

Alita Rovito

Enjoys life of a people person

By Pam Eppinger

On September 1, 1981, when my parents' car pulled away

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to New Jersey, I thought I would die. As I stood outside my dorm room crying, I heard a voice say, "Don't worry. It's like that for everyone their first day. Go ahead and cry." It was typical of Alita Rovito, a girl who really cares about people and being involved.

Alita is the president of SGA, a member of SUB, HCAC, Circle K, and Parnassus Honor Society. She's the Housing chairperson of RHC, a reporter for the Highacres Collegian and a correspondent for HCV.

"I think I like SGA the best, but I enjoy all of them. I like being involved and feeling that I'm getting more out of college than an education only. I'm learning valuable social skills for the job world,

and all these activities help with gaining growth and maturity. I love being busy; I can't stand being bored. Also, I really want to do something for the campus, and to meet people. I like to be where things happen, I always have."

Alita says HCV is probably her second favorite of her long string of activities. "It gives me a different kind of exposure than SGA, a different set of skills. I knew when I came to college I'd be involved. I was in high school, too." That she was! She was the editor of her high school newspaper, vice-president of the Key Club and librarian for the band. She was a band member for four years, a member of the chorus, and

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was active in intramurals. Alita also appeared in "Who's Who in American High School Students," and she's in "Who's Who" as a college student as well.

standing? "I got better grades this term than last

Alita's favorite place to be is New York City. In the future she'd like to live where she can get to it easily, in the suburbs. She wants to be close to all of the cultural activity.

Her favorite television shows are "Hill Street Blues" when she feels like being serious, and "Taxi" or "M*A*S*H" when she feels like just "cutting loose." She loves the color red because it's so vivid and bright (quite like herself, I'd say), but for a favorite clothing color, she chooses black. "Clothes are my biggest vice! I'll buy clothes before I'll eat." Her favorite celebrity is Al Pacino, and her favorite athlete (the sexiest, she says) is Bucky Dent.

Alita is the youngest of six children, and a Scorpio. How does that figure in with her personality? "Scorpios are very intense and 'catty.' They're really ambitious and very loyal, too."

If Alita had a day all to herself, with nothing hanging over her head but free time, she's very particular about how she'd spend it. "I'd sleep late, first of all. Then I'd spend the afternoon shopping somewhere with my friends. Later, I would spend a romantic evening at a restaurant with a special person."

When asked what person she'd like to emulate, she was quick in saying "my mother, or maybe people like the founding fathers. People who

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have done things that really matter.

The last question I asked Alita Rovito was how she'd like to be remembered. Her reply sums up exactly what she already is to so many people. "Someone who really cares about people. Someone who was there when anybody needed her. I just want to think that I've done some kind of good, that I helped somebody."

And marriage? "There's just too much to do before I get married, too much to do. I'd say that's at least four to six years away. I want to have kids when I get married, though. Two or four of them."

Although Alita is involved in so many activities, learning to budget her time allows her to have some time, however little, to herself. She likes to write poetry in this precious free time and to occasionally read Shakespeare: You may also find her listening to Bruce Springsteen, Pink Floyd or Billy Joel, but not disco!

"That's one of the worst things you could do to me, force me to sit and listen to disco." She also enjoys Beethoven, but especially Springsteen's "Born to Run" and "Thunder Road." She loves Ingrid Bergman and old Bogart movies. Her favorite book is "The Thorn Birds", which she's read three times. "It's just as exciting the third time as the first!"

Her favorite movies are "Stripes", "Ordinary People", and "Animal House". She loves chocolate and Italian food. "I just radiate

Italian," she says, and I'd say that's true after talking with her!

She hates waking up, though, "but once I get up, I'm gone." Her pet peeve about people is insincerity and dishonesty. term. You just have to learn to budget your time. I was going to apply to be a R.A. but that probably would have been too much with everything else. Besides, I enjoy the apartment situation." (Alita resides in the apartment on the dorm's first floor.)

Alita's responses to my interview questions: people. In the past, present, and future, every instinct she has seems to involve being around others and helping them. For instance, when asked how being in so many activities will aid her in the future, Alita replied, "I feel more in control of myself. I've met so many people, learned how to deal with them, and react to them, and how they react. It's been a really good experience. It's made me grow."

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Alita's family is extremely important to her. Her favorite person in the world is her mother. "She meant so much to so many people while she was alive. Even though she's dead now, she's still here. She had that kind of radiance. She touched everyone around her." Her sister Maria, who had very much to do with the person Alita is today, who has also passed away, was a student here at Highacres. Her brother Marc was also SGA president, and another sister, Lisa, came to Highacres. Alita is the last of four children in her family to come to Hazleton. Her favorite thing in the world is to spend time with the people who are close to her, her family and friends.

Her best experience also involves her family. "I remember when I was young, all eight of us used to go to the shore one week a year. They're so important to me, my family."



B&M

By Steve Zarick

High times at the Highacres library

answer. Naturally, the required answer was located in the last available index that I checked.

Then there is the "refer to" syndrome. Nothing agitates me more than to have a book refer me to five different places before it answers my questions. You have probably experienced this problem yourself. Say you had to find stats on voter registration. You look under "elections" and the book says "see vote count." So you check out "vote count" and the book says "see votes cast." This procedure continues as many as five or six times before the book is good and ready to give an answer. The "refer to" syndrome can even spill over into other books. A few questions in my packet had me "refer to" seven or eight books until I could find an answer.

And how 'bout some of the questions the packet has you answer! Does Augusta, Maine have an airport? I don't want to go to Maine. And I see no practical reason for finding out when ole Sir Fred Pritchard was born. I

never get birthday presents from their family.

And who the hell cares who the city manager of Scottsdale, Arizona is? I'll bet you they're not sitting around out in Arizona wondering who the Shamokin street sweepers are.

Well, once again, B & M must come to an end. I have to go over to the library and see if my packet has any (or many) errors. Don't worry; I'm prepared for the worst (with a bottle of bourbon). Incidentally, for those of you who haven't had the pleasure of doing the packet ... Ha! Ha! Ha! ... have a high time at the Highacres library.

Last minute note: in spite of the library packet's lambasting, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Mr. Tyce, our Highacres librarian, for graciously taking time from his busy schedule to let me ask him a few questions concerning another article which appears in this issue. The few minutes Mr. Tyce gave me were very helpful and informative.

