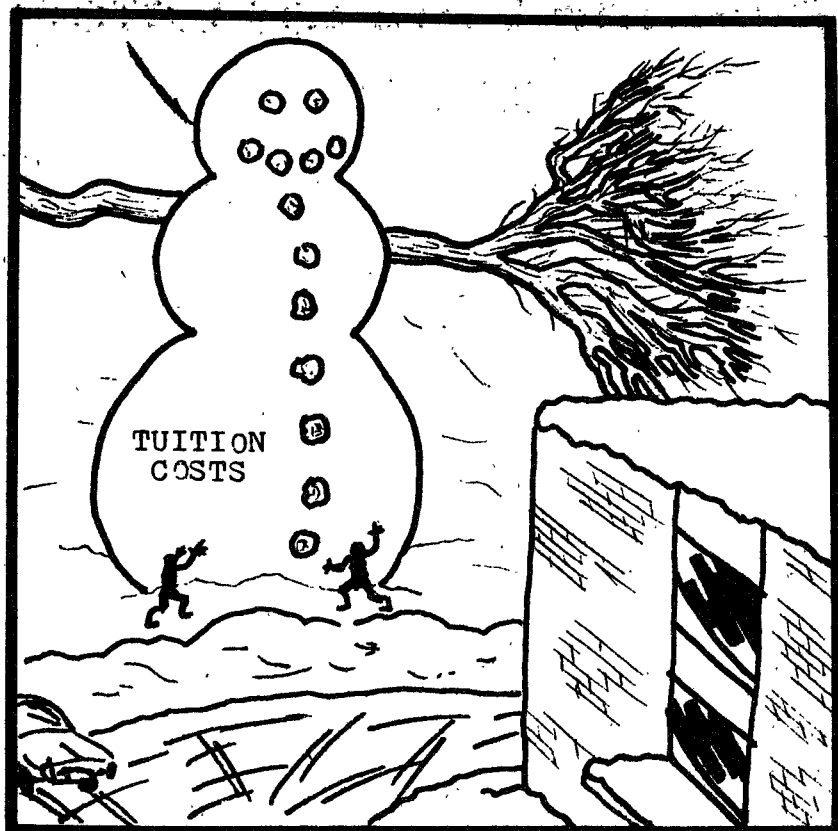


EDITORIAL OPINIONS



WHERE IS THE SUNSHINE TO MELT THE SNOW?

Apathy Reigns

The vandalism of campus property has continued to be a major problem at Highacres. The reasons for the destruction could be understood if individuals did not have any activities to participate in to pass the time. This is not the case since The Student Union Board and the Student Government Association have been scheduling many events during the winter months. Announcements have been made and signs have been posted to advertise the events. The main ingredient to make the activities planned a success is for students and other interested individuals to become involved.

Apathy is alive and well on campus. The Student Government of 1976-77 attempted to eliminate this plague but the apathetic attitude has again returned. Students often give the excuse that the weather is bad and winter events are not enjoyable. Their argument is not valid because winter events such as dances, movie premieres, and concerts are worthwhile if there is involvement. If participation is low, then the amount of enjoyment that can be had is proportionately lower.

You can make college life a memorable experience only if you wake up from under a bed of snow and actively participate in campus events.

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Letters To The Editor

Hazletonians Defended

To the Editor:

I have a complaint I wish to make known. Being a native of the Hazleton area, I am tired of people putting down this great region. Many Highacres' students complain of nothing to do in Hazleton. I say all of these people are full of bologna! I don't care if I offend anyone by my strong language; I have to make my point. What do they mean "nothing to do?" Skateland is open and the Feely Pool Hall is being renovated. The hold-up on the Feely Pool Hall is due to the unremovable grease stains on the door. In Hazleton, they're known as (name deleted to protect the guilty) brothers.

Everyone knows the saying, "When in Rome..." Well, when in Hazleton, hang out on the corner of Broad and Wyoming Sts. At Broad and Wyoming one can meet many interesting people and bargain with the natives for all types of goodies. Just be careful the vice squad isn't around.

At the other end of the block are two famous landmarks. The W. T. Grant store, which is out of business, became a record shop that went out of business. Next to that is the Leader which folded and was bought by Greco. Later the building was torched and subsequently closed.

That brings me to another point. People say Hazleton is boring: Drilling holes is boring, A Star Is Boring with Barbara Streisand, the commander of the Luftwaffe was Herman Boering. Hazleton is not boring! Five cases of suspected arson within one year is quite exciting. Arson is a

required course at Hazleton High School. A few years ago Hazle Jr. High and more recently Grebey Jr. High offered arson in their curriculum.

Do you want to test your visual and motor coordination? Drive through Hazleton. Thrills, chills and excitement are there for all who dare. An expert driver can avoid pot holes, maneuver around parked beer trucks, proceed through snow covered streets, and still find a parking meter with time on it.

Many people claim our politicians are corrupt. I say "ea ea"! Double "ea ea"! You'll not find politicians so honest as in Hazleton. Our last two mayors were undertakers. If you can't trust an undertaker, who can you trust? How about the inquiry concerning the charge of area teachers having to "buy" jobs from the school district? Nothing ever came of that after the school district lost their records in an unfortunate fire. Who says Hazleton city council never does anything? Just this summer Cedar Street was paved.

The last rebuttal is to allegations of area natives using strange words and phrases. To the people who say this, go home and eat regular: "Youse guys are wrong. People like youse should be bet up. I hain't gonna talk about it no more. I'm gonna eat some pitz with musharooms."

Proud to be from Hazleton
(Henna!)

Thomas A. Sist
5th Term Law Enforcement

Take Pride

To the Editor:

I would like to express my opinion in regard to the plowing and cindering on campus after our last major snow storm. Maintenance has done a fairly good job of clearing the parking lots and has worked additional hours in order to keep the roads as clear as possible. My complaint is that they did not use the proper type of cinders or salt on the roads. As a substitute they used coal dust to cover the roads and lots. This coal dust has the unique capability of clinging to shoes when they are wet and tends to make the floors of buildings on campus very filthy. I am a dorm student and most of the damage that was done to the floors had to eventually be cleaned by the janitorial staff. Is this fair? Cutbacks in personnel have been made in lieu of the recent budget situation but additional hours had to be spent to clean up the mess that was made. I am sure that the janitors have better things to do than constantly clean dust off the floors.

This coal dirt was probably spread by a truck free of charge to the University because coal dust is not difficult to obtain, especially in our region. The money saved by using this dust was proportionately small to the extra wages that had to be paid to clean the floors.

Also many complaints are heard from the administration about the vandalism on campus and how people cannot be responsible to take care of the property. The campus property is not taken care of properly by the maintenance staff; so how are the other people on campus supposed to take care of the buildings they use? Recently, a plow "accidentally" destroyed a railing on the female exit of the dorm. Is this a way of showing how others should take pride in and care for the campus? If the administration does not care, then why should anyone else?

My case is closed.

Name Withheld

Highacres Melody

To the Editor:

Many people find their feelings to be reflected in songs written and sung today. Here are some songs which seem to convey a meaning many of us Highacres students could appreciate:

"We Just Disagree"—Jim Ferry and Brian Horwith;

"Get a Job"—PSU Grads;

"Give It To Me"—Pleading for an "A";

"Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours"—grades—three weeks after exam week;

"It's to Late"—studying the period before the test;

"Bungle in The Jungle"—walking from the fireline after a kegger;

"Who Loves You?"—Dr. Van Devender;

"Heard it in a Love Song"—where the males of Highacres get their lines;

"25 or 6 to 4"—scores of the soccer games;

"Over my Head"—ability of most students to understand jokes;

"Dreams"—a 4.0 average;

"Someone Saved my Life"—having a friend let you copy his exam;

"Dazed and Confused"—the intramural referees;

"She Did It"—admitting yourself to the free clinic.

That raps it up. Thank You for reading. I hope you use this.

Name Withheld