

## Letters To The Editor

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To the Editor:

Hi! My name is Art Boyce, Coordinator of the Residence Hall. I am sure that by now most of you readers who indulge in reading the articles in The Highacres Collegian are very aware of who I am. At any rate, you know what I look like and that I have a lot of ideas about life, ranging from Christ to drugs to marriage. For those of you who do not know that much about me or even why I am writing this editorial, I suggest that you read the January 28, 1977 issue of The Highacres Collegian. I am the guy that used to get "high" frequently during my younger years.

My purpose for writing to you arduous readers of our glorious "Hazleburg Times" or shall I say "Peyton Place - Book II" is to clarify for all the students, staff, administrators, faculty and mommies and daddys, who are so wholeheartedly concerned about the "well-being of our student body," those statements made in the last issue of the Collegian.

To begin with, I do believe that the drug laws in our country should be amended. People who smoke marijuana, drink alcohol, use amphetamines, do a couple of "reds," or take advantage of the drug caffeine, should not be looked at and/or treated as criminals. They are our brothers and sisters and, in a great number of instances, our mothers and fathers. They are again, in most cases, displeased with their present environment and have chosen the route of "drugs" as their haven

A majority of people who use drugs do so in a positive way, or at least that is what they think. Given that there are a number of people who will try various drugs (of which alcohol observe the highest percentage) for primarily "curiosity" sake or peer pressure influence, the rest of the population who use drugs do so with the expressed intent of altering their own

personal reality as it presently is. Whether these people want a change because they are so "blown away" and frustrated with life that they do not feel as though they can handle it anymore, or they just want a pleasant and quick period of relaxation (i.e., a quick beer or two on the way home from work, a martini before dinner, or a quick "bong before evening vittles) or because it's easier "to be themselves" and to talk to the opposite sex, or shall I say in general terms, to become "less inhibited," or because they have got another 300 miles to jockey to make their schedule, ten-four good-buddy, and they need something to keep them going. Whatever the reason, the use of these drugs feels as though somehow or another his/her own personal reality must change and be more conducive to their needs and that they will achieve their desired end via the use of "drugs."

Our purpose, as I see it, as law-abiding, concerned citizens is not to incarcerate these individuals because of their vices, but rather to help them and ourselves at the same time.

Man's use of drugs is more a symptom of a problem rather than the problem itself. People do not use drugs because it is innate to them as humans. We learn this behavior from our environment, from our peers, from our mommys and daddys and through our media. We are encompassed by a vicious circle which will continue to engulf us unless we as parents and educators of our society stop and take a look not only at our youth and what they are experiencing but at ourselves as well, and together, in a unified effort, help ourselves to understand and cope with our problems and share in alternate ways in which we can find the peace, happiness and security for which we all so seemingly aimlessly

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### THANKS

To The Editor:

This is to acknowledge the efforts of the volunteers who assisted in any way during the Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to the Campus on January 21.

A special thanks to the donors who made possible a collection of 77 pints of blood during that visit.

I would like to express my appreciation also to my Co-Chairman, Frank Strauss, Mr. Cerula, Mr. Tito and the Custodial Staff, Peter Pidcoe, Karen Weber, Circle K Club, the student who delivered the blood to the Red Cross facility in Wilkes-Barre, Chris Leauber, and to the Staff of WHCB- campus radio, for their precious time and concerted efforts.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. Tamea, R.N.  
Campus Health Service

### WAKE-UP

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there is no response, why should a few people be subjected to criticism from all sides, such as the SUB has been. To this I say to the other students here at Highacres, "Wake-Up and Get Involved." If you don't like the events come up with new ideas. The SGA and SUB meetings are open to everyone and we have the money to stage decent events, if we get feedback.

I have gone to past events, and I've enjoyed them. Maybe you will too.

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P.S. Where have all the Semi-Formals gone?