

Apathy: so what?

by George P. Yanoshik, Jr.
According to Funk and Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary, apathy is: a.) Lack of emotion., b.) indifference, lack of interest.

Now that the Fall Term is nearly over, we all must look back in retrospect and compare our initial plans to what has actually been accomplished in the past several weeks. Nothing, or very little should be our conclusion.

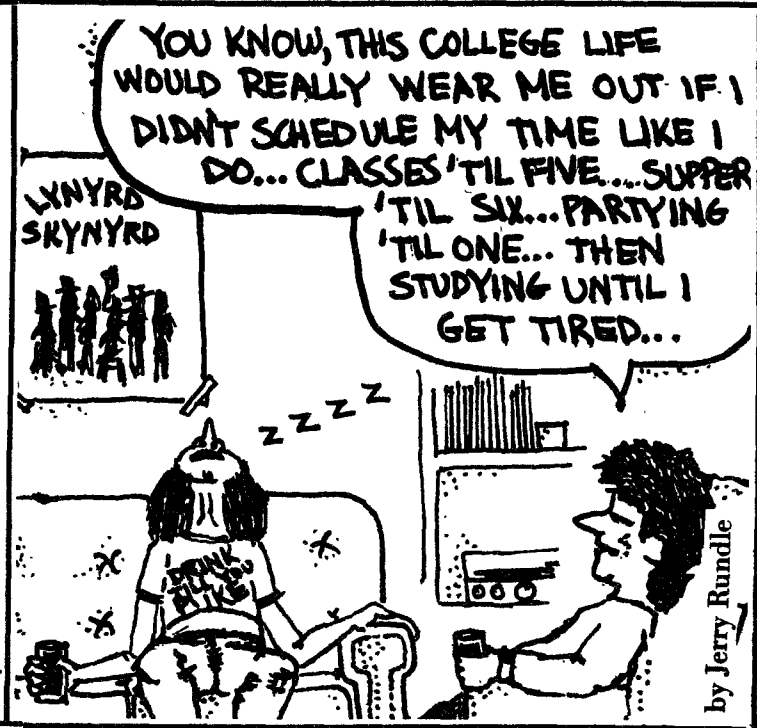
Does the term "apathy" apply here? Yes! It certainly does.

Initially, sophomore club presidents had a very optimistic outlook for the Fall Term, as evident in the "Activities Supermarket" — a program which takes place every year during freshman orientation. Freshmen were filled in on all of the plans and details of each club and organization on campus; and, hundreds of new applications

flooded the desks of club presidents and advisers.

Many devoted sophomores spent endless amounts of time and energy organizing activities which, if taken advantage of, could provide a lot of fun and enjoyment for everyone on our campus. These activities were obviously not well received by the majority of the student body. The turnouts were, in many cases, pathetic.

With a new term rapidly approaching we can do either one of two things. Freshmen, in particular, take heed: we can renew the optimism once possessed by our campus leaders and actually get involved and make our activities work. Or, we can remain just the way we are now — accomplishing nothing and not taking advantage of all the campus has to offer. It's your choice . . . you decide.



by Jerry Rundle

Campus comment

Students respond to campus apathy.

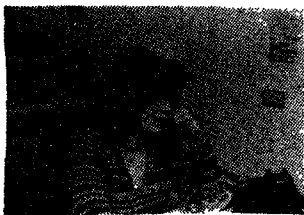


Apathy exists to some extent on all campuses. The only way to combat this is internally through student leaders, to student organizations, then to the student body.

Chris McNab

Apathy can only be detrimental to the full development of a student's personality and his memories of college life.

Timothy A. Swarr

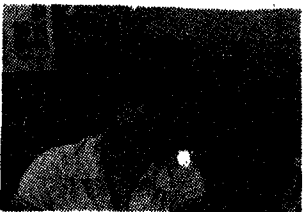


The time spent to plan student activities has yet to be justified by student response to these activities. If this trend continues, the Hazleton Campus will see a serious decrease in activities.

Lisa Vendura

Student apathy on this campus is at such a degree that it is seriously hampering the functionality of faculty, students and sponsoring organizations.

Thomas R. Swarr



Often a student's failure to get involved in extracurricular activities is not one due to apathy, but to lack of time because of studies and job commitments.

Lisa Rogosky

Apathy on this campus can be overcome with the help of students. What we need is enthusiasm and interest. And it can and will be found here at Highacres.

Alita Rovito
SGA President



From the Editor's Desk

One thing we find most astonishing at Highacres is that many journalism majors on campus do not become involved with their campus newspaper.

Why is being on a college newspaper staff so important for a journalism-bound student?

On-the-job experience that a staff reporter gets is almost limitlessly beneficial and useful. By interviewing campus officials, faculty members, and students, the college reporter practices his style of reporting; if he wants to change his style of reporting or work on it to his satisfaction, there is no better place to do so than at college. A college reporter can pick up many of the "tools of the trade," for instance, the rules governing journalistic form and style, the terminology associated with journalism, and more. Also, a former staff member can list his college newspaper experience on a job resume when applying for work after college.

The exposure of a reporter to the different people he encounters will help him to round out his personality, to discover new insights, to share ideas, to cooperate with other people, to mature and discover himself. All this comes from working on a college newspaper staff.

Competition is what survival is all about; it is a very real and important part of everyday life. Plants compete for water, sunlight, and soil. Animals compete for food and shelter. As students, we know what it is like to compete for grades. Working on a newspaper staff also involves competition. Only the best writers survive.

Freshmen — do you have all of these assets? If you want your college publication to survive next year . . . you must get involved!

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