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Staff Returns From Faculty Confab

The faculty of the Hazleton Undergraduate Center returned Sunday, April 16, from DuBois where they spent three days at the first Inter-Center Faculty Conference.

The purpose of the conference was to study undergraduate procedures in academic and extra-curricular activities and to promote a better feeling of understanding between the faculty members of the Undergraduate Centers. The group discussed common aims and analyzed problems that were relative to the accomplishment of these aims.

The conference was attended also by Mr. David B. Pugh, Supervisor of Undergraduate Centers. Dr. Herbert L. Spencer, President of the Pennsylvania College for Women, addressed the assembled educators on the subject: "How Education Promotes Security in a Modern World." If this year's conference is judged a success, it is planned to make it an annual one. The faculties engaged in general meetings Friday and Saturday and were guests at dinner and a party on Saturday evening.

On account of the date of the conference, the Easter vacations of the four Centers were extended to ten days.

Petruzzi Wins Muhlenberg Honors

Daniel J. Petruzzi, a former student at the Hazleton Undergraduate Center and now enrolled at Muhlenberg college where he has won several honors, is a member of the debating team that left Friday, April 15, on a 3,000 mile trip through the middle west and will visit many cities in debate before returning to Muhlenberg on April 23.

The team will visit Carnegie Tech, Western Reserve, Indiana University, Dayton College, University of Detroit, Wayne University, University of Akron, and Franklin College; the trip will carry them through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan.

Mr. Petruzzi has also recently been elected editor of the *Muhlenberg Weekly*, student newspaper.

Campus Appoints New Instructor

At the start of the second semester a new instructor was added to the staff of the Hazleton Center. Mr. W. Lewis Shetler came here from State College to teach the Psychology and Education courses that are offered during the last half.

Mr. Shetler is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College and taught college physics for three years before coming to Hazleton. Listed in his previous experience is three years spent with the Civilian Conservation Corps as Educational Advisor; he was statistician for the Adult School in Williamsport; and he has also been associated with the Department of Public Instruction of Harrisburg. Besides being able to teach the subjects already mentioned, Mr. Shetler is also qualified to teach high school mathematics, chemistry and general science.

He was one of a group of thirty-seven members of the Penn State Glee Club that toured abroad in 1928. Since coming here Mr. Shetler has become actively associated with the Glee Club of the Hazleton Center and has ably assisted Mr. Isenberg in that work.

At the present time Mr. Shetler is working on his doctoral dissertation, having his bachelor's and master's degrees in science and also his bachelor of arts degree. Mr. Shetler is a charter member of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary fraternity in graduate education, and Pu Mu Epsilon, honorary fraternity in mathematics; he is also a member of Sigma Pi Sigma, honorary fraternity in physics and of Kappa Phi Kappa.

Students Complete Plans for Fair Trip

A trip to New York was planned by last year's class at the Center but the journey failed to materialize. However prospects for the trip this year are enhanced by the opening of the New York World's Fair. The students who are making the trip will have an opportunity to see a stage presentation, the Fair and any other sights of interest that time permits.

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Student Forum Drafts Rules

A representative group from the out-of-town students recently met with a few of the resident students and members of the faculty to discuss problems of boarding students. Among those things discussed were visiting hours, and general rules of conduct. The suggestions made to remedy these problems were in the nature of recommendations rather than rules. These recommendations will hold from house to house with minor variations.

Stoddart-Pugh Visit Postponed Until May 10

The proposed visit of Dean Stoddart of the School of Liberal Arts of the Pennsylvania State College and Mr. David B. Pugh, Supervisor of the Undergraduate Centers, planned for April 18, has been postponed until May 10.

When they arrive, the educators will address the student body and also hold conferences with those students who desire to discuss individual problems with them.

Leaving Hazleton, the visitors intend to continue to Pottsville Center where they will also address the student body.

Center Girls Organize

Although meeting previously as a group, the girls of the Center organized recently as a club for the first time in the history of the Center. This group, the Salmagundi Club, is purely a girls' organization formed for recreational purposes on a 'do as you please' basis. At each meeting the girls engage in an activity suggested by a fellow member.

The club met on March 22, at which time an ice-cream party was held. On Saturday, April 22 the Salmagundians will hold their monthly meeting. Miss Emily Sperber will be in charge and the group plans to make artificial flowers.

Miss Margaret A. Yotter, faculty advisor to the Dramatics Club, also acts in that capacity for the Salmagundi Club.

April 28 Date For Center's Spring Dance

AMBASSADORS ENGAGED FOR FRIDAY

The Penn State Undergraduate Center of Hazleton will hold its annual Spring Dance, Friday, April 28, in the Altamont ballroom. Dancing will start at nine o'clock to the music of Eddie Kahn's Ambassadors and will continue until one.

This is the second of three semi-formal affairs sponsored by the student body of the Center this year and is open to public attendance. Tickets are on sale at the Center offices and also at Hicks' Drug Store in the Altamont building.

The committees in charge of the affair are as follows. General: John Ogrzydziak, Neil Brislin, David Yeakel, and Martha Clewell; Publicity: Mary Ann McClintock, Emily Sperber, Florence Rowse, Russell Chianelli and Paul Hayes; Decorations: Joseph Gasper, Jean Davis, Robert Golden, David Stewart, Elizabeth Puckey and Robert Wilson; Tickets: Robert Miller and John Feeley.

Center Instructors Announce Engagement

The engagement of Miss Margaret A. Yotter and Mr. Coleman Herpel, both instructors at the Hazleton Undergraduate Center, was announced last week. No definite date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Yotter joined the staff at the Center in 1934 and since then has taught French and English Composition. She is also faculty advisor of the Dramatics Club and is in general charge of the girls' extra-curricular program.

Mr. Herpel came here from Harvard in 1936 and is instructor in the mathematics and physics courses. He is Center librarian and works with the Publications group as advisor.