

## Opinions

## From the Editors' Desks

By Jerry Trently

The only major drawback this year has been the radio club, WHCB. That organization has been virtually dormant since the beginning of the winter term. Repeatedly, the club's president has promised that the organization would return to the air, yet the end of the school year has come, and the studio remains unused.

The radio club has been the missing link in the campus media, for in as much as HCV produces weekly, and the COLLEGIAN monthly, WHCB has the capability to turn out daily broadcasts.

In the first place, this campus is without any form of a public address system that would be able to reach all of the students on campus in whatever building they may be in. Of course, this

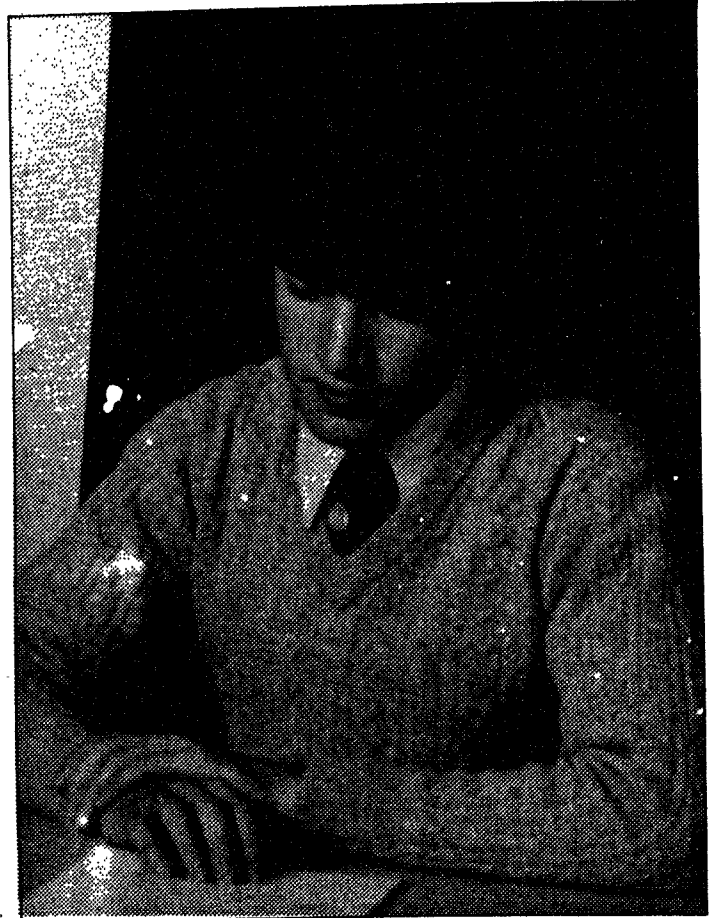
is understandable, and impractical because there is probably no one period in the day when the entire enrollment of the campus is on campus at one time. The radio station could be instrumental by providing an announcement section in its programming each period. That way, students, faculty, and administration could tune in at a set time each period, and hear announcements that could be placed over the air by any club or other organization wishing to take advantage of the station's capabilities.

There is a second reason why the station is so important on campus. That reason is the need for the journalism majors at Highacres to gain experience. It is imperative that a journalist be well-rounded early in

his or her career, be it in the print media or in radio or TV.

It is my hope that next year will see an active radio club combined with an active TV club and newspaper. Together, the three could provide the campus with the finest media in the Commonwealth Campus System.

Since this is my last column on these pages, I would like to thank my staff. They have been the finest, most cooperative, and dependable group of people I have ever worked with. It is through their efforts that the COLLEGIAN has risen to the standards it currently upholds. I will miss them all, and I know that they have made a fine choice in electing Pam Eppinger as their editor for next year.



By George P. Yanoshik, Jr.

Club involvement — namely with the Highacres Collegian — has been an important key to opening the door to my future educational opportunities as well as my possible career moves and alternatives.

Like most students who move away from home for the first time and are immediately put into a new college lifestyle, I was bewildered and confused as a freshman. I didn't seem to have any direction in my life. Working with the Collegian, though, gave me the chance to make a lot of new and lasting friendships, to personally get to know faculty and staff members, and administrators; and, for the first time in my life,

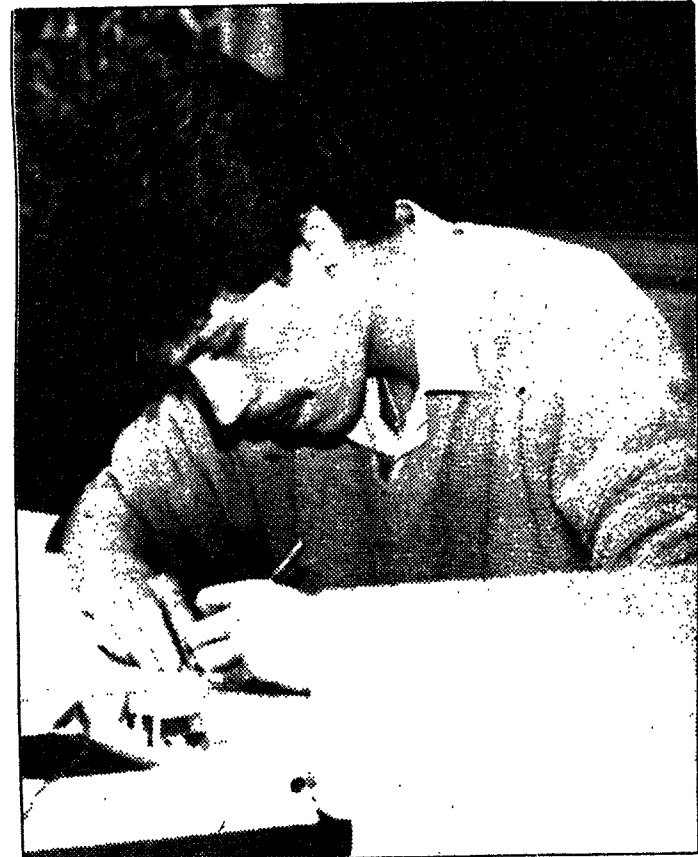
to really feel comfortable with the decisions which I have had to make over the past two years regarding my future.

Granted, being "active" on campus is not for everyone; but, the opportunity for self-fulfillment at a small campus such as this one are immense. Nobody should be afraid that he is not "good enough" to participate in any of the activities on campus — competition, here, is not a problem that one must deal with. Club membership is open to anyone on campus regardless of his major, etc. At the Hazleton Campus an individual is not simply a number, he is an individual and is treated as

such.

In closing, I sincerely hope that participation in club activities continues throughout next year with the freshmen on campus now. As in my own personal scenario, which I have just conveyed to you, "involvement" is very important to being satisfied with your stay at the Hazleton Campus. Not only are you able to meet new people, but through the responsibilities you are given, it helps you to mature and grow as an individual.

Reflecting back over two years at this campus, then, I can only leave with good feelings and a lot of fond memories which I will keep with me always.



## From the future Editor's Desk

By Pam Eppinger

I am truly looking forward to my new job, and I would like to take this opportunity to share some of my goals, background information and thoughts with the Collegian readers.

I am from Elmer, New Jersey, which is quite close to the Pine Barrens and about 45 minutes from the shore. I attended Woodstown (where's that?!) High School,

where I was a reporter for the school newspaper, founder and editor of the school's literary magazine, and on the softball team. I lived with my parents and my little sister, Patty.

Presently, I live on the dorm's first floor, where I will be an R.A. next year. I'm currently involved in the Collegian, New Horizons Magazine,

S.U.B., the University Scholars Program, and R.H.C. I am a third term Journalism/Secondary Education English major.

Although I am anxiously awaiting the beginning of next year and my new office, I still have a lot to learn about running a newspaper. It is for this reason that I am so grateful to have two very

competent helpmates, Terry McCarthy and Lori Emerich, not to mention the entire Collegian staff and our fine advisor, Dr. Santulli.

I am faced with the task of filling some pretty big shoes. This year's executive editors, Jerry Trently, George Yanoshik, and Kelly Yale did a tremendous job in bettering the Collegian, and restoring

campus enthusiasm in the publication.

I promise that I will put forth my strongest and best efforts to maintain both the quality this paper has acquired in the past year, and the enthusiasm its improvement has sparked in both the staff and the readers. I am going to strive to sustain the upward trend of the Collegian.