

Editorial . . .

Handrails proposed for safety. . .

by Anthony Hahn

For everyone at the Hazleton campus, the walkway on the left side of the dining hall is quite familiar. Leading up to one of the parking lots and the Memorial and Laurel buildings, the path begins at a slight upgrade and continues to steepen until reaching the steps that are symbolic of the end of the climb.

For now, the climb is just a slight workout that may leave some students slightly out of breath when reaching the top. In most cases, including my own, once a student becomes accustomed to the climb, the steepness of the hill is no longer a burden.

However, as we head into the month of December, and the snow and sleet begin to fall, it is very possible that the hill will become extremely slippery. I have walked down the hill a number of times when it is wet with no trouble. What happens, however, when the walkway freezes and there is nothing on the sides of the path to prevent people from falling and sliding down the hill?

Many people would just suggest to take another walkway, but this suggestion will not solve the problem. Either people will use the walkway because it is shorter, or they won't be aware of the ice that has formed on the path.

This is why I am suggesting that the campus put railings along the entire walkway, and not just near the top where the hill is steepest. This action could help prevent accidents and give the students a sense of security while



walking up or down the hill.

Placing railings on the walkway would be extremely beneficial to those with disabilities. For people who suffer from ankle sprains, twisted ankles, or other injuries, railings would certainly help students climb to the top of the hill. The railings would not only be beneficial during the winter, but for the entire year for those who are disabled.

After seeing the advantages of railings, the Hazleton administrators should discuss the idea. Hopefully, everyone will realize that accidents and injuries can be prevented if they work toward installing the railings before the cold, ugly days of winter arrive. This way, students will find getting to and from classes easier and safer when the walkway becomes icy and hazardous.

"Don't call us, we'll call you"; or How to get a job in Hazleton

by Kimberlie Becker

"Don't call us, we'll call you" was usually a phrase associated with show business. Here in Hazleton, the phrase has a new meaning in the job market.

I am at my wits' end as I write this. I am unemployed and severely in debt (I have no shame). So, the obvious solu-

tion is "get a job."

Hazleton is a land of opportunity of sorts. That is, of course, if you're willing to work in a dive restaurant or a shoe store...or so I thought. But for those of us deemed "foreigners" -- non-Hazletonians who live outside of a 20 - 30 mile radius -- getting a job can be harder

than passing Physics I.

Let me tell you of my hardships. I, being the naive college student I am, thought I could waltz into any minimum-paying-job job interview and be hired based on my qualifications and motivation. Silly, silly me!

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