HAZLETON COLLEGIAN

The Origin Of Hazleton Undergraduate Center

I MIGHT NEVER HAVE KNOWN

By JOSEPH WERSINGER Some of us are young, and some of us are older; but we shall no doubt agree that no matter how long we have lived in a community, there are many facts we do not know about it.

Hazleton owes its beginning to the construction of a turnpike which now connects the two principal rivers of the region in which it stands, the Lehigh and the Susquehanna. The chief occupation of the original settlers was lumbering; but when coal was discovered in the Beaver Meadows section in 1813, almost every worker wore boots and a dirty face. Many men were attracted to the small settlement by the report of a new and highly promising industry. In 1856 the various sections of Hazel Brook were incorporated into a borough. Rapid growth followed until, in 1913 the town, now called Hazleton beecame a third class city.

The production of coal is the largest industry of the "Mountain City" but of course we should never have thought that 68 thousand people here earn one hundred and nineteen million dollars on pay day in a one hundred and seventy-eight million dollar industry. Then, too, although we do not realize the fact, sixty-six hundred other workers earn seven and three-quarter million dollars in a fourteen million dollar combination of enterprises other than coal mining. trains arrive in Hazleton each day run its industries, but it is true. It amazes us to think that this city's people read 54,500 newspapers daily, use forty million gallons of water a week, have thirty-nine million dollars success. in its banks, watch movies from nine thousand theater seats, read thirty-

eight thousand library volumes, and hundred teachers. Another incredible fact is that although this city is less than six square miles in area, it has sixty-three miles of gas mains and fifty-three miles of sewers.

Most unbelievable is this: nearly two million persons within a 50-mile radius of Hazleton depend upon its large and many industries for their livelihood.

Those are the facts and figures, unbelievable perhaps, but true.

NOT OVERLOOKED

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"I just heard that the students have a nickname for Prof. Smith, and I think that is very nice," said Prof. Jones. "It shows a real intimacy and comradeship. I sometimes wish they would give me a nickname.'

"The students have a nickname for you," said his son. "It's Sanka.' That night about midnight, after hinking the matter over many

Front row, left to right: Mr. J. Stewart, administrative assistant; Mr. D. P. Pugh, director of Undergraduate Centers; Mr. A. A. Goss, administrative head, H. U. C.

Second row: H. M. Zerbe, treasurer Student Union; Mr. F. C. Kostos, assistant Administrative Head, Broad Street Building; Mr. J. R. Mattern, assistant Administrative Head, H. U. C.

In the year of 1932, a group of this reason the school was moved to remaining number are girls. To accommodate the student body We may not believe that nineteen | Hazleton citizens requested the | the Broad Street Building in Sep-Pennsylvania State College to estab- tember of 1937. Mr. Herpel replaced classrooms were acquired in the with one thousand tons of freight to lish an undergraduate center in the Mr. Ercke as administrative head as Walnut Street School. The office and city of Hazleton. State College as- the spring semester of 1939 commajority of the classrooms are at sented after a survey was made of menced. present in this building. The Broad various aspects which could have Peak enrollment for the pre-war Street building is used mainly for

was finally founded in the year of placed Mr. Herpel. 1934 with Mr. Ercke as its adminis- During the war send nine and a half thousand chil- trative head. Its total enrollment ment dropped considerably until it dren to schools, which employ three was forty-seven students who were reached its lowest point during the added to the curriculum. They are taught by a staff of seven. Classes 43-44 semester with only 27 students. music, speech and dramatics. A full were conducted in the Markle Bank | The closing months of the war found | time librarian has also been obtained. Building. Chemistry, the only labora- the enrollment increasing rapidly as tory course, was taught at Hazleton discharged servicemen enrolled.

High School after the high school's noon session terminated.

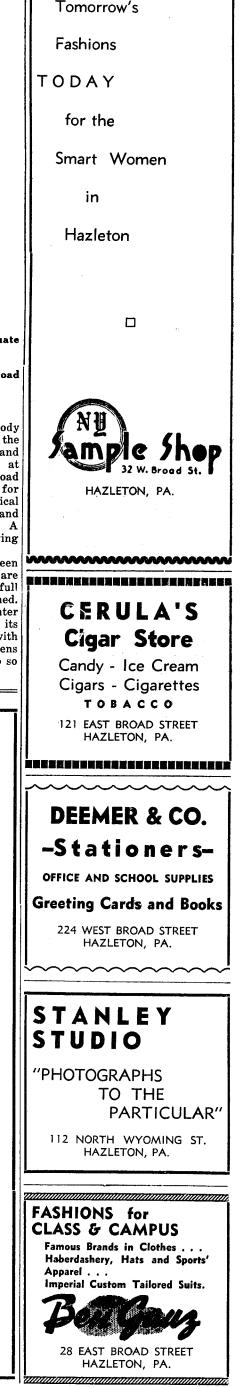
become obstacles in the poth of its years was 137 students in the year laboratory classes. A new chemical of 1941. In 1942, Mr. Goss, our

During the war years the enroll- has also been furnished.

The enrollment grew steadily and Three hundred and three students of Hazleton, it will continue to do so larger quarters were necessary. For are former servicemen. Forty of the in the years to come.

laboratory has been built there and Hazleton Undergraduate Center present administrative head, re- the Center now possesses two. A large room for engineering drawing

> Three new departments have been Hazleton Undergraduate Center has progressed greatly during its The present enrollment of 384 stu- short existence and we know, with dents is taught by a faculty of 27. the aid of the students and citizens



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