

# SPORTS

## SporTalk



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height in Keystone Jr. College and lost, 106-75. They opened the CCAC schedule away against Scranton Campus, again running into an exceptionally tall team and losing, 118-92. They also lost to Schuylkill and Ogontz twice (one of those against Schuylkill is the thriller mentioned above) and the other thriller against Mont Alto. One thing seems to ring about the Condors: they are a team which has an aggressive style of play, enabling them to possess an excellent fastbreak. But this fastbreak cannot work effectively without an ample amount of rebounding, and when the Condors run up against a team which they can't rebound from, especially a taller one, they cannot be as aggressive.

Looking ahead, the Condors are rematched against Baptist Bible College away, as well as some exhibition makeups and both returns match and first-match league games. Good Luck to Coach Tom Caccese and the Condors.

A reminder that all remaining home games of the Condors will be covered by H.A.V.E., the Highacres Video Engineering Club, videotaping the games for replay over the facilities of the Mountain City Cable TV Company. Consult the local media for times the games will be aired.

I hope you're enjoying the column thus far. Again, if you have any personal comment on the column or perhaps some information you'd like to share with us, it can be left in mailbox 73-B.

The adjoining picture may perplex you. Allow me to explain. Despite Hazleton Campus being a small campus or perhaps the type you wouldn't expect to have a cheerleading squad much like the high school many of us came from, but, alas, Highacres does indeed, contrary to popular thought, have a group of young women who cheer on the varsity sports (mostly basketball) at Hazleton Campus. They are as follows: Lisa Mittl (captain), Erin Rossman, Janet Sabol, Rita Bell, Debbie Klein, Barbara Ruht, Lynn Roskowski, Joanne Polzella, Jane Egick, and Lori Wisdo. On behalf of The Collegian, I would like to congratulate these young women for their efforts.

The Hazleton Campus Condor basketball squad continues on with its schedule, despite little cooperation from the weatherman. It is not that the Condors play their games outside, though it would seem that way, but the bad weather related to some cancellations as well as the absence of a sizeable crowd on nights which the weather was less than desirable to come out for a night of basketball. Some cancellations were due, in part, to the absence of Coach Tom Caccese. Three games in all were cancelled, including two exhibition contests between the Condors and Pinebrook Jr. College and Lackawanna Jr. College, as well as a CCAC game with Delaware Campus. Arrangements have been made to make up the two exhibitions, and both will have probably been played by the time you read this. Nevertheless, here is the revised schedule:

Sat.	Feb. 11	Scranton Campus	(H) 8:00
Mon.	Feb. 13	Wilkes-Barre Campus	(A) 8:00
Fri.	Feb. 17	STATE TOURNAMENT	
Sat.	Feb. 18	TO BE HELD AT HAZLETON CAMPUS	

Note that the state tournament of the CCAC will be held at Hazleton Campus for the first time this year, in honor of the new facility in which to play it.

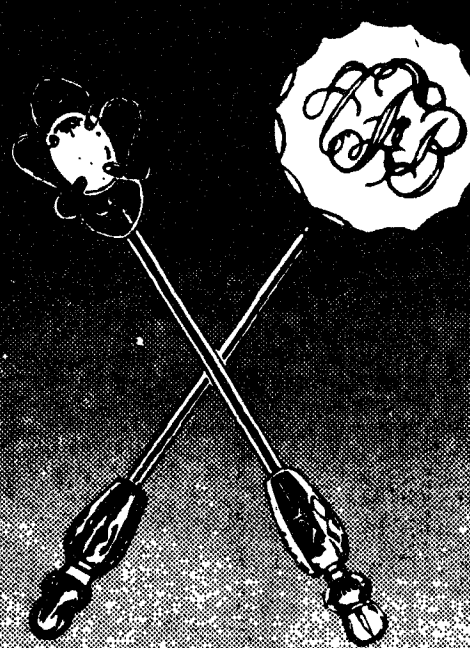
Now, let's recap on the Condors progress thus far. They possess a deceiving 3-win, 7-loss record overall. The reason I say deceiving is that two of the losses, coming both in the CCAC, were by only one point each. The Condors were defeated in the last second at home by Schuylkill Campus in which a free throw for a 91-90 loss was sunk with one second showing on the clock. The other loss was suffered under the direction of Assistant Professor of Physical Education George Bobby in the absence of Coach Tom Caccese. Also at home, this loss was to one of the perennial powerhouses of the CCAC, the Mont Alto Campus five, by an 83-82 count at home. The league record is 2-6.

After an impressive exhibition opening against Baptist Bible College by a 111-85 score, the Condors went up against a lot of



The Highacres Condors cheerleaders group together before a basketball game. The girls are, standing: Barbara Ruht, Lynn Roskowski, Erin Rossman, and Janet Sabol; kneeling: Rita Bell, Joanne Polzella, and Jane Egick. Not pictured are: Lisa Mittl (captain), Debbie Klein, and Lori Wisdo. (Photo by David Kraft)

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## Penn State:

### Victim Of Network Control

On Christmas Day, the Penn State Nittany Lions won a resounding 40-28 victory over the Arizona State Sun Devils in the Fiesta Bowl. A few days later the bowl rankings appeared and the Lions were ranked fifth.

Many Penn State fans were angered by the ranking decision because they felt the Lions had the qualifications for a much higher ranking. Finishing the regular season with an 11-1 record, the only loss, a four-point decision to the Kentucky Wildcats, the Lions won a post season game against Pitt and was sent to the Fiesta Bowl.

This outcry is not the first time Penn State fans have expressed their dissatisfaction with the present ranking system. Throughout the season there were numerous complaints about the consistently low rankings of Penn State. Usually ranked ninth or tenth the Lions only once neared the top with a ranking of fourth even though they had only one loss. Nor is this dissatisfaction limited to Penn State fans. Fans of the teams kept out of the top ten slots in the rankings have grown more and more dissatisfied with the system and feel their teams are being discriminated against because their performance deserved better.

Under the present system, the rankings are determined by a group of Associated Press and United Press International writers and sportscasters. The teams are rated on performance of strategy and skill during a game. Also, the margin of victory or defeat helps in the decision of how far a team can use or fall in their standings on any given football weekend. For the "bowl season" the teams competing in the major bowls are judged by their use of playing skills in a bowl game and their overall seasonal performance. The team with the

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