The Kaldron: 1993

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College Life: You’re Not Alone

People who go away to college are incredible.
We live away from home,
We go to classes, we read and absorb and are comprehensively tested on heavy amounts of various materials.
We sleep very little,
We drink ourselves into oblivion,
We kill ourselves with several types of smoke,
We cough and keep on smoking.
Someone is always sick,
Someone is always complaining.
We become attached to close friends,
We smother each other ....
We learn too much.
We think too much.
We think of the past and want to go back there.
We know we cannot go back.
We all have our own separate lives, families, backgrounds and pasts.
We live totally different from how we used to live.
We are frustrated and although sometimes we want to give up, we never stop trying.
We disregard health.
We eat awful food.
We are forced to think about our futures ....

We are scared and confused.
We reach out for things, but we do not find them.
We try to sort out our minds, which are filled with studies, worries, problems, memories, emotions, powerful feelings.
We wander the halls looking for happiness.
We wonder where we fit in.
We fall and GET BACK UP.
We keep on going, because above all else, we never stop learning, growing, changing, and most importantly DREAMING.
Dreams keep us going.
And they always will.
All we can do is thank god that we have something to hold on to.
Homecoming 1992 came and went but the memories will last a lifetime. Old friends from classes past were reunited and, undoubtedly, good times were had by everyone. The Crofut Ensemble kicked off the big weekend with a performance in Shafer Auditorium Friday night, while many fraternities and sororities rushed to put the last or first touches on their Homecoming floats.

Saturday morning arrived and festivities began with the Homecoming Parade down North Main and Brooks Drive. Competition for the best float was stiff but FIJIs and Alpha Gamms swept first place!

As the temperature dropped, hundreds of dedicated fans cheered our Gators on to a 41-14 win over the Kenyon Lords — another game won in true Allegheny fashion. Later, during halftime festivities, Steve Burke and China McFand were officially honored as this year’s Senior Class Homecoming King and Queen.

Postgame activities were continued at Delta Tau Delta with their First Annual Pig Roast, and later at the Sports Garden, Meadville’s newest dance club craze. A great weekend, not soon forgotten!
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Robert Bond
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William Bywater
Charles Cebler
Frank Caika
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Steve Caster
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Alec Chien
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Rob Chose
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Advancement of Black Culture
Alleghenians Committed To Service
Allegheny Christian Outreach
Allegheny College Chorus
Allegheny College Jazz Lab
Allegheny College Wind Symphony
Allegheny Collegium Musicum
Allegheny Community Exchange
Allegheny Economics Society
Allegheny Literary Review
Allegheny Men's Dining Association
Allegheny Model United Nations
Allegheny Outing Club

Allegheny Psychological Association
Allegheny Repertory Dance
Allegheny Review
Allegheny Role Playing Association
Allegheny Soup Kitchen Volunteers
Allegheny Student Education Association
Allegheny Student Government
Allegheny Wind Ensemble
ALLIES
Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Gamma Delta
Alpha Phi Omega
Playshop Theatre
Pre-Legal Advisory Committee
Public Events Committee
Resident Advisors
Resident Directors
ROTC
Rugby
Soccer
Softball
Spanish Club
Student Art Society
Student Experimental Theatre
Student Orientation Advisors

Students for Environmental Awareness
Swimming
Tennis
Theta Chi
Track and Field
Union Latina
Volleyball
WARC
Women's Ensemble
World Issues Forum
Wrestling
Zeta Phi Beta
It was not a typical presidential election—people voted. Motivated by concerns about a weak economy, unemployment and rising health care costs, Americans stood in lines for hours to say no to President George Bush’s bid for a second term, and halted a 30-year decline in the voting rate. Bill Clinton, the governor of Arkansas, and Al Gore, a U.S. senator from Tennessee, were sent to the White House on an electoral-vote landslide. Candidates worked hard to stimulate the interest of the electorate, appearing on morning-news television programs and late-night talk shows, introducing the infomercial, and campaigning on cross-country bus tours. But, nothing injected more excitement into presidential politics than the billionaire from Texas, third-party candidate Ross Perot—not even Murphy Brown.

Despite having to run a news-media obstacle course, U.S. military personnel secured Mogadishu, Somalia with relative ease and Operation Restore Hope began. Lacking the military muscle to end the turf battles between warlords, the U.N. authorized American intervention to restore order to a country whose collapse into anarchy had all but halted efforts to stop the starvation of its people.

As the number of refugees in war-torn Bosnia increased, the U.N. struggled to end the decimation of Sarajevo and the starvation of its residents. A war crimes commission was created to investigate atrocities.

Late in August, Hurricane Andrew brutalized the southern tip of Florida and the coast of Louisiana with winds of up to 164 mph, leaving more than 30 dead and thousands homeless. The most destructive hurricane in U.S. history caused an excess of $27 billion in damage in the two states. Florida citizens and government officials called for an investigation into shoddy construction practices and building code violations which they claimed contributed to the monstrous devastation.

It was a difficult year for the British royal family. Princess Anne divorced and remarried. Prince Andrew and the Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, separated after the Windsor family tired of her public frolics. Prince Charles and Princess Diana ended the fairy tale when it was announced that they had also separated. To top it all off, a spectacular fire in Windsor Castle destroyed the 14th Century St. George’s Hall.

It was not a good year for the Toronto Blue Jays. Dave Winfield’s two-run hit in the top of the eleventh inning clinched the Toronto Blue Jays’ 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves in the sixth and final game of the 1992 World Series. Toronto’s win was the first time that a team outside of the U.S. captured the title.
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If you're so far lost in some happy little dream world that you can't function in the real one, then your dreaming really does little good for you or others. But I'd like to suggest that a lot of the optimists out there, maybe even the majority of them, might be more appropriately considered "realistic optimists," and that each, in some way however small, does something very important and very positive for this world... Take the situation in Bosnia: At this point it seems highly unlikely that the violence there will be ended without further destruction. But there are people in the world saying, "This is not the way things should be." People who say, "We know we are not yet living in one, but we can envision, we can hope for, a world where conflicts can be resolved without killing." People who believe that someday we will come to respect and appreciate the incredible diversity of life on earth, not to just use and destroy it... But... I think... what more realistic optimists recognize, is that it is very unlikely that that sort of world is going to come about unless we work awfully hard to make it that way. That's why we have people who volunteer in homeless shelters, others who join the Peace Corps. That's why some of them teach environmental science. As contradictory as it may sound, that's what can make idealism realistic, and that is what can make it powerful. That's how realistic optimists benefit human society as a whole, by providing us not with vague, rose-colored dreams, but with far-reaching yet still tangible visions. That's why, when last fall Professor Frank said, "Don't be cynical about those cynics," I thought to myself, "Hey, don't knock the optimists either."

- Grace Sparks, Class of 1993
Congratulations to the Class of 1993! Best wishes to all in our new lives!

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For those of you who don't already know, our class is the last who will receive a Kaldron. Remember this when you look through your yearbook and as you remember Allegheny College.