

EDITORIAL OPINIONS

You Can't Be Cool In College

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Many of us at Highacres have seen, at one time or another, the effects of vandalism on this campus. This year especially, acts of vandalism have increased. Ask a member of the S.G.A., S.U.B. or R.H.C. how many additional dollars had to be spent this year to replace broken and destroyed equipment.

The air hockey machine in the Commons has not operated all year due to the fact that someone kicked in the coin box and totally demolished the interior of the system. The pin-ball machines have been kicked in too, not once, but repeatedly.

Chairs all over campus have been written upon. In C-1 especially, there is writing on both the seats and the backs of the chairs. There are obscenities and kindergarten scribbles on walls, floors, doors, and anywhere someone can find space to write.

By sitting on the pool table, a table which was only recently recovered, leveled and had a leg fixed, it has once again become broken and abused. The ping-pong tables are now in need of support to even stand so as to be useable. The S.U.B. and S.G.A. have recently allocated an additional \$50 to replace destroyed equipment.

In The Residence Hall, chairs, tables, lamps and recreational equipment have also been destroyed. Rooms have been robbed, personal items destroyed, walls written on, lights smashed and objects ripped off walls.

In the Library, books have been ripped off and magazines and periodicals, not to mention reference books, have

been destroyed and torn up. In the past two years, 524 books have been stolen from our campus library alone. It costs our University \$12 to process the replacement of a stolen book, plus an average of \$12 for the cost of a Liberal Arts book and \$24 for an average Science or Technology book. If you assume half the books stolen were Science books and half were L.A. books, a total of nearly \$16,000 has been spent to replace stolen books.

If you are a piano player, look around and ask yourself, "Where is there a good piano, in working order, that I can use?" No piano on this campus is in excellent condition. Most are totally useless. Pieces have been removed and keys banged up so bad that even if they do work, an "A" would probably sound more like an "F sharp".

Although we are now all college students, many act as though they were still in high school and trying to impress their "friends". Put high school out of your minds. It is time to realize that you cannot be "cool" in a college by destroying it. Open your eyes. It is your money you are throwing away and mine too. I don't want my higher tuition dollars going to replace something that some "nerd" has destroyed. I am in college to learn, but this learning will not include learning to live on a destroyed, demolished campus. This campus belongs to all of us, and I am one person who will put up one hell of a fight before I will see it destroyed by vandals.

Tip Of The Ol' Hat

The Residence Hall Council has instituted a series of open forums with Highacres administrators, staff members, and students leaders. These forums are set up as opportunities for authorities in their respective fields at Highacres to speak and discuss with Highacres students information and issues dealing with their respective fields.

Forum speakers have included Dean Joseph McCallus, Dean of Student Affairs, Bruce Young, Athletic Coordinator, James White, Career Development and Placement Counselor, and the members of the Student Standards Board.

These forums have proved to be beneficial to the students, with good size crowds attending and excellent exchanges of questions and ideas occurring. These forums have provided open and candid communication about important and pressing issues concerning Highacres. They have provided students with information about programs and activities available to them that they may otherwise not have found out about.

We tip our hats to the Residence Hall Council for instituting this program and hope that this program can continue and programs similar to it can be instituted in the future not only by the R.H.C. but also by other campus organizations.

The Highacres Collegian has donated a copy of the book, "Two Worlds of Andrew Wyeth: Kuerners and Olsons" by K.S. Gilbert and J.K. Holt to the Highacres Library. The book deals with an exhibit by Wyeth that is presently being displayed at New York's Museum of Metropolitan Art.

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