

## Highacres Hosts Reading Festivals

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## "Oh Dad, Poor Dad... Success For Drama Club

The Drama Club's Spring production "Oh Dad, Poor Dad..." was presented in the Highacres Commons the evenings of April 25 through 28. Judging from the audience response, the play was a great success on campus.

"The farce," directed by Dr. Carl Frankel, starred Lisa Sonner as the domineering Madame Rosepettle, Butch LaMont as her stammering son Jonathan, Sybil McGuire as Rosalie, who is not as innocent as she pretends, and Keith Kneaream as the distinguished Commodore Roseabove. Also featured were John Lewis as the head bellboy, Renee DiSabella as the maid, and Gerry Nork, Ken Dudeck and Bud Swenson as the bellboys.

The play, set in Port Royal, a city somewhere in the Caribbean, tells the story of a domineering, over-protective mother who comes to this city with her son, her silver piranha fish, Rosalinda, and her Venus Fly-traps. The plot of the play deals with the effect their stay has on two other inhabitants of the city. The Commodore is told the story of Madame's life. It kills his love for her and all he feels is pity for her son. Jonathan not only kills the love that Rosalie feels for him—he actually kills Rosalie.

The actors and actresses did a superb job of bringing their parts to life. The play was also helped along by the scenery, sound and lighting. The work done in these three areas gave a very professional polish to the entire production. The stage crew definitely deserves a share of the credit for the success of the play.

Once again it seems that the dramatic talent on this campus has found its way into an entertaining evening enjoyed by many.

Belles Lettres Society and the Student Government Association recently co-sponsored the dramatic reading festivals. The events, which are held annually at Highacres, are the Tri-County Dramatic Reading Festival and the Highacres Dramatic Reading Festival.

The Nineteenth Annual Tri-County Dramatic Reading Festival was held Friday, April 21, 1978. The campus library was the setting for the competition which featured participants from sixteen area high schools. A total of twenty-eight students competed for three prizes in each of the categories of drama, poetry, and prose.

Winners included: drama-1st—Trisa Edwards (Lehigh Area H.S.), 2nd—Alice Navitsty (Weatherly Area H.S.), 3rd—Jolene Bradigan (Shamokin Area

H.S.); poetry-1st—Thomas Butcher (Bishop Hafey H.S.), 2nd—Rene Liminsky (Weatherly H.S.), 3rd—Deidre Ellen Powell (MMI); prose-1st—Joseph Dutz (Bishop Hafey H.S.), 2nd—Vicki Ridale (Berwick Area H.S.), 3rd—Phillip Voystock (Freeland H.S.).

Principals in the event were Ms. Lou Ann Renninger, President of the Belles Lettres Society and Dr. Alan Price, Advisor to the Belles Lettres Society. Members of the campus faculty and administration who served as judges were Mr. Jay Breckenridge, Dr. William J. David, Mrs. Mary Perry, Dr. Carl Frankel, Dr. Carl B. Holmberg, Professor Andrew Kafka (ret.), and Dr. Harriet Rudolf. Student judges included Ms. Nancy Klotsko, Ms. Patty Marsh, and Mr. Brad McNab. Also acting as judges were Ms. Donna Baver and Mrs. Gene Collins.

## Rovito-Parsons Win Student Government Association Election

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"I didn't think we had it," said Kim Parsons commenting on the election which made her vice-president-elect of the Highacres Student Government Association. Marc Rovito ran for S.G.A. president on the same ticket with Parsons. The team defeated the Gerry Nork-Ken Dudeck ticket by a margin of 40 votes.

Over 300 students voted in the election held on April 12, casting their ballots in the Commons Building and the Residence Hall.

"We can't thank any ONE person," Rovito said, "we had alot of help from a lot of people." Rovito and Parsons ran on a platform stressing efforts to increase student cooperation and involvement in campus activities. They hope to achieve their goal through increased support of two S.G.A. initiated organizations, The Highacres Club Advisory Council and the Organization of Town and Independant Students. (O.T.I.S.).

As part of their victory statement, the winning candidates pledged to revise the present system for allocating monies to S.G.A. clubs and organizations.

The new officers also see the need for increased inter-campus communication. "We plan to improve campus communication through intensive cooperation with THE HIGHACRES COLLEGIAN and the campus radio station WHCB," Rovito said. "We want to make students more aware of S.G.A. and we have tentative plans for an S.G.A. Newsletter," said Parsons.

Nork and Dudeck, S.G.A. senators, pledge their continued support to the new administration.

## Collegian Board Elected For '78-'79

By DAVID KRAFT  
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New officers for the Editorial Board of The Highacres Collegian have been appointed. The Editor-in-Chief for next year will be Lesa Bagley. When asked to state her goals Bagley said, "As editor of the newspaper I hope to maintain a cooperative Collegian staff and to recruit new freshmen for the staff. I am also looking for students for next year's paper to be editors. I plan to produce more issues with the money allocation received from the Student Government Association and with advertising. I also hope that the students will use the Collegian as a way of expressing their views by means of editorials."

News Editor on the Editorial Board will be Lydia Bojsiuk. "I am looking forward to performing my duties as News Editor and plan to listen to the voice of the students and present a balanced newspaper between dorm news and news concerning commuter students," Bojsiuk said.

Other board positions include: Willard Donner, Sports Editor; Mark Dworsky, Advertising Manager; Chris Clunie, Composition Editor; Terri Winters, Photo Editor; Robert Geffert, Illustration Editor and Linda Regis, Business Manager.

## The Twentieth Annual Highacres Dramatic Reading Festival was held Wednesday, May 3, 1978 in the Highacres Room of the library. The event was opened by Dr. Alan Price, Advisor of the Belles Lettres Society, Ms. Lou Ann Renninger, President of the Belles Lettres Society, and Mr. Mark Rovito, President-Elect of the Student Government Association. Mr. Anthony Rocca was master of ceremonies.

Fifteen Highacres students participated in the event which drew a capacity crowd. Winning first place with her reading from Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," was Ms. Lisa Sonner. Second place in the competition was taken by Mr. James J. Dine who read from Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain, and Sybil McGuire won third place with selected sonnets by Shakespeare.

Judges for the event were Mr. Gene Collins of the Greater Hazleton Fine Arts Council, Mr. Charles Gallagher of the Hazleton Toastmasters Club, Professor Andrew Kafka, faculty member (retired) of the Department of English and Speech at Highacres, and Mr. Win Shule, also of the Hazleton Toastmasters Club.


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