

EDITORIAL OPINIONS

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"ON THE BALL"

At long last, the new Physical Education Building is being used, at least in part, by the campus community. Physical Education classes, intramural and intercampus sports, open recreation, and a lecture with a nationally known speaker, have all been held there.

Congratulations to the Highacres Club Advisory Council and Mr. Everitt Binns for being "on the ball" and holding a significant cultural event, the Mark Lane lecture, in the new gym as soon as was humanly possible. An event the quantity and size of the Lane lecture is long overdue at Highacres. Aside from the Greater Hazleton Arts Festival held here the past two years, Highacres has never had an event of the magnitude of the Lane lecture, that brought both a sizable quantity of people from the campus and community to it. We hope that the H.C.A.C. and Mr. Binns as Director of the Student Affairs Cultural Series can get together many more times in the future to sponsor interesting and important cultural events.

Shame on you, Student Union Board for having no plans for holding large concerts in the new gym. We can accept the

idea that it would not be a simple task to bring an established musical group to Highacres. But bringing an established musical group to Highacres is possible. Ray Kissner, President of the S.U.B. said that the main obstacle preventing big concerts is money. Well, if you can learn a lesson from Mr. Binns and the H.C.A.C. and not try to do everything yourself, by asking the H.C.A.C., the Student Affairs Cultural Series, and even community businesses and organizations for financial support, just maybe large concerts at Highacres could become a reality.

Drawing a sizable crowd to a concert with a well-established group is not even an issue. The S.U.B. itself has sponsored concerts with only locally known groups performing, such as "Morning Song" and "Strawboss!" that have caused the Commons to be "jam-packed." We think that it is high time that the Student Union Board started thinking about and began formulating some definite plans for holding big concerts in the new gym.

HIGHACRES GETS AN ICE HOCKEY RINK

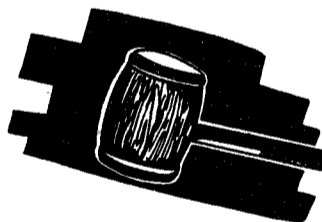
It is that time of year again. Snow has begun to fall on the Highacres Campus and the Hazleton area has begun to be transformed into a winter wonderland. But with these almost serene thoughts come also thoughts of damage and injury.

Why do thoughts of damage and injury come to mind? Because of the following observations that have been made about the snow removal process at Highacres: The removal of snow around the Residence Hall and Dining Hall has been terrible. One week after the latest snowfall had occurred, the paths leading to and from the Dining Hall were as dangerous as on the first day of the snowfall. The Residence Hall parking facility had been turned into one sheet of ice and there were mounds of snow blocking the removal of many of the cars.

The steps leading to and from the newly completed three million dollar gym facility were completely covered making any attempt to scale them a test of sanity. The "A" lot, the upper level sophomore parking lot, had been turned into a wonderful ice hockey rink, perfect for inviting the New York Islanders to come up and have a game.

Finally, on January 14, a two-car collision occurred at Highacres. Within a few days of the accident, Highacres roads and paths were finally clear and safe for driving and walking.

Whether action was finally taken to clear the roads on campus as a result of this accident, we do not know. But one thing is clear; if the roads and paths on this campus are not kept clear from snow and ice, destruction of property, bodily harm and even deaths may occur, causing losses far exceeding those expected by anyone.



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