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By popular election, the students and faculty of Highacres have selected "Condors" as the official name of the Highacres basketball team.

Highacres Basketball Team Closes Season Strong '77 '78 SEASON LOOKS BRIGHT

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Sports Analysis

A 7-win, 13-loss overall record and a league record of 4-8 is not up to the usual high standards of Highacres basketball, but the 1976-77 season was not a total loss by any means, according to Highacres Basketball Coach, Thomas Caccese. The Nittany Lions came on strong toward the end of the season, posting four wins out of their last six contests. Some impressive wins were against Penn State campuses Delaware and Capitol, the latter being a four-year institution.

Caccese has high hopes for next year's squad. Three out of five starters will be returning. These include backcourt ace Dave Stephansky, injured for three-fourths of this past season. Also, returning will be starting forward Rex Weiruch and center Craig Reabold, who both had excellent freshman seasons. Highacres will have a good bench returning also. Playmaker guard Brian Imperial, swing-man Greg Palmeri, and strong, outside shooter Joe Boyle are listed among those who should return.

Incoming freshman talent will undoubtedly be a factor next season. Caccese is happy about the height of this talent. The cast is led by Bishop Hafey High cager George Kalinonick. At 6' 7", he is the tallest of the incoming freshmen. Other potential freshmen players include: 6' 4" Todd Crensy of Central Columbian High, Bishop Hafey guard Pete Franzosa, 6' 0" Paul DeAngelo of Freeland High, and 6' 2" Charlie Scott of Weatherly High.

Another factor that should give Highacres basketball fans some encouragement is the adoption of new colors and a new team nickname. The faculty and student body, by popular election, have chosen "green and gold" as colors and "Condors" as the nickname. The new name should give both the squad and the fans an uplift in spirit while eliminating identification problems.

With an impressive finish this year, three starters returning along with a seasoned bench, and the influx of an abundance of freshman talent the 1977-78 season for the Condors looks very bright.

Incidentally, the Commonwealth Campus Athletic Conference Championship will be held at Highacres for the first time next year. Wouldn't it be nice to come and see our own team in the playoffs in our own backyard?

Greg Slusser: Record Breaker

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Upon appearance, Greg Slusser's high academic average shows him to be an "achiever." However, high achievement does not stop with academics for Greg Slusser. In two years as a member of the Highacres basketball team, Slusser is the owner of an unprecedented four scoring records: most points for a season, a record he broke in his freshman year and once again broke his sophomore year; most points for a single game, set this year against Keystone Junior College with a 38 point performance; most points for a career; and most field goals for a career total of 353.

Slusser, a business administration major, played basketball for his high school during his sophomore and junior years, but quit during his senior year because of a lack of playing time. "It just wasn't fun anymore," said Slusser.

Coming to Highacres in 1975, after a one year break from school, Slusser was provided with a chance to play, (38 games in two years).

Slusser said he will probably tryout for the Basketball squad at University Park. At 6' 1", he has good height to play forward for a smaller team like Highacres, but will probably have to shift to the backcourt at U. Park. Slusser said he could probably make the adjustment without too much trouble.

In Slusser's own opinion, mixing academics and athletics is a good combination. Greg Slusser is living proof of his own philosophy.



"Recess time sure flies when you're having fun."