

Letters To The Editor

"We the undersigned, hereby request the immediate relocation of the air hockey machine to the downstairs game room. The noise level produced by the machine is distracting and irritating, making it very difficult to relax and converse in the Commons."

This petition was signed by 195 people, including students, faculty, and staff, in only one day of circulation. The point is clear. The air hockey machine must be relocated so as not to continually distract and discourage those who frequent the Commons.

Thus, the students and faculty may continue to find the Commons a pleasant place to have lunch and socialize.

There is a game room downstairs where the machine could be placed. Full utilization of this facility would not only prove enjoyable to the students, but profitable so as to further support student activities.

Concern for all:
Terry Houck

We feel that the petition to move the air hockey machine into the gameroom is impractical. The gameroom has been the scene of many acts of vandalism over the past years and we would like to see this situation rectified, but until this is possible the air hockey should remain upstairs.

The gameroom vandalism has had an undetermined effect on the machines currently there. The ping-pong tables are unusable because of vandals ripping the nets and stealing the paddles. The shuffleboard has been vandalized to the point that we had to repair the restraining boards. Each week the quoits are either broken or missing. The pinball machines have been repaired so many times it almost costs us as much to keep them operating as we make on them. The pool table was removed from the gameroom because of vandalism.

Removing the air hockey machine would also reduce the income from this machine which would in turn reduce student activities which are in part funded by this machine. While upstairs the machine is in full view when ever the building is open by either the women working in the Snack Bar or by other students. This alone would be a deterrent to vandalism.

Unless something is done to protect the equipment in the game room, moving the air hockey game is the most ridiculous thing that the campus could do.

A.V. Chairman - Jack Tough
Gameroom Chairman - Brad McNab

Response to Frankel

I am writing in response to your letter of Feb. 6 in which you expressed your opinion of the student attitude at the Hazleton Campus. As a freshman about to enter my third term in this institution of higher education, I can't say that I've ever had the pleasure of having you as a professor; nor have I ever heard about you by way of the juicy rumors which seem to circulate themselves about campus every so often. In short, I wasn't even aware of your existence until a few days ago when I happened to read your above-mentioned letter. Since I know nothing of your character, then, I can't help but wonder if you were sincere in what you wrote, or if you merely made a few adverse generalizations to see what kind of a reaction you could get from already-frustrated students such as myself. But whatever the method of your madness may have been, I can not sit docilely and watch such statements go by unchallenged. In other words, Dr. Frankel, your letter served its purpose--I've taken the bait.

To begin, I'm going to take the liberty of quoting you from your first paragraph, in which you so generously informed us that we are "doing the whole university bit wrong" and that we "act as if this were Highacres High School." Excuse my ignorance, but why do college professors expect such a great change in a student's mannerisms once he crosses that sacred line of a high school senior to a college freshman? It's as if becoming a college student assures you instant maturity, much like the assurance that using the right toothpaste will bring you immediate sex appeal or the right cologne will bring a flock of suitors to your doorstep. Actually, the only change that

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