

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Kishbaugh:

In the last edition of The Highacres Collegian, you wrote an article that was titled "Racial Prejudice." Essentially, it dealt with the problem of the Negro. I would like to give you my evaluation of this problem comparable to some of your comments.

"Today's Negro population, on the whole, is no better off than when they were slaves." This is taken from the core of your subject matter. The basis for that statement is non-existent. We are not, still fighting over the racial issue. The Negro race is progressing par-excellence. In the North and in the West, the Negro enjoys privileges denied other Caucasian nationalities. In only one geographic location, the deep South, is segregation an issue. And not without good reason. These white southerners are born with an innate discomfort for the Negro. The Negro is born with an innate discomfort for the white. Only with the element of time and understanding will man be able to live in homogeneity there.

You say, "Cities are marked off with invisible lines." I say there are not invisible lines, but natural lines. Would you consent to your daughter or son marrying a Negro? Do you see no environmental error in this? This may all come about with time, but it must be done in moderation.

In a region where we have no Negro problem we too often use a Utopian method for the solution of this problem. We fail to empathize with the southern white; we fail to recognize that most Negroes are not educated. There are many, as there are whites, who are not proficeint in their work. Certainly we must correct this condition, but... it must be done slowly: integration with moderation.

Editors Comment

As an answer to this student's letter, I would like to thank him for his interest of what goes on at this Campus. You are one of the few students who take issue with what goes on and tries to improve the situations by constructive criticism. Too many of the students here at Highacres are apathetic to the events and circumstances that we students find ourselves from day to day.

I hope that in the future all the students will support and take interest in all the activities and affairs that are connected

with the Hazleton Campus; and will from indifference and clique associations.

Vol. 26 No. 9 May 25, 1961

Co-editors Paul Miller and Levi Kishbaugh

Business Manager Rosemarie Carey

Circulation Manager Fred Matthews

Reporters Lois Lombardo, Robert Krutsick, Jim Marcolina, Jay Birt, and William Morgan

Photographers William Slattery and Steve Clark

Typists Robert Zelnick, Grace Ramaize, and Sally Switaj