

Sports... around Highacres

Scranton, down by a wide margin, throughout the entire game, finished fast and defeated Hazleton 81-68. Hazleton ran into foul trouble early in the game and was forced to go to their bench. One by one six players fouled out and Hazleton finished the game with three players on the court. This loss evened their record at 1-1.

Allentown campus invaded the JCC gym with the hope of duplicating Scranton's win over

Hazleton. However, Hazleton had too much scoring power that night and handily defeated the visitors 120-84.

Hazleton, fresh off a decisive 120-84 victory over Allentown, found things a little sticky against Mont Alto Wednesday night but managed to squeeze out an 89-85 victory. The Barrett boys, Steve and Jim, led Hazleton with 17 points apiece.

Next game will be Tuesday at St. Pius X.

What will the future hold?
by
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Sports Editor

With one-fourth of the season already history, our basketball team is sporting a 3-1 record. However this record could very easily be 4-0 or 2-2.

Fouls and foul shooting have played a key role in two of our first four games. Against Scranton, our poor foul shooting coupled with the excessive number of fouls committed spelled defeat that night to a team which was in no way superior to our team. The situation was no better against Mont Alto, the only difference being that this time we escaped defeat-barely. On this occasion, Mont Alto converted 21 of 26 fouls shots to out 14 of 28. For the second time in four games, part of the starting line-up found itself sitting on the bench in foul trouble. Fortunately the clock was on our side and time ran out before we had time to defeat ourselves again.

It is common knowledge that an aggressive team, such as ours, will commit more fouls than normally but many of these fouls were unnecessary. Some were back court fouls and many occurred more than 30 feet from the basket-a distance at which not many players can score from. Unfortunately, the opposition has been scoring very well from the foul line. Our defense is preventing the opposition from getting off a good shot and then we give them the scoring opportunity anyway by unnecessary fouls.

In every game so far we've had a commanding lead early in the game thus forcing the opposition to become more aggressive and a greater tendency to foul us. But the reverse has happened in each game. With the lead in our favor, we continue to have more fouls called on us and slowly the opposition cuts into the lead from their foul line. To date, the opposition has been exceptionally accurate from the foul line, while we've been very poor from the free throw line.

We've already lost one game because of our fouls and foul shooting, how many more will be lost for the same unnecessary reason?

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Coach George Bobby



Assistant Coach Tom Caccese

Under the management of head coach George Bobby, the Hazleton campus intercollegiate basketball team is presently sporting a 3-1 record.

Bobby graduated from Freeland High School in 1956 and earned his B.S. in physical education at Penn State in 1967. He also has an M.S. from East Stroudsburg State College.

Bobby is married and the father of one son, Keith.

Tom Caccese was graduated from Hazleton High School in 1965 and the Penn State University in 1969 with an associate degree in electrical engineering.

He played basketball at Highacres in 1968-69.

Bobby played his college ball at Highacres in 1963-64.

Poetry parade

SEVEN SHIPS

Seven ships of years:
Owned by the sleeveless ghost,
Cooling to be forever frosted.

Three years later
Fate still writes with
A silver pen...
And the ships, fading,
With tattered sails,
Have vanished below the battlefields.

(Yet interruptions are more than wars
When grasping grimy bootstraps-
While one hundred thousand ravens wait
Perched on an empty eye.)

by mark colasurdo

MEMORIES

Been away so long
times are hard
lookin down that lonely road
feelin my way across the room
til I heard a cry
Caress the soul of a newborn pup
Under a fallen cloud
The sky is touching my hand
leading me
Until the flower beside my head
tells me I may go
Before the soil beneath my back
reveals another seed.

by J.T.

CREATIONS NO. 23

Chariots at sunset on 10th Avenue-
Senator and Tailor load each other's gun
Even the moon is afraid now;
Its tears of perspiration drop like
A human memory...
And its worshippers cringe now at their own reflections
As day ends and hate begins.

by mark colasurdo

IN JULY THE WHEAT

in july the wheat was high
so were you
and so was i.

"the perfect time,"
you said, "my sweet,
for making love
among the wheat."
we took some wine
we made a deal
we set up candles
in the field.
you spread a blanket
-made a wheat-walled room-
the sky was our ceiling
our light was the moon.
we toasted the summer
we drank to the earth
we loved quite intently
we loved in much mirth,
until exhausted
and drunken
with july's sweet perfume
we blew out each star
and switched off the moon
"good-mite, now, my darling,"
i can still hear you sigh
cradled gently beside me
in the wheat of july.

by denise meglynn

BALLAD 44

When the treeless horseman finally fled,
He ran silently on sidewalks
Made of glass and bones.
Filled behind him empty lots
Filled with unchartered buses
And pastures of miracle workers;
Who remained behind in place
Like Chinese heatpipes or
Troubadors in a 9 ring circus.
Yet their drums give off no
Vibrations of time:
Their windows reach out
With fingers of temptation
To rocks yet unborn.

by mark colasurdo

WANDERING

I want to leave, just float away
change my life, wonder if...
Long time ago, way far away
within a beautiful dream
Above a cloud I sat gazing
While the world spun,
whirling round, wondering how
lonesome time standing by
feeling blind, knowing why.
Smoldering fire, under the sky.

by J.T.

TOGETHER

Looking into her eyes,
Seeing the things I thought
Her thoughts combine with mine
the world crawls aside, glistening.
Minds linked with a thought
Eyes leading the way
Foraging, seeking, revealing.
Our thoughts mingle, quietly,
for they are one.

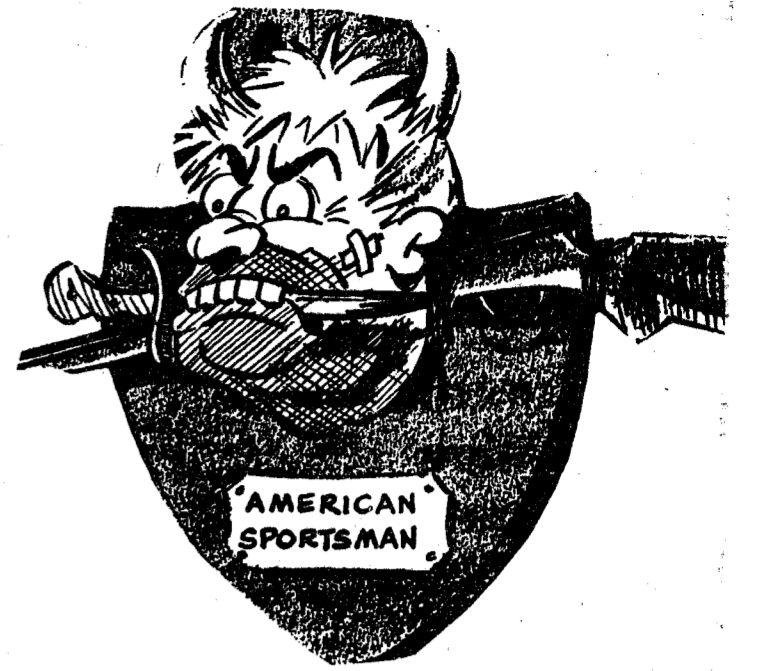
by J.T.

LOST PUPPETS

Yellow castles, green lit seas
Puppets scream while angels sing
Dreams invade the silent sky
of ancient ruins deep in mind
Wooden heads, crystal clear,
Search for strings to guide
their fears.

by J.T.

Outdoors...with Braskie



"How can you kill those poor defenseless animals?"
"How would you like it if the animals would start shooting back?" "I don't see any sense in killing defenseless animals, they aren't doing anyone any harm."

The above quotations are the ones used most often by people who are non-hunters or who are the type that sit back with an apple in their one hand and a book in the other and probably never had the opportunity (or never wanted to have it) to get out and enjoy the thrill and excitement of the hunt.

When avid hunters confront this type of person, it seems that nothing the hunter says or can say will open the opposition's eyes to the fact that a hunting season is really a type of birth control device used by the state game commissions to keep the animal population and food availability in balance. The opposition fails to realize that, if no hunting seasons were open on wild game, there would be more animal fatalities due to overpopulation and starvation than there would be due to hunters!

If the above fact still leaves doubt in the opposition's mind, a few examples will enlighten his views on hunting.

At one time, elk roamed throughout Pennsylvania in great herds. The Pennsylvania Game Commission established an open season on these animals in which each licensed hunter was allowed to kill one elk. After a few years, it was noted that the elk population was on the decline and, if no immediate action was taken to preserve the herd, they would no longer be found in the wild. Upon this notice, the Pennsylvania Game Commission immediately declared it illegal to kill an elk in the state.

The same thing has happened with other wild game. Again it is shown that great care and precautions are taken when it comes to the care and preservation of wildlife.

Well, so much for the view as far as the animal picture goes. Now we look at the nature of the hunter himself.

Another thought that enters the opposition's mind about the hunter is that of the hunter's personality and traits. The hunter is usually pictured as a demon with a knife in one hand and a gun in the other, ready to take out all his frustrations on the nearest sight of fur or feather.

When the opposition gets this picture, he should think twice and automatically "X it out." Most hunters agree that the whole "thing" about hunting is not really getting game, but just being in the

outdoors and closer to nature. If one of these "indoor" type oppositions were to be taken on a hunting trip, he would learn that there is a lot more to hunting than merely killing an animal or a bird. He would learn that many other things besides the game being sought will be found and that many other experiences besides the experience of shooting a gun will be had.

For example, let us look at the many sights and experiences a duck hunter will have:

It is a quiet, misty morning and the hunter heads for his favorite blind-on his favorite beaver dam. While silently approaching the dam an old dirt road, he hears a rusty in the brush ahead and to one side. He stops to watch a whitetail deer appear on the road to have a staring contest. Wanting to waste no more time, the hunter moves on and the deer goes bounding into the woods.

The hunter is finally at the dam and stoops to glass the area with his binoculars in hope of finding ducks. He scans the area very carefully and focuses on a beaver swimming out to the hut that he (the beaver) has constructed in the middle of the dammed off lake. Further scanning reveals the presence of a flock of Canada honkers impatiently swimming around in circles, ready to take to the wing and fly south at any moment. A little fruther down the shore is a deer feeding on the moss which grows only where the water from the dam can escape in the form of a small stream.

The hunter finally enters his blind to find that a racoon has taken refuge from one of his natural enemies. Finally, the hunter sits down to enjoy the air, the weather (any kind), and the hunt. Even if he returns home with an empty bag, it won't matter much because he has spent the day just enjoying life in its purest state, the wilds of nature.

So fellow hunters you are left with that task of listening to the opposition tear you down limb from limb because you enjoy the hunt. But try not to feel too insulted, because you know the meaning and reasoning behind the hunt, and you know what the indoorsman is missing by not enjoying nature at its finest.

Now a word to the opposition. If upon reading this article, the hunter still looks the same in your mind. "Stoop to our standards" and try it. You'll find that it takes more guts, stamina, and outright knowhow to become an outdoorsman than it does to sit with an apple in one hand and a book in the other caught in the frustrations of civilization, longing to be free!

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