

Center Cagers Start Season For New Coach

Inter-Center League Replaces Tournament Of Previous Years

Getting the jump on the other cage teams in the newly-organized Inter-Center Basketball League the Hazleton Undergraduate Center basketball squad has already started practice sessions under the tutelage of their new mentor, Coach Eddie Morrell, physical education director at the Hazleton Y. M. C. A.

Twenty enthusiastic cagers reported for the opening trials at the Grant Street school gymnasium, the new home floor for the Centerites this year. As yet the schedule is incomplete, according to Dr. Lester Kieft, faculty athletic director, but from all indications, the Morrellmen will have a tough season.

With the inception of the Inter-Center League, the Hazleton five is assured of games on a home and-home basis with the Altoona DuBois, Fayette, and Schuylkill Undergraduate Centers of the College. League competition will thus replace the Inter-Center Basketball Tournament of previous years. Dates for the league contests have not yet been completed but are expected to be announced in a short time.

Coach Morrell thus far is very well pleased with the Center squad and he looks forward to a very healthy season for the "Huestars". So far practice sessions have concentrated on fundamentals in the hopes of building up a strong defensive as well as offensive combination.

A few of the outstanding candidates spotted on the Hazleton Undergraduate Center squad include "Tubby" Procopio, Savario Saullo, Dick Morawski, strong contenders for the forward positions. Jimmy Scalise, Mike Maderick, and Ward Lewis, are putting up a close fight for the back court posts; with the center berth being sought by Frank Veneroso, former Hazleton High player, and George Kline, tall, lanky star of Salem Evangelical in the Sunday School League.

Frosh Get Acquainted

Climaxing freshman week activities, the sophomores entertained the freshmen at a "Get-Acquainted Party" held on Friday, September 15, at the local Y. W. C. A.

Student Govt. Is Organized at Center

The three branches of the Hazleton Undergraduate student government association have been organized and set up as a result of recent elections conducted by the freshmen and sophomore classes at the Center. The Student Council, Student Union Board, and Student Faculty Board are the three branches of the Center student government organization.

Selected as president of the sophomore class, David L. Yeakey '42, heads the Student government organization. Other members include: Frank George '42, vice-president; Marion Bender '43, secretary; Ernest Watkins '42, treasurer; June Diehl '42, Mary France Gregory '43, Michael Maderick '42, Joseph Davidheiser '43, and Anthony Persico '43, who is also president of the freshman class. Mr. Roy E. Morgan is adviser to the Council.

The College Student Union Board is headed by John Ditko '43 chairman; Edward Kasales '42 vice-chairman; and Michael Maderick '42, treasurer. Staff members on the board include Mr. Melvin Isenberg, of the Center faculty and Harold Taylor, Student Union clerk. The Student-Faculty Board for the year 1939-40 is composed of Mr. Coleman Herpel, administrative head, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Isenberg, Yeakel, and Persico.

Proposal of Frosh Customs Considered

Following suggestions from members of both classes in the student body, Freshman Customs were proposed and accepted at a recent meeting of the Student Council organization.

The complete list of customs as furnished by Marian R. Bender, secretary of the Student Council, is as follows:

1. Freshmen are required to wear dinks daily, except Saturday, Sunday, and special occasions.
2. Freshmen are required to carry matches at all times.
3. Freshmen are required to greet all other students upon meeting them.
4. Freshmen shall wear a regulation name card during a specified period.
5. Freshmen shall attend all class meetings, assemblies, and athletic contests, except when granted permission to be absent by the Council.
6. All Freshmen must learn the College songs and cheers.

Club Activities

The Center Glee Club has been organized under the supervision of Mr. Brentin, and plans are being made to continue the musical program begun at the Center last year.

As yet no definite arrangements have been made concerning meetings and officers, but Christian M. Skoff '42 has been selected temporary chairman.

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At the first meeting of the Debating Club held at the Center on October 8, plans were made to hold a mock debate at the next session. Future meetings will be held every second and fourth Tuesday in the month. Judges will select the winners of the various debates, and the best debaters of the club will perhaps attend the Debating Conference held annually at the campus. Mr. Hans Janssen is adviser for the group.

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The International Relations Club, under the direction of Miss Edna Saby, faculty adviser, elected its officers for the coming year at their first meeting held recently. Selected were Ward Lewis '42 president; Christian Skoff '42 vice-president; and Charles Goers '42, secretary.

Dr. Kieft Receives Degree At State Summer Session

Dr. Lester Kieft, for the past three years instructor of chemistry at the Hazleton Undergraduate Center, received his Doctor of Philosophy degree in chemistry at Penn State, at the Summer Session Commencement following the close of the six-weeks' session. He studied for his degree under the supervision of Dr. Grover C. Chandlee, professor of chemistry at the College.

Dr. Kieft in carrying on the research for his degree discovered a new method of obtaining bismuth in its pure form by a simple chemical process. The process is as follows: bismuth is first obtained in precipitation known as iodol bismuthite; this precipitation is dissolved in a tetrine, after which the pure bismuth is obtained. The above method determines the exact percentage of bismuth in a compound.

Council Reveals Plans

The newly elected Student Council of the Hazleton Undergraduate Center is planning a "smoker" and a "get-acquainted" party which will take place in the near future, according to David L. Yeakel '42, president of the group.

New Books Added To Center Library

Approximately 150 new books have been added this year to the Hazleton Undergraduate Center's library, according to the latest report of Miss Edna M. Saby, faculty librarian at the Center.

A wide variety of both fiction and non-fiction books has been acquired that will supply the necessary demand for the present student body. It has been announced that the books are in the process of being filed according to the Dewey Decimal System so that they can be readily found.

Many of the books deal with social science, history, and political science and will prove a valuable source of information for students participating in the International Relations Club as well as those carrying any of the above mentioned subjects. Other books in the fields of languages, literature, chemistry, mathematics, engineering, psychology, art, and economics have also been added.

Collegian Staff Organized Under Acting Editors

Eighteen members of the Hazleton Center student body have reported at the various meetings of the press club of the "Hazleton Collegian" and have worked with Mr. Roy E. Morgan, faculty adviser of the editorial staff, in laying out plans for the publication of the college paper during the present academic year. Carrying out a plan to divide the work of the editorial and business staffs, Mr. Herbert H. Reichard has also agreed to serve as faculty adviser to the latter group.

In working out the organization of the paper, Mr. Morgan suggested the adoption of acting staffs until Christmas. The plan was acceptable to the club since it would give everyone an opportunity to find out what type of work he is best suited for. After Christmas a definite staff will be elected according to the ability of the different members.

Chess Club Organized

The first meeting of the reorganized Chess Club was held on October 16. Refreshments were served to the members present.

The purpose of the club is to teach the members how to play chess, according to Mr. Hans Janssen, faculty adviser. During the meetings various professional plays will be discussed, and Mr. Janssen will lecture on the mechanics of the game and the history of chess.