

Opinions and Comments

Blizzard hits Hazleton: classes will be held

On January 9, the Hazleton area was hit with 6-8 inches of snow with another 6 inches forecast for that evening. The roads were in terrible condition for driving, and many students hoped that classes would be cancelled. Were they? No! How deep does the snow have to be before classes are cancelled at this campus? Both the Schuylkill and Wilkes-Barre Campuses' classes were cancelled that day.

It is hard to believe that our administrators would overlook the fact that many of our students travel to Highacres from such areas as Wilkes-Barre, Weatherly, and Mahanoy City. Is it fair to ask these students to risk their lives or, at the very least, their cars driving such a distance in dangerous conditions? When there is that much snow on the ground, even if you live in Hazleton, the campus seems 50 miles away. And what makes the whole situation even more unbearable occurs when someone struggles in for an 8 am class to find that their professor never made it!

We're not saying classes should be cancelled for 1 or 2 inches; but when there's already 6-8 inches of snow on the ground with more forecast and roads labeled as "treacherous", we say that is sufficient reason to cancel them.

If the administration continues to insist on holding classes on such days, the eventual result will be a tragedy.

They're saying on campus...

"Too little, too late describes the Florida Youth Alliance's reaction to the law that raised the state's legal drinking age from 18 to 19 last year.

"The alliance is calling for a boycott of Florida by out-of-state students during spring break, a move that the alliance hopes will hit Florida right where it hurts - in the tourist industry.

"The youth alliance, by contacting colleges in the northeastern and midwest United States, is advising students to spend their vacation time and money in sunny Galveston, Texas instead.

"There, the alliance promises, students can find ... bars and clubs galore that 18-year-olds may frequent

"While we agree ... that the law was a mistake, we feel the boycott of Florida as a response is an even bigger mistake.

"...it is doubtful that enough independent out-of-state students could be organized to make a significant impact Most students do not plan their vacations or come to Florida for its bars...

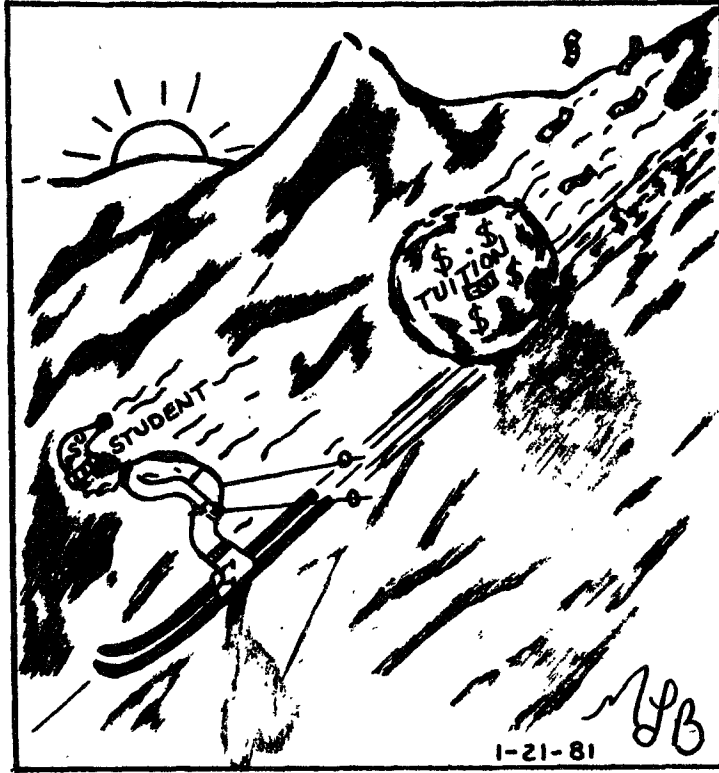
"For those students who do plan their vacations around the availability of liquor, we urge them to ... spend their vacations in Galveston. There are enough drunk drivers on Florida's highways.

"...The time for action and organization by groups such as the Florida Youth Alliance was before the law went into effect, not after...."

- Editorial in the U. of South Florida Oracle.

"Reagan's dismal array of corporate cowboys, small-time fixers and Nixon-era retreads is the most depressing (cabinet) group we've been faced with in a long time. There is no attempt to even appear to incorporate any real thinkers into the decision-making process. Once again, we are faced with a circle of dull old men, whose tone was set by Malcolm Baldrige, designate for the Secretary of Commerce: 'I haven't even found the front door to the Department of Commerce yet.' Meet the new boss. Same as the old boss. One can almost hear the glee emanating from the boardrooms of the Fortune '500'."

- Editorial in the Mankato State University Reporter



Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

The Medieval Feaste was held on January 31 and February 1. Eleven students out of approximately 1,250 signed up to attend the Feaste on student night, January 30. That's a disgrace! We must have the most apathetic student body on any college campus in the state. Don't any of you want to get involved? Everyone is always complaining that there's nothing to do in Hazleton. Well, when there is something to do no one wants to participate. To all of you that didn't go to the Feaste, all I can say is you missed a fun and entertaining evening. To Dr. Jumpeter and the chorus: I can't wait until next year's Feaste!

Sincerely,
An irate student

Dear Editor,

As a commuter, I have a 40-minute ride when roads are good, but when it snows it takes a great deal more time to get to school, not to mention the safety hazard. One time I never even made it home from school and stayed at a friend's house. I wish that one morning, when it's snowing, I will hear that classes at Highacres are canceled just like other area colleges.

A commuter.

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From the Editor's Desk

Ken Skuba, who has served with us as an Executive Editor of the Collegian for the past year and a half, resigned from his position on January 15th in order to pursue other interests. Ken's dependability and dedication while he was an Executive Editor are to be commended. On behalf of the Collegian staff, we would like to wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

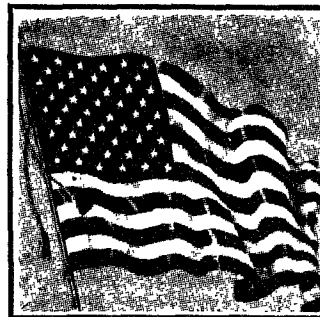
We will be leaving our positions as Executive Editors after this issue. Our Associate Editors, Chris Tarler, Kelly Yale, and George Yanoshik, will be taking over as Executive Editors and will serve in that position next year also. We know these three students to be capable, hard-working, and willing to take on the responsibility of running the Collegian. We will continue to work for the Collegian in a much more indirect fashion by serving as student advisors for the remainder of the year. We are certain the new Executive Editors will continue to maintain the standards of professionalism we tried to establish while Editors of the Collegian.

Charlene Scheib
Bill Sheman
The Executive
Editors

Corrections from

Last Issue

The Collegian would like to correct two items from the December 18 issue. The soccer article on page 11 was incorrectly bylined Alex Prodes. Also the library has not received any new cassette tapes as reported in The Collegian.



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