

## WHCB - New and Improved

by Kathy Johnson

WHCB, Highacres' radio station, broadcasts its progressive rock format throughout the campus on four watts carrier current at 1580 AM.

WHCB is operated by the Radio Club, and is located in the South Building. Despite the studio's smallness, the sounds coming over the air waves are big. Although FCC standards must be complied to, the disc jockeys can be very creative in how they use their air time. Some disc jockeys give the weather, news highlights and local sports rap-ups. But the majority of show time is devoted to music.

An observer of the station might think that because of the minimal studio space, the record selection may be small. Not so, according to Robert Schoppe, General Manager of WHCB. He states that the station receives approximately twelve albums per week from fourteen different record companies. For example, WHCB was playing Extra Texture, George Harrison's latest release, before the record stores had it.

Many improvements have been made since last year. With money appropriated by the Student Government Association, the Radio Club purchased parts necessary for increasing WHCB's quality level. New tubes, cables and monitor shielding will remove some of the sound distortion which sophomores remember from last year. The quality has also improved in signal distance.

## McNab Wins A-H Title

Brad McNab defeated Kurt Nenstiel for the title of Highacres Air-Hockey Champion 1975-1976 in a best of five game series during the month of October. It was a close contest all the way with McNab winning in the fifth game 7-6.

Twenty-two people participated in this, the second annual tournament. In addition to McNab and Nenstiel, Doug Brown and Bob Douglass made it to the semi-finals. McNab defeated Brown two games to one. Nenstiel scored over Douglass also

Schoppe said, "Our newest piece of equipment is the FM tuner. We got rebroadcasting permission from WMMR in Philadelphia and so we are able to broadcast WMMR when our disc jockey isn't on the air." The club hopes that this is only the beginning of more new equipment.

Working behind the scenes is the staff of WHCB. Len Karpinski is Program Director, with Gary Ambrosino as Station Technician. Business Manager is Bill Hall and Lucy Santarsiero is Secretary.

The dozen voices on the radio range from licensed broadcasters to those who enjoy radio work as a hobby. An afternoon segment regularly broadcasted is Frank Strauss' "Misty Mountain Top Radio." Strauss enjoys radio work as a hobby and likes sharing the music he loves with his friends via WHCB.

In addition to putting the shows on the air, WHCB has in the past run a training class for any students interested in obtaining a third class broadcasting license. WHCB will again hold these classes during winter term. When prepared for the test, perspective broadcasters go to the FCC building in Philadelphia.

The only problem that WHCB members have run into is that of listener feedback. Secretary Lucy Santarsiero says, "The disc jockeys love what they are doing but it is diffi-

cult to know if anyone is listening. We work hard to air high quality shows, but the lack of student involvement is an annoying situation."

The club offers a solution to this problem. A direct telephone line from the Residence Hall to the station is at the student's disposal. Listeners can call and request songs and make suggestions for better shows. A three-hour show can become very long, and without feedback, the disc jockeys are unsure how the listeners feel about the music being played.

WHCB broadcasts from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. WMMR-live fills in the other hours.

## Elections

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four sophomores who received a significant number of votes must each be given the alternative of accepting or declining their nomination.

Congratulation to those elected and a heart-felt thanks to those who made this election possible by helping run the polls and counting the ballots.

## Gym

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three meter diving boards and a glass enclosed spectator gallery. The building will also have four faculty offices and a Health Education classroom.

The only foreseeable problem involves parking. A total of eleven spaces are to be constructed. Considering the location of existing parking, Dr. David admits that it will be "a long hike" to the building. The problem will especially be felt by community organizations. Dr. David states that the facilities will be available to students and staff in a logical manner. Physical education classes will have first priority, followed by intramural and team sports. All other time slots will be free for the students and staff members to use.

## COUNTY'S NAME

Luzerne County, organized in 1786, was named in honor of Chevalier de la Luzerne.