

# 1984

## Dr. Thaddeus H. Penar

*Class of 1942*



Dr. Ted Penar, U.S. Air Force veteran, educated high school and college students for more than four decades.

Penar joined the Grove City College staff in 1953 as the chair of the Department of Education. In 1960, he became the registrar and secretary of the faculty, while continuing to teach part-time. Penar was promoted to vice president for business affairs in 1972 and four years later became vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College.

His foresight and planning effected many campus advancements: starting the elementary education program, restructuring the secondary program, initiating pre-registration, computerizing the registrar's records, improving the food service operation, implementing the new library security system, and developing the educational perspective for the Technological Learning Center.

In addition, he founded the cross country team and coached the squad for four seasons.

With 38 years of service, he retired from the College at the end of the 1989-90 year. Following his retirement, Penar took on another challenge as interim president, then president, of Butler County Community College. He retired again in 1994.

Penar was named "Pennsylvania Business Teacher of the Year" by the Pennsylvania Business Education Association in 1965. He was that organization's president in 1958 and later was president of the Pennsylvania Association of Liberal Arts Colleges for the Advancement of Teaching, and president of the Department of Vocational and Practical Arts Education of the PSEA.

He was a member of more than 50 evaluation teams at colleges and universities throughout the nation. Locally, he served a term as president of the Grove City Chamber of Commerce. Grove City College bestowed on him a Florence E. MacKenzie Campus-Community Award and an Athletic Heritage Award. He was also named to the Butler (Pa.) Sports Hall of Fame.

He passed away Feb. 1, 2010.

*Additional degrees: M.A., University of Pittsburgh; Ph.D. University of Pittsburgh*