collegiate debate question concerning the granting of compulsory arbitration to the National Labor Relations Board.

The Center debaters attended conference committee sessions on Friday night and a general conference meeting on Saturday morning. At one of the committee sessions, "Shotz" Piccola, cage wizard, was one of three which drew up the committee report for the general conference.

The conference arrived at three conclusions: (1) the present labor situation is serious; (2) compulsory arbitration is necessary; and (3) the NLRB should be given this compulsory arbitration power. In other words,

## Hazleton To Play Host To Three Center Quintets

Annual Inter-Center Tournament, Formerly Held at Penn Campus, Will Take Place at Hazle Township Gym, March 11-12; Three Center Squads Will Be Week-End Visitors.

As a climax to the 1937-38 cage season, the Hazleton Penn State Center will play host to the other three State Centers on March 11 and 12 in the annual Inter-Center basketball tournament. This is the first year that the big event will not take place on the State College campus; and Hazleton has the honor of being selected as the scene of the conflicts.

The games will be played at the new Hazle Township gym. Friday night, March 11, the Hazleton Center and Pottsville will draw opponents from the two western Centers, Uniontown and DuBois. The winners of these two games will battle for the Center crown Saturday night. There will also be a game between the two losers.

For the first time, the western teams are rated equal chances with the eastern teams. According to statistics, the Hazleton Center has a good chance of gaining the championship. McGeehan's cagers have already squelched Pottsville. On a western trip recently the Pottsville team lost its two games to the western Centers. Uniontown, a team of all six-footers (Let's hope they're not all Reings), handed them a 48-42 defeat; DuBois won by a closer score, 31-30, in an extra period contest. From this we can readily conclude that Hazleton has as good a chance as any of the other Centees.

After the fireworks are over Saturday night, the Hazleton team will entertain the visiting teams at the Center building. The cup will be presented to the winners and the boys will discuss their wins and losses in the smoky atmosphere of a smoker. To this affair only players are invited, because there are about forty visiting warriors to be accommodated.

Committees selected by President John Barnes for this affair are:

Entertainment — Pershing Jones, Earl Seybert, Walter Organist.

Welcoming—Charles McGeehan and members of the basketball team.

Game arrangements—Earl Seybert and Lewis Smith.

the conference endorsed the affirmative side of the question.

The four Center debaters learned plenty about the technique of debating and a little about the labor situation. They wish to publicly thank the Center alumni, John Yenchko, Charlie Gallagher, Carl Schmidt, Anthony Lio and Robert Koch, for their entertainment and lodgings.

## To Send Delegates To Council Confab

The Hazleton Center student council will send four delegates to Pottsville on April 1 to attend the second annual Inter-Center Council Conference. They will participate in a discussion of the problems which confront the councils from the four State Centers.

Last year the first conference was held at DuBois where the delegates exchanged views on their governments. At Pottsville a closer tie-up of communication between the Centers will be set up. The Pottsville Center is planning a varied program of conferences and entertainment. Our legislators will have a good time as well as gain a broader perspective on the machinery of government.

The only trouble council now has is to elect the delegates; but every member wants to vote for himself!

## THE TOURNAMENT CUP

At present the possession of the Tournament Cup is in the hands of the Pottsville Center. Since the Potters have been defeated by all teams—twice by our Center—the future of the Cup is very uncertain. It might follow Greeley's advice and "go West," for the western Centers are bringing strong aggregations to Hazleton.

Our strong Center quintet, however, will attempt to dissuade its going westward by winning the Cup. So you see, ownership of the Cup is a toss-up; but we hope we get it.

## Improve Their Averages In State College Studies

Four former Hazleton Center students were listed by the Pennsylvania State College Extension News as being among the 45 of the 83 transfer Center students at the Campus who improved their scholastic averages.

The high ranking Center alumni are: Edward Somers, School of Mineral Industries, 2.66; Martha J. Miller, School of Education, 2.53; H. J. Rynkiewicz, School of Chemistry, 2.36; and Martha M. Marusak, School of Liberal Arts, 2.05.

Students in the Liberal Arts School showed the greatest improvement. Seventeen out of twenty transfer students boasted their averages; in the School of Agriculture nine out of twelve raised their grades.

## COMPLETE PLANS FOR TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

Plans for a trip to New York City the last week-end of March have been completed by Mary Ann McClintock and Irene E. Sherrock. The students who will make the trip will attend the Metropolitan Opera and some play which will be selected later.

For those interested in the expenses of the journey, here are some figures: train fare, \$4.30; opera, \$1.00; theatre, \$1.10; hotel, \$1.50; meals, \$2.50.

The train is scheduled to leave at 5:16 a. m. Saturday and will leave New York at 6:45 p. m. Sunday.

## LIBRARY BOOKS

The Penn State library (not our but the one on the campus) contains approximately 177,955 books, according to Librarian Willard P. Lewis.

## Center Gets Money Grant And Furniture, Radio Gift

The Hazleton Center is getting some benefits from the little yet inspiring glow of philanthropy still alive in this hectic age in the form of gifts and money grants.

All the students will remember Robert Ball, who attended the Center the first semester until his collegiate career was cut short by an auto accident. Bob is now recovering and vacationing in Florida. In gratitude for the Center's solicitude over Bob, Mr. L. G. Ball of Philadelphia had presented the Center with sixty-two dollars, the first out-of-town gift received by the Center. Now, the Center students are benefiting from Mr. Ball's generosity in the form of books. A set of "Encyclopedia of Social Sciences" has already been purchased. Many informative books for advanced students of mathematics, chemistry, and English owe their existence in the Center library to Mr. Ball's \$62 gift.

On presenting the gift, Mr. Ball enthusiastically expressed his approval of the work in the Center and complimented Mr. Eiche and the faculty upon the Center progress.

Those comfortable easy chairs which you're sitting in are concrete proof of the Landau Bros. Store generosity. The store presented to the Center six chairs and two divans. On top of this, the combination radio and victrola, which will soon blare forth in the game room, is a gift from the same store. So remember Landau Bros. when you're listening to Kay Kaiser. (This is absolutely no advertising.)

Mr. Ernest E. Watkins of Kingston, father of Robert Watkins, recently presented the Center with a set of "Gibbon's Roman Empire" in five volumes.