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back and forth before coming to rest with the Lions.

The game came down to the foul line, with Hazleton's Jim Donlan missing three of four foul shots with less than twenty-five seconds remaining. After the game Donlan commented, "I felt good at the foul line. I don't think I choked, they just wouldn't fall in."

The excitement of the game was typical of the brand of basketball the Condors have played all season. The opening minutes belonged strictly to Hazleton as the Condors jumped out to a 12-3 lead with York garnering their points from the foul line. The Condors continued their domination as they pulled in all the defensive rebounds, allowing the Lions just one shot each time down the court.

The opening jitters over York finally settled down and began to hit on their shots. They managed to pull to within five a few times, but on each occasion Hazleton applied man pressure to maintain a comfortable lead. At the half the score was Hazleton 43 and York 37.

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Condors' team member

The last time these two teams met York easily took the game and this apparently was the reason for the Lions' sluggish start. At the intermission, Glenn Begley, head coach of the Lions, explained, "I had trouble getting our guys up for

tonight's game since we beat them by 24 points the first time we met."

The second half began much like the first half ended. York would pull close, but then Hazleton would widen the existing gap. At times just one point separated the teams and it looked as if the Lions would jump out front.

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Tom Caccese  
Condors' head coach

Then with 9:34 remaining York took possession of the lead for the first time, 61-60. They did so by applying pressure and forcing the Condors into hurried shots and sloppy ball handling. York then attempted a four corner freeze, but were unsuccessful when the Condors made a nice steal and started to break down court. Traveling was called on Hazleton and the Lions had the ball back.

After trading possessions and baskets the Lions were on top 67-64. The Condors then turned to Jim Donlan who responded with two 20 foot jumpshots and with three and a half minutes showing on the clock a shot from the top of the key which propelled Hazleton back into the lead, 71-70.

At the 2:18 mark York's Jay Lauer was fouled and sank both ends of a one and one. The Lions were back on top and would not relinquish the lead again.

With seven ticks remaining on the clock Hazleton fouled the Lions and stood helplessly by as they sank both shots. After calling time out, the Con-

dors drove down the court hoping for a basket and a foul. Unfortunately, the Lions willingly yielded the final layout to Donlan.

After the game Coach Begley spoke highly of Coach Tom Caccese and the Condors, "I've got to hand it to Tom Caccese. Last year Tom had great talent. This year he has less talent and is just as successful."

Reflecting on the game, Coach Begley said, "We were out hustled tonight, but the hardest working team doesn't always win."

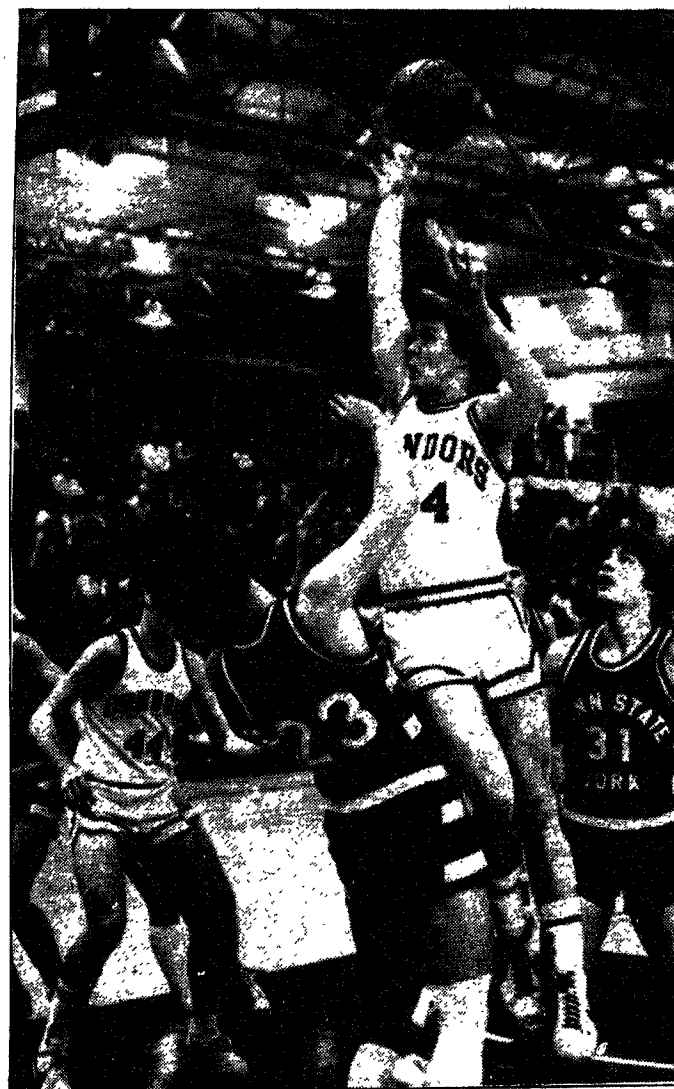
Hazleton's own coach, Tom Caccese, had no regrets about the season or the game, "This is the toughest team I ever had. The chemistry was there and the team had a lot of hustle and desire to win. We played a tough game and it was a shame that either team had to lose."

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Lenny Kott  
Condors' team captain

"We'll get over the loss with time and then we'll start thinking about next year," concluded Coach Caccese.

Captain Lenny Kott, reflecting on the season had this to say, "This team was more together than last year. Even the guys who didn't start always made us work hard in practice to make us a better team."



Hazleton's Kevin Mann (14) drives to the basket in the Condors' Regional playoff game against York PSU. Waiting for the rebound is Mike Jones (44).

photo courtesy Hazleton Standard Speaker

## Tennis team for sees promising season

The Condor tennis team is looking forward to another great year as Head Coach Tim Stasko returns with four remaining starters from last year's starting squad. Hazleton finished 5-3 last season, overall.

Returning are Bill Shorton, number 1 player last year, who is fighting very hard to stay there as he is battling with two very talented freshmen. Tim Swarr and Rich Klein come to Penn State with a very solid background and are very enthusiastic, according to Coach Stasko.

Also returning are Bob Stein and Jim Bagley, who were also in the top 5 last season. Gene Duffy, who came off the bench last season to win two clutch matches, returns with vast improvement. Penn State had played two fall matches against a much larger Broom Community College, lost 5-4, and Kings College, also a loss 7-2. Stasko said, "Duffy and Bagley showed great improvement from last year during these matches."



Tim Stasko

Pre-season clinics are now being held at Wilkes-Barre, indoors on Saturday afternoons and Coach Stasko asks anyone who has not already contacted him to please do so before spring break. (phone 454-4048) Afterwards, no one will be allowed to try out.

Also, the team will need a manager this year to assist in various functions. Male or Female will do, and anyone interested should please submit a letter to Bruce Young in the Phys Ed building.

## Climate favorable to skiers

By Jayne Ann Bugda

Ah winter, blankets of white snow and frosty chilling winds, some cannot wait until the season is over, but for the 160 members of our Ski Club their fun has just begun. In a recent interview with Professor James Concannon, advisor of the campus ski club, we talked about the delightful winter sport.

The sky club hold their meetings during the ski season (winter term). The club which is the largest on campus currently has 160 members who are presumably all active in skiing. Professor Concannon encourages beginners in the sport to take physical education to get ready for the ski season. He stated that once you begin it's "very difficult not to like skiing."

Skiing offers many benefits to those who partake in the sport. Besides offering winter recreation and exercise, it makes the winter months more bearable and pass quickly.

The fallacy that skiing is expensive was cleared during the interview when we were informed that contrary to popular belief Skiing is Not Expensive. Mr. Concannon said "Skiing is not expensive if one buys inexpensive used equipment in good condition." For example a new pair of skis will cost \$150 and up. A used pair in good condition will cost about \$90, so one can see there is a considerable saving.

Well, used equipment may be fine for beginners, but what about those who have been skiing longer? Mr. Concannon stated "Unless you have been skiing for at least two (2) years do not buy new equipment, because you do not know your needs. For example, you do not need to rush out and buy a sking suit, a pair of long johns and jeans will serve the same purpose and keep you just as warm."

For first time skiers Professor Concannon has negotiated the best discounts because of the large membership of the campus club. An evening at Big Boulder ski resort where lift tickets normally cost \$9 per hour will cost club members \$6 per hour. The rented equipment from the ski shops will cost members at least \$1 less, about \$6 per night. Added to this would be \$2 per person for gas when in a carpool averaging about \$15 for a night on the slopes.

Tuesday evenings, collegiate racing takes place at Big Boulder ski slopes. The top 4 male and top 2 female skiers are selected. Thirteen colleges including the Hazleton Campus participate in the racing.

Perhaps the most awaited event of club members is the 5 1/2 day trip to Smugglers notch in Vermont during Spring break. Mr. Concannon summed up the description of Smugglers Notch by stating "You roll out of bed

and right on to a slope." Lift ticket, entertainment, and a wine and cheese party are included with the price of the trip. The cost of the trip is \$145 per person. Members, however, must provide their own food and transportation.

In the future Mr. Concannon and members of the club are looking forward to taking one or two Sunday trips to Great Peak, New York, about a two hour drive from Hazleton. Professor Concannon commented that Great Peak has excellent accommodations and is well worth the trip."

Mr. Concannon mentioned that the Alpine Ski Shop in the Poconos is offering a 15% discount to buy scarfs, gloves, etc. and all members should take advantage of this discount.

The officers of this year's ski club are Barry Yachem, president; Mark Hensel, vice president; Gretchen Bumbaugh, secretary; Nadia Puhak, treasurer.

Mr. Concannon feels that skiing should be more a part of high school curriculum. A person can ski until they are 90 years old, unlike football which for many ends in high school. He ended the interview by stating "Any good club depends on the members to be active. They must co-operate with the advisor and officers to set up events to be a successful club."