

# Sports Happenings

## Attendance sends Condors soaring

According to Coach Caccese, "It was the largest crowd ever" that gathered to see the Condors defeat Luzerne County Community College 66-63 Monday night, December 1. Well over a 100 set the record attendance, delighting Coach Caccese who has been striving for exposure for eight years now. "It's been a slow but positive process," Caccese said, "but we're finally approaching the state of sustained athletic interest on campus and in the community. Every year there has been an increase in attendance at the games but it wasn't until last year that we made it over the top when McDonald's started sponsoring free food prizes at all the games."

The coach credits extensive publicity for the renewed interest

in collegiate sports here at Highacres. "The publicity we receive from such reputable supporters as McDonald's, AAA, and WAZL is something which could not be bought," coach Caccese said. "Their sponsorship of the Grand Prize trip to the Bahamas is alone a great attraction to the games."

Besides that, the season's first game was the first ever broadcast over WAZL. In addition, the coach said that "The Standard-Speaker gave us the most extensive coverage we've ever had. Apparently, there is an emerging popularity in athletic programs here at Penn State. I was really impressed by the number of dorm students that showed up for the game. They were really behind the team, they were so supporting."

Another element which the coach believes to attract spectators is the recently completed Phys-Ed sports complex, now 4 years old. "The old gym was in poor condition and not conducive to a competitive atmosphere, as well as being a turn-off to spectators. But the new gym provides the ideal environment for watching and playing in a sports match."

So what does all this publicity and interest mean for the Condors? Obviously it will boost morale for the team, but it also has implications concerning the future of the Condors.

As coach Caccese said, "Basketball is the number one sport in the Hazleton area, and, as more high school students become interested in Highacres basketball, the better selection of talent we'll have and the better teams we'll have. And with a better team we'll be able to play better teams. All the while attracting support from the community."

This year's starting five are Bob Stoffa, Bob Kennedy, Bryan Brassington, and the Co-Captains Ron Cann and Peter O'Donnel.

The Condors will attempt to top last year's record of 16-B. With a league record of 8-4, the Condors missed a state berth, losing to Scranton, P.S.U., by a 88-87 overtime score. Only the top two teams in the league advance to the C.C.A.O. State Tournament, hence the Condors finished third. Finishing third, the Condors finished ahead of Schuylkill, P.S.U., Scranton, P.S.U., Mont Alto, P.S.U., and Delaware, P.S.U. respectively.

Coach Caccese is assisted by Jerry Cann, who played under Caccese during the 1974-76 seasons. Jerry is an alumnus of Penn State and a Biology major. The managers are Carol Pirtulasky and Bill Shirk. The statisticians are Diane Fisher, Annette Atrio, Debbie Williams, and Theresa Rap.

The Condors face Northampton Community College, Allentown, P.S.U. and Delaware, P.S.U. in the Highacres Holiday Classic held Dec. 17 and 18 in the gym. After the Classic, the Condors will face:

The 1980-81 team roster is as follows:

NAME	HEIGHT	POSITION
xBob Stoffa	6'4"	forward
Dan Wolfburg	5'10"	guard
Bob Kennedy	6'	guard
xBryan Brassington	6'7"	center
xRon Cann	6'2"	forward
xPeter O'Donnel	5'11"	guard
Mark Kolbush	6'2"	forward
Steve Markle	5'11"	guard
Len Kott	6'1"	forward
Kyle Raupers	5'11"	guard
Brad Guise	6'2"	forward
Rob Davies	6'	forward

x—returning starters



### SCHEDULE

Wed., Jan. 7	Ogontz, P.S.U.	8:00
Sat., Jan. 10	at Mont Alto, P.S.U.	3:00
Wed., Jan. 14	Schuylkill, P.S.U.	8:00
Sat., Jan. 17	Berks, P.S.U.	2:00
Mon., Jan. 19	at Baptist Bible College	8:00
Wed., Jan. 21	at Alvernia College	8:00
Sat., Jan. 24	at York, P.S.U.	3:00
Mon., Jan. 26	Northampton Community College	8:00
Wed., Jan. 28	at Delaware, P.S.U.	8:00
Fri., Jan. 30	at Ogontz, P.S.U.	4:00
Mon., Feb. 2	Keystone Jr. College	8:00
Wed., Feb. 4	Mont Alto, P.S.U.	8:00
Sat., Feb. 7	at Schuylkill, P.S.U.	1:00
Mon., Feb. 9	at Berks, P.S.U.	8:00
Wed., Feb. 11	at Wilkes-Barre, P.S.U.	8:00
Sat., Feb. 14	Scranton, P.S.U.	2:00

## Sports Rap

by Erid Riedinger

The biggest question mark in sports nowadays is whether Roberto Duran really quit his title fight against Sugar Ray Leonard because of stomach cramps. Many people are saying that Duran quit the fight because he was losing. Well, I frankly do not believe that. In the years Duran has been boxing, he has always been a hard-nosed fighter, and he never once let up on his opponents in the ring. I think Duran did quit because of stomach cramps. What I cannot understand is why he retired altogether after the fight? He still seemed to have many good years of boxing left.

Well, Philadelphia professional sports may lose the name of "chokers" after this year. The Sixers, Flyers, and Eagles are all doing great this year in their respective sports. I hope one of these teams wins their champion-

ship, as the Phillies did in baseball. After all, what else does the city of Philadelphia have going for it other than professional sports.

College football this year has its most wide open national championship scramble in years. The major college bowl games have many evenly matched teams pitted against each other. In the Cotton Bowl, Alabama should beat Baylor, while Florida State versus Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl is too close to pick a victor. In the Sugar Bowl, expect Georgia to narrowly defeat Notre Dame. The Irish luck will not show up against Georgia. Washington will pull a major upset and beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl. After all, Pacific-Ten teams have an uncanny habit of beating Big Ten teams. Oh, Penn State will crush Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl, of course.

### Open recreation schedule

THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR THE WINTER TERM:

GYMNASIUM:	MONDAY thru THURSDAY	12:00-9:00
	FRIDAY	12:00-5:00
EXERCISE ROOM:	MONDAY thru THURSDAY	12:00-9:00
	FRIDAY	12:00-5:00
WEIGHT-LIFTING:	MONDAY thru THURSDAY	12:00-9:00
	FRIDAY	12:00-5:00

The weight lifting room is open only to club members.

All club members must sign the key out from Mr. Young.

BOWLING:	TUESDAY and THURSDAY	2:00-5:00
	MONDAY	6:00-9:00

There is a charge of \$1.00 for 3 games for all bowlers.

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