

# Letters

## Senseless vandalism

To the Editor:

Why would anyone want to destroy an animal feeding station? Who could face seeing birds starve in the wintertime when they have depended on the food from the station for months?

Last summer at Donegal Day Camp held at Sico Park in Mount Joy a group of Cadette Girl Scouts constructed a redwood animal feeding station. The girls were very enthusiastic about the project. Materials cost approximately \$25.00 which were provided by the day camp program fund. This project completed a requirement for the Conservation badge. Also, it was a service project completed by the Girl Scouts as a thank-you gift to the Sico Company for allowing them to use their facility during the summer.

Plans were made to keep the feeding station supplied all winter, until birds and

squirrels could find natural food again.

Junior Girl Scout troop #32 planted flowers bulbs around the feeder and has maintained the station since August. It is unfortunate for this service project to end. It was heart breaking to hear these reactions from the girls: "I pity the birds."; "When we went to feed the birds — the station was gone."; "These animals depended on the food — now there is no station."; and "Even the plastic birdfeeders were missing."

Each of us can do something, even if it's something small such as feeding birds, to make this world a better place. These girls were trying to improve their world. It is unfortunate when individuals have to ruin a feeder that added to the beauty of the park and in addition helped birds and animals!

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Jr. Troop #32 — Mount Joy

## Times coverage too narrow

Dear Sirs:

We are writing this letter regarding a story that you ran a couple of weeks ago about the girls basketball team. We feel that in your story you slighted the real meaning of "team." In your article you overemphasized one player more than the rest.

It takes five players to make a team, not just one person. Even if one person may be called the "key" player, it still takes four other players to make everything work. We don't

feel that any team revolves around one player, or is at loss without a person. "Teamwork" is the name of the game for basketball, so we feel that in your articles you should cover all the players equally. Each player adds her own speciality to the game.

We feel that your articles are great, and show support for the girls basketball team (which is really needed), but please take this into consideration.

Sincerely,  
Loyal supporters

## —the sports editor replies

The sports editor replies:

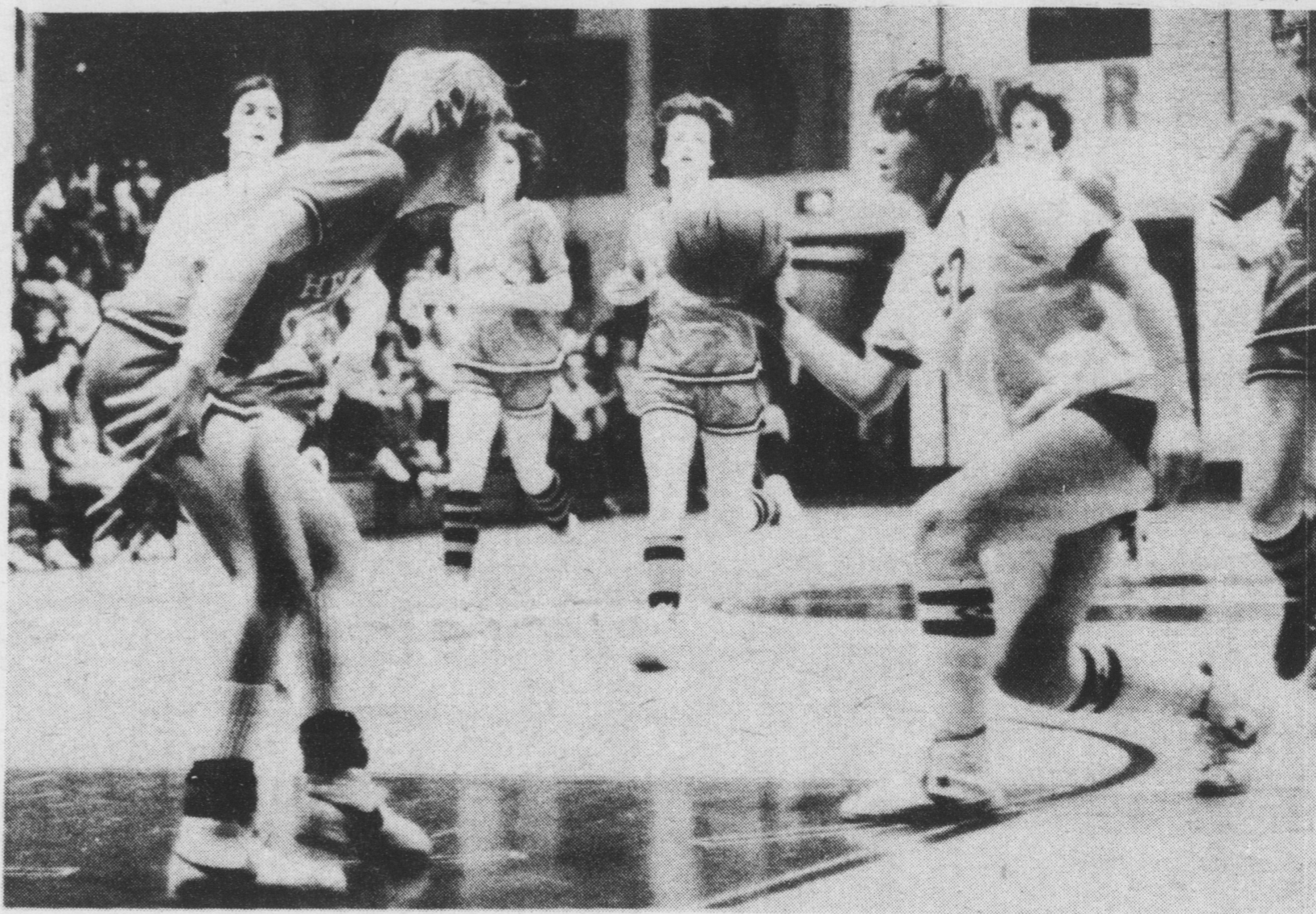
Donegal is certainly not a "one-woman" basketball team; the Indians played very effectively for a month, while Sherri Kinsey sat on the bench.

Since Kinsey is a play-making guard, whose main job is to move the ball to her teammates, rather than to score herself, her abilities would obviously be wasted on an unskilled team. Hershey, Merchant, Musser, Derr and Keffer are all scoring threats. They all shoot well and move the ball well.

However, they all look better when they play with Kinsey, who may be the finest all-around basketball player in the county.

Opposing coaches, knowledgeable fans, and sports-writers habitually use the word "great" when they talk about Kinsey. Not only is she amazingly good at handling a basketball; she also throws every ounce of effort she can muster into the game.

That kind of effort and ability deserve special mention.



Tanya Merchant fires a pass after stealing the ball from a careless Black Knight.

# Indians mow down Hempfield

The Donegal girls moved back into a tie for first place in Section 3 of the Lancaster-Lebanon girls' basketball league with a 65-47 win over Hempfield last week.

Both Donegal and Hempfield now have 10-2 records. If neither is defeated before the season ends, they will meet in a playoff on February 13th.

[The boys' team is also likely to face a playoff for the section championship. In the boys' case, the opponent will be Garden Spot.]

Donegal has now defeated the Hempfield Black Knights twice, but has lost twice to third-place Penn Manor.

The key woman for the Indians was Beth Keffer, who was given the tough assignment of countering Hempfield's six-foot tall center, Marilyn Senz. Keffer dominated this one-on-one contest, grabbing rebounds, blocking shots, and even knocking down many of the outlet passes Senz hurled in her futile attempt to make the Hempfield fast break

function properly.

Keffer's vital contribution to the Indian defense seemed threatened when she got into foul trouble early in the third period. (Some observers thought that Miss Keffer's foul problems were due more to clumsiness on Miss Keffer's part.)

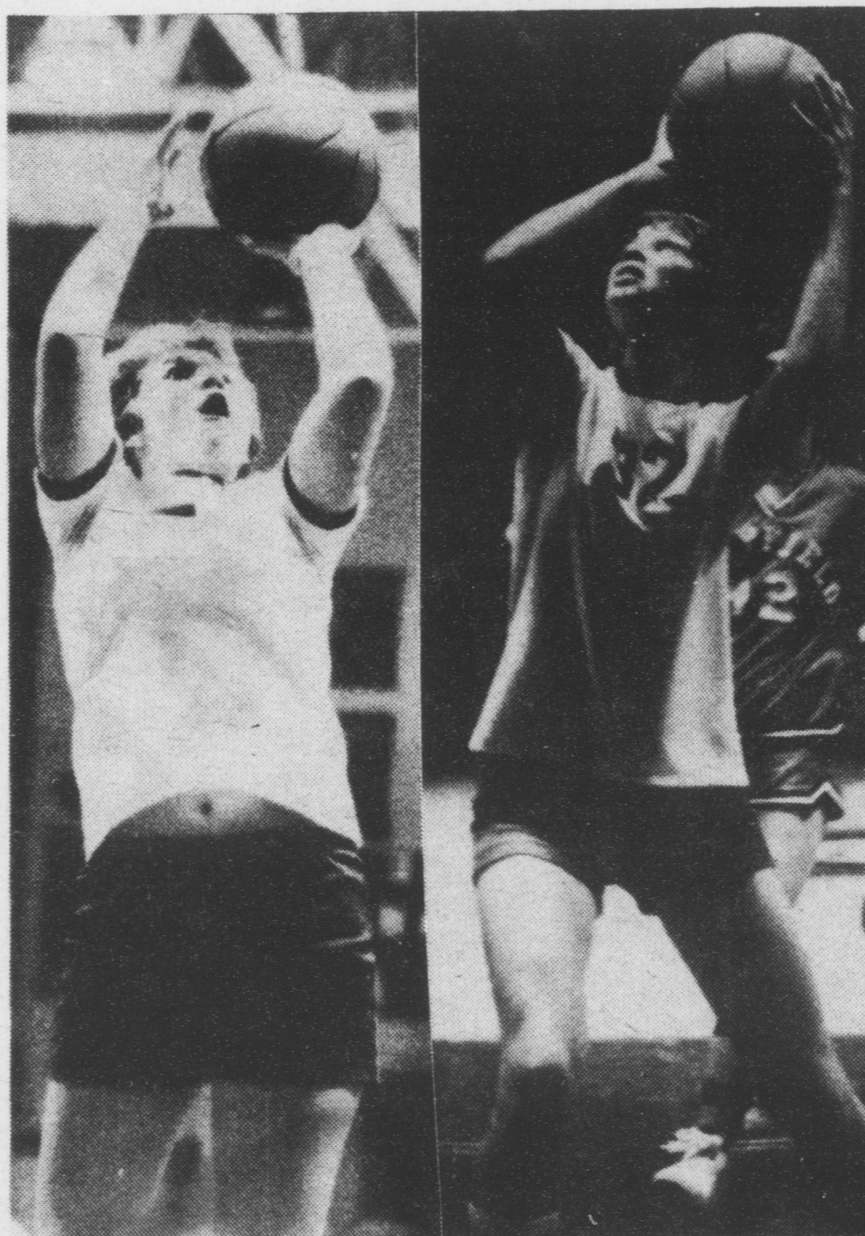
Fortunately for the Indians, the "problem" turned out to be a lucky break. To avoid any more fouls, Indian coach Bill Earhart ordered the offense to shift away from the basket, leaving more room under the boards for the battling centers, and forcing the Knights to loosen up their zone defense. At the same time, the Indians began turning down opportunities for outside shots, waiting instead for opportunities to drive into the loosened center for lay-ups.

The sudden shift in tactics flustered the Knights, and

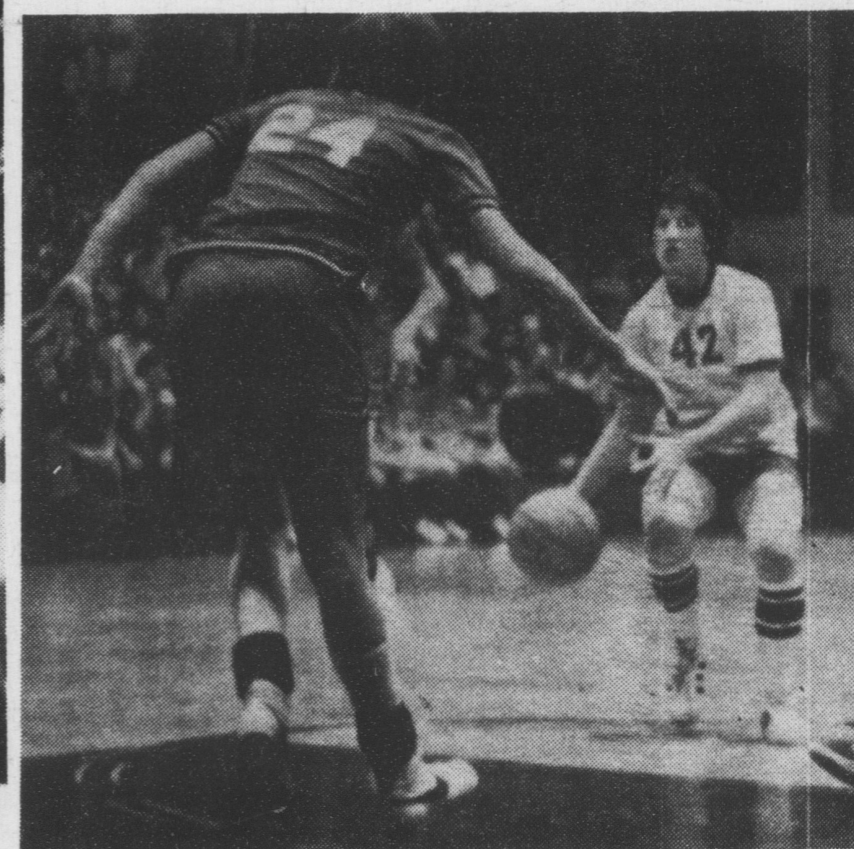
provided plenty of maneuvering room for Donegal's fantastically skilled play-maker, Sherri Kinsey, who drove through the Hempfield defense like a hawk knifing through a flock of tame pigeons. Many of Kinsey's drives ended with a quick pitch to Sharon Hershey, who scored 21 points in a game which had suddenly blown wide open.

Hempfield tried to counter with a fast break and a pressure one-on-one defense. The fast break fizzled because the spread-out Indian offense left plenty of green uniforms between the basketball and its target whenever Hempfield grabbed a rebound. The man-to-man defense failed because of Sherri Kinsey, who can beat anyone one-on-one.

The big scorers in the game were Hershey, with 21 points; Kinsey, with 15; Tanya Merchant, with 14; and Keffer, with 10.



Hershey [left] was the game's highest scorer. Keffer [right] played a key defensive role.



Kinsey sets up a play.

