

# The Legend Of Highacres

## Residence Hall Council Reminisces

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Residence Hall Council this year has spent \$2,100.00 and leaves next year's council with a balance of \$600 to start with. R.H.C. obtains their funds from R.H.C. dues and they sponsored a car wash to raise money.

R.H.C. is made up of five committees: Social, Recreation, Food and Housing, Public Relations, and a new committee this year's fund raising. Also R.H.C. has a new policy which probably most of the students in the Residence hall are unaware of; any freshman already on the council that has served for two terms can be held over next year as a committee head if they are approved by the council. This policy will allow for added experience at the beginning.

Now many may wonder what happened with their money. R.H.C. sponsored such events as disco's and one at the beginning of the year with SUB, the Halloween party, pin ball, ping pong, and pool tournaments, road rally, Billy Joel concert, and the naming of the dorm which has not been held yet.

Besides sponsoring events R.H.C. has found other expenses which had to be paid. Two new speakers were needed due to damage. Two home box office units were stolen and will be replaced next year with the money which was left from the stranded visitors this winter. Texas markers were purchased which are never to wear out with a fifteen year supply of ink. R.H.C. also financed Resident Assistant programs and bought two new pencil sharpeners that were stolen. The piano was replaced after the old one was

damaged by summer visitors in the dorm. Lawn games were purchased—such as baseball bats, darts, frisbees, and ping pong paddles. Five Sunday papers are also purchased by R.H.C. for the students to read so we know what is happening in the outside world. All these expenses add up.

R.H.C. also recognizes its outstanding sophomore and freshman girl and guy at the Awards Banquet. This year's winners are: Sophomore guy Greg James (this year's R.H.C. president) girl Nancy Klotsko (S.G.A. president), Freshman guy Al Cwalina (next year's R.H.C. president), and girl Donna Ditty (first floor resident assistant).

Greg James has some suggestion for the R.H.C. of next year: disco's during the week, a bigger name for the lecturer, start the Road Rally planning earlier and maybe get another club to help in the planning, and have the first R.H.C. meeting of every month down in the lobby. As Greg James leaves the office, he said, "I wished next year's R.H.C. good luck and I feel sure they could do a good job since they have a solid foundation. I suggest that everyone on the council get involved in the events the council holds instead of just the committee sponsoring the event and try to keep the students more informed in what R.H.C. is doing. I also would like to thank the people who helped to make the council more effective especially the officers: Blair Althouse, vice-Pres., Janis McNelis, Secretary, Ed Corningrato, Treasurer, and the coordinator Mark Galanoski.

## Residence Hall Council Officers Elected

Next year's officers of R.H.C. will be Al Cwalina, Pres.; Bill Snyder, Vice-President; Jo-Anne Polyella, Secretary, and Joe Ritoko, Treasurer.

For Al Cwalina this was not his first election. Al, in high school, held such offices as Senior Class Tres., Junior Class Representative, Student Council Representative and Pres. of the Horticulture Club. Also Al is the youngest nominee in Pennsylvania to run for a political office. He ran last year for School Director on the Democratic ticket. Al this year was third floor guys Treasurer and is a Residence Hall assistant candidate. If Cwalina becomes an R.A. he will be the first student to hold an R.A. position and an R.H.C. office. There was much controversy to this issue which finally was resolved with a phone call to University Park. The final outcome was that there was no rule to stop him from running for both positions.

Bill Snyder, next year's Vice-President, held the position this year of Third Floor guys Assistant Director. Snyder and Cwalina made no campaign promises and only came up with ideas for next year. Some of their ideas were to eliminate the apathy which was such a problem this year. They would also like to see the R.H.C. meetings more open and possibly put them down in the lobby. They are presently held in the guys' project room with only enough room for the members. They also would like to get the dormies and townies together as they are so reformed by working with SUB.

Jo-Anne Polyella, before coming to Hazleton, worked for a year as a secretary for the welfare office. Jo-Anne currently is the assistant secretary of S.G.A. and a member of the cheerleading squad. With all of Polzella's experience as a secretary she should make a good RHC Sec.

Joe Ritoko was on the third floor guys' weekend committee and felt that by running for R.H.C. treasurer he could get more involved in what is going on in the dorm.

## Student Union Board Ends A Successful Year

Student Union Board "the activities people" have been very busy with all the activities they sponsored this year such as: Las Vegas night, dances in the Commons, Spring week, lounge Christmas party, Lizards, coffee houses, square dances, and helped sponsor the UFO lecture.

Brian Harwith, this year's S.U.B. president feels it was a successful year because they retained a large group of effective members which gave them a solid core. Also Brian would like to thank those who helped this year with S.U.B. activities and he hopes that next year they will have a successful string of events as this year. Harwith also knows next year's president, Rob Byler, has the capability to do a superior job along with the returning S.U.B. members.

Rob Byler was active this year in S.U.B. along with the War Games Club and Outings Club.

## Spring Week

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gyrated to the sounds of the "Sophistocats."

Dave Lugg and Chris Musgrave took first places in the Agony Hill climb—a first at Highacres.

However, the most exciting event took place on Saturday, April 22, when the cars traveled a pre-planned course in hopes of capturing the Road Rally trophies. Skill and luck were with two dorm freshmen, Barb Seck and Donna Ditty, who placed first in the Road Rally.

The course, planned diligently by members of the Residence Hall Council, was one that combined both skill and accuracy. Given a set of directions in rhyme, each driver and his order navigator followed the route by answering various questions and picking up various items along the way. "The course was mind-boggling at times which turned out to be most of the time," commented Patrice Ackerman, a participant.

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in his office. But doesn't he realize that the signs could be destroyed if they lay there.

What should the student do? "I'll go see the dean. He is a fair and understanding man, perhaps he can show the assistant to the dean the error of his ways." So onward to the office of the dean. The student tells his story to the dean and then puzzles over how to react to the dean's statement that the incident will be "sat upon" Why? Wasn't the assistant to the dean wrong in what he did? Why is the incident going to be "hushed up?"

In a final desperate attempt to find the answer the student turns to the Student Government Association, which is headed by a friendly cheerful president. Surely she will help. But as the student observes the S.G.A. (he is waiting for the president to finish a meeting) he sees that maybe decisions are being made by the president without the council's help. But this is supposed to be democratic! Many projects are cancelled as the student watches. But where does the money for these projects go if not into the projects. And plans are being made for many projects to be continued next year. Continued?! The student remembers only one project that was sponsored by S.G.A. all year. What are they discussing now? Oh, the Awards Banquet that will take place soon. But what's this? No speaker? But the students were told S.G.A. had been trying to find one for months. What happened?

Turning away with a bewildered look the student wonders where he can go to get his answer now. And suddenly it comes to him that he has discovered the answer to the aged question "Why are students apathetic?"

## Army Gets Wet

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On Thursday, April 27, the Army R.O.T.C. unit performed the Ranger Swim Test along with other water-oriented activities in the pool at the Hazleton Campus Physical Education Building. The test began with forty-eight members of the ROTC jumping into the pool and lining up in formation at the shallow end of the pool. They saluted the captain and he proceeded to give them instructions for the testing. This was followed by a demonstration of the three phases of the Ranger Swim Test.

The demonstration was conducted by approximately six individuals. The first phase of the test consisted of an individual jumping backwards into the water and swimming fifteen meters without losing his equipment. The second phase consisted of an individual jumping in and shedding his equipment while treading water. The third and final phase consisted of a blindfolded individual striding off the high-dive fully equipped with rifle held at arm's length. The individual could not lose his rifle and was expected to yell Ranger on the way down.

Along with being able to pass the Ranger Swim Test, the ROTC members also had to construct an Australian Survival Raft (poncho raft). As part of the exercise, the members paired off to assemble the raft from rain ponchos as a means of transporting their equipment across water.

Each person laid his rifle in the raft and placed a boot at each end of his rifle. Then the raft was wrapped around the equipment to make an airtight seal. The persons then crossed the pool partially supported by the raft. If a person failed to pass any phase of the Ranger Swim Test or if his equipment was wet after the Australian Survival Raft exercise, he was required to do push-ups for each failure.

The Army R.O.T.C. tests were administered by Captain Goodwin who teaches the army courses at the Highacres Campus. He made sure the afternoon's activities ran smoothly and supplied the moral support for the students taking these tests.

## Literary Magazine

This year marks the reappearance of "New Horizons" Literary Magazine. The 1976-77 magazine was suspended due to publication difficulties. Included in the magazine are poems, photographs, illustrations, and a short story, all contributed by student artists. In this issue, poetry is presented in abundance with a variety of styles and themes.

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