



Parnassus, the Hazleton Undergraduate Center's honor society came into being in the school year 1951-52, as a result of the work of the faculty's student welfare committee. The first initiation also sponsored by the faculty, was held in May, 1952, and the Faculty members appointed were: Miss Pearl Garbrick, Mr. James Steel, Capt. Ashbridge, Mr. Merle Campbell, and Mr. Frank Kostos. That same year, the first Parnassus Outstanding Freshman and Outstanding Sophomore awards were presented at Convocation to William L. Goll and Gabriel P. Lensack.

The purpose of Parnassus is to honor the well-rounded student, one who has a high scholastic average as well as a record of active participation in extracurricular activities. Members of the society are chosen by the club on the basis of the scholastic average and the number of activity points of each student. Students with an insufficient number of points may be voted into the society on the recommendations of instructors.

The Parnassus Society owes its name to Mr. Steel who suggested it when a name was being decided upon. Parnassus is a two-peaked mountain in Greece which in Greek mythology was sacred to the Muses, the goddess of learning, and Apollo the sun god who represented purity, loyalty, good citizenship, and justice. It can be seen that the name Parnassus is an appropriate one for it represents those ideals for which the honor society stands.

This year Parnassus held its fall initiation on November 30th at a dinner at Gus Genetti's. Its spring initiation was held in the Main Lounge on May 14. At the spring initiation two new faculty members, Mr. Preston Feightal and Mr. J. Richard Mattern were initiated to replace Capt. Ashbridge who left last year, and Mr. Campbell who will not be here next year. The student members of Parnassus this year were:

Robert Henney, President
Lois Miller, Vice-President
Janice Magavich, Secretary-Treasurer

William Burcin
John Burggraf
Jean Haegele
Norman Hall
Ellen Iffert
Lillian Junas

Shirley Ray
Mary Jane Skoff
Arthur Teel
Patricia Tomsho
Beverly Wizzo