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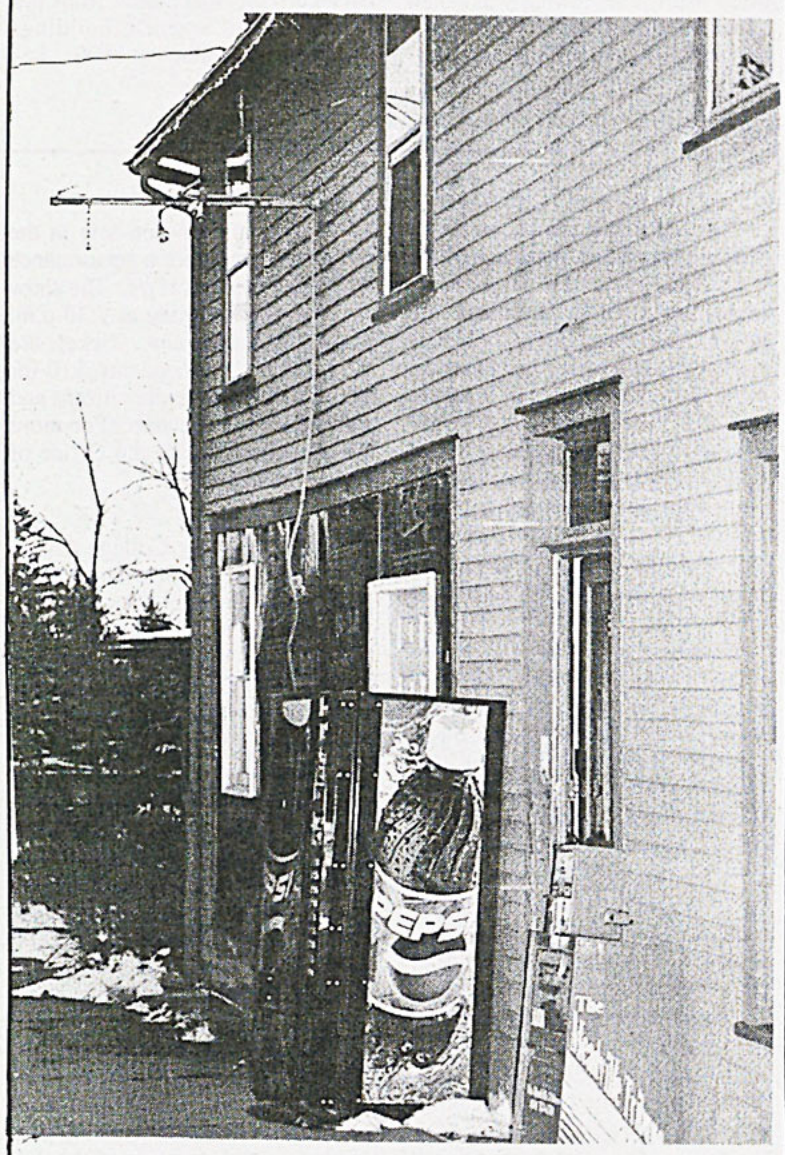
—Gene Policinski

Local Stores Cannot Compete



A LOSS FOR THE NEW GENERATION—This vending machine which once catered to patrons of the former Maws Paws will be removed as renovations of new apartments are now in progress. —photo by Tiffany Hrach

By JOHN PAUL MARCANTONIO
News Reporter

It's a blustery wintery evening. You ate dinner at Brooks over four hours ago. You need something to eat or you are never going to make it through that ten page paper that you should have started last week. Where are you going to go?

You realize that you have one of three options. One, you can go to the C-Store and pay an arm and a leg to pick up some chips. Two, you can hoof it down to Country Fair for those nutritious cheese dogs. Or three, you can beg your buddy down the hall to drive you downtown to grab something to eat.

One thing is for sure, though—you won't be able to walk across Park Avenue and pick up a bag of Funions and you won't be able to skip down to Loomis Street and grab a Philly cheese steak with extra peppers and onions.

Whether you remember the store behind Brooks on Park Avenue as Maw's Paws, T&O, or Fickis' Market, one fact remains. There is no longer a store in that building.

Seniors and Juniors remember McCracken's, the sub shop at the corner of Loomis St. and North Main St. Steve's Pizza will be remembered by all but the first-years.

If you take a trip down to that corner today, you will be disappointed. Susan McCracken won't

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Campus Shutdown Prescribed for Y2K

By DANE FOSTER
Perspectives Editor

Due to concerns over possible effects of Y2K, campus will be closed to students from December 31, 1999 until at least January 2, 2000. During this time, Allegheny's technicians will work to solve any problems without interruption or interference.

For the past year and a half, Allegheny's administration and technical services have been preparing for the Y2K bug. The bug is a glitch in a computer chip in many technological devices that, instead of rolling over to the year 2000, causes the computer to roll back to the year 1900, resulting in equipment malfunction. Following the national trend of businesses and educational institutions, Allegheny set forth to preempt any potential problems from the bug.

In 1998, Allegheny formed a Y2K committee to address the college's need for precautionary measures. According to Vice President of Finance and Administration Joseph Grasso, the committee has been working on and reviewing the areas of financial aid, registration, security, computer operations, physical plant, and the college's financial operations to locate any potential problems.

"The committee reviewed all aspects of the College's operations to ensure that they are Y2K compliant," said Grasso.

In addition to the studies conducted by the Y2K committee, the College hired two consultants from an outside institution to verify the committee's findings. According to Grasso, the consultants reviewed Allegheny's plans and preparations for the glitch, and subsequently issued a written report verifying the College's readiness.

Some possible effects of the bug would be a failure of electrical or heat utility systems, computer failure that would affect record keeping, data calculation, and financial aid.

However, Director of Technical and Network Services Tim Hunter is confident that the impact of the bug will be minimal with relation to computing services on campus.

"For the most part," Hunter said, "daily life on campus would remain unchanged, even if there were problems with the computers."

According to Hunter, the network and computer servers will not be affected by the glitch in the hardware. "[The network and servers] will continue to function and provide web access, email, and file storage no matter what the day or year is," said Hunter.

In preparation for the bug, an additional backup plan has been instituted on top of the existing backup schedule for data in the various administrative departments. This ensures that if, for some reason, the first plan fails, the second system would kick in and no data would be lost or corrupted.

While the College has proactively addressed the Y2K issue, the results of their efforts will not be known until January 1. "I am confident that the College has done as much as it can to prepare," said Grasso. "But this doesn't guarantee 100 percent assurance that there

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The Campus Links Issues of 1899 and 1999

By DAN PHIFER
News Reporter

It was a time when a man could buy a suit for less than five dollars, and the Kepler Hotel in Meadville offered lodgings for 50 cents.

A time when Dr. Montgomery was teaching physics; when William H. Crawford was President of the College; and when Andrew Carnegie had just donated $100,000 for the erection of a library.

A time when tuition was $15.

The year was 1899. Issues of *The Campus* published that year offer insight into college life a century ago. Delving through these archives has proved that the student body just before the turn of the 20th century was not so different from today.

Students often complained about a lack of school spirit and commented on the apathy that persisted year after year on campus. Silverware was occasionally stolen from the dining halls. The price of books was criticized, even in those days.

A century ago, *The Campus* was a semi-monthly publication and the layout was different from what we would recognize today. Even though the style was more arcane, the writers often struck a chord that can still be heard today.

The Campus claimed one hundred years ago (as do some of the faculty and students today) that students were no longer coming to college purely to learn. On January 27, 1899, a writer for *The Campus* stated:

"Of college students in general it may be said that a very few work because they love it, a large number work for the expectation of reward, while a third class—the great majority—are satisfied with allowing someone else to perform their work for them."

The activities of the student body 100 years ago are also familiar to us today, at least to a certain degree.

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Pagano Suspended

By JENNIFER MIDGLEY
Editor-in-Chief

Junior Michael Pagano was suspended by the Community Standards Board (CSB) in a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd at 7 pm. He plans to appeal the decision to President of the College Richard Cook.

Pagano attacked sophomore Michael McKay on Thursday, Nov. 11, following an allegation by Pagano's ex-girlfriend that McKay sexually assaulted her.

Pagano's case has been the subject of much discussion, especially in light of the petition he circulated widely around campus in the hopes of gathering student body support.

Though Director of Residence Life Allan Blatter said he felt the petition's appropriateness was

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The Campus asks...

compiled by Tiffany Hrach, Photography Editor

What will you do to ring in the year 2000?



I'm going to camp out in my backyard to seclude myself from the wrath of Y2K.
—Jason Clock, senior



I'm hoping to go across the border so that I can consume alcohol for New Year's. With any success, I'll be frying up some bacon and saying "Eh?" to a mountie. *—Audrey Kemp, sophomore*



For New Year's, I think I'll engage in some drunken debauchery. You know, just in case the world really does end.
—Mike Twilla, junior

CORRECTIONS—Nov. 18 issue

In the "Student Initiative" article on page 3, Rupa Ranganathan's hometown was misspelled. She is from Bangalore, India.
In the "Student Circulates Petition" article on page 1, Michael Pagano's former university was misidentified. He transferred from Clarkson University.
In the "Important Lessons" column on page 6, Ernest Hemingway's last name was misspelled.
In the "Absolut Orchesis" article on page 9, Rachel Reid's last name was misspelled.

CRIME BLOTTER

•Sometime between Monday, Nov. 15 and Tuesday, Nov. 16 a television set was stolen from Carr Hall. The set was placed on a mobile cart and was not secured. The set was valued at $200. Security has no suspects.

•Sometime between Sunday, Nov. 28 and Monday, Nov. 29, a locked bicycle was taken from the rack outside of Ravine hall. On Sunday, the bicycle was discovered near the Ravine parking lot. The front wheel of the bicycle had been bent and the handle brakes had been broken. Total amount of damage was not reported. Security has no leads.

•On Tuesday, Nov. 23, a theft was reported from Schultz residence hall. $220 in cash was stolen from a residence hall. Security is investigating.

•Sometime between the evening of Sunday, Nov. 29 and the early morning of Monday, Nov. 30, a burglary was attempted in one of the Wise Center offices. The drawer of the office desk had been pried open, but nothing was taken as no valuables had been kept in this particular drawer. Security has no leads.

•During the evening of Sunday, Nov. 28, a television set was stolen from the third floor lounge of Ruter Hall. The theft seems to have occurred after all students had left the building. The set was valued at $345. Security has no suspects.

•Sometime between Thursday, Nov. 18 and Monday, Nov. 22, a balance scale was stolen from the Doan/Steffee Science building. The scale was valued at $600. Security has no leads.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

•The deadline for donations to Lambda Sigma's Toys for Tots campaign is Fri., Dec. 8. Collection bins are in the Post Office. Toys for Tots is a national service project that collects and distributes toys to underprivileged children. For more information, contact Beata Gomulak at <gomulab>.

•The America Reads house is sponsoring a book drive for children through Sun., Dec. 12. Look for collection bins in your residence hall, in the Post Office, and in the Campus Center. A pizza party will be given to the residence hall that collects the most books! For more information, contact Briana Rusiski at 332-3515 or at <rusiskb@alleg.edu>.

•Come see comedian and speaker Mike DeStephano tonight at 7 p.m. in McKinley's. The event is sponsored by the AIDS Awareness Week Committee. For more information contact Nancy Frambes at 332-2754 or <nframbes>.

•Crooked Planet, Allegheny's a capella group Allegation, and others are acts scheduled to appear at a benefit concert for the Jamaican Missions Trip. The concert is tonight at 8 p.m. in Ford Chapel. Tickets are $3 for students, $5 for adults. For more information, contact Miah at 332-2289.

•The Safer Sex Dance, an AIDS Awareness Week event, will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. in McKinley's. DJ Jared Kuchta will be spinning the tunes, and door prizes will be given! For more information, contact Nancy Frambes at 332-2754 or <nframbes>.

•The Women in the Arts House is sponsoring a gallery opening for an exhibit titled "A Child's Imagination" tomorrow at 6:15 p.m. For more information, contact the Women in the Arts House at 332-2242.

•Come see *Dandelion*, an Allegheny Playshop Theatre production of Judith Martin's children's play. Performances are tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., and at 2 p.m. the following Saturday and Sunday For more information, including ticket prices, contact the Playshop box office at 332-3414.

•St. Brigid's Catholic Church is holding a pancake breakfast this Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted. For more information, contact Kim at 332-3004.

•The Office of Residence Life is sponsoring a Late Night Breakfast on Wed., Dec. 8 from 10:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. in Brooks Dining Hall. The breakfast will be served by faculty, administration, and staff volunteers.

•Tickets are now on sale in the Office of Events for a performance of *It's a Wonderful Life*. The show will be this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium. Tickets are $5 for Allegheny students, $10 for adults and $8 for senior citizens and children 17 and under. For more information, contact the Office of Events at 332-3101.

•The Allegheny College Choirs will showcase their talents at an annual Christmas concert this Saturday at 4 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium. The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the music department at 332-3305.

•As part of the Humanities Lecture Series, Director of Pelletier Library Connie Thorson will present a lecture titled "Biographer and Journalist Ida Tarbell and Pelletier Library's Special Collections" on Mon., Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Moore Lounge of the Library.

•The annual Hanging of the Greens service, sponsored by Religious Life, will be held in Ford Chapel on Wed., Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. Come see a celebration of the Advent and Christmas seasons! For more information, contact the Office of Religious Life at 332-2800.

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Hey you...

The Campus wishes you the best of luck on your final exams. Have a wonderful winter break!

This is our last issue of the semester. Look for *The Campus*—and its new online edition—in January!

Humanitarian Organization Recognized with Nobel Prize

By MATTHEW IAN TAYLOR
News Reporter

When Doctors Without Borders won the Nobel Peace Prize a few weeks ago, Allegheny alumnus James Trippi M.D. ('75) said he felt it was long overdue.

Doctors Without Borders is an international humanitarian organization which provides medical assistance in 85 countries from Afghanistan to Zambia. The organization internationally known as "Medecins Sans Frontieres" has long served as the first line of medical relief in times of military conflict, disaster, deconstruction, and epidemic control..

According to the *San Francisco Examiner*, the Nobel Committee said the group had "adhered to the fundamental principle that all disaster victims—whether the disaster is natural or human in origin—have a right to professional assistance given as quickly and efficiently as possible."

The Nobel Committee also praised the organization for keeping no political ties. "National boundaries and political circumstances or sympathies must have no influence on who is to receive humanitarian help," the committee said.

Trippi has followed the progress of the organization since its inception in 1971. Like Doctors Without Borders, he has devoted himself to providing health care to individuals who cannot readily obtain it. Trippi oversees and runs the Gnnesaret Free Clinic which utilizes over 100 volunteer doctors and serves over 6000 patients in and around Indianapolis.

As a doctor who understands the difficulties associated with obtaining volunteers and donations, Trippi is happy to see any humanitarian effort receive the recognition it deserves.

"There are a lot of selfless people who are giving their time and money and don't get any kind of press. Doctors Without Borders is a great organization. They provide a ray of hope in many dark places," said Trippi.

Doctors Without Borders has remained relatively obscure within the United States and is under-represented by much of the U.S. population. No current volunteers reside in Crawford or Erie counties. Press secretary Kris Torgeson hopes that the Nobel Prize will help to draw attention to the organization.

According to Trippi, however, it takes a special kind of individual to volunteer for service to an organization like Doctors Without Borders. While the work he does in Indianapolis is vital to the health care of many impoverished and uninsured citizens, he is quick to point out that he can go home at night to be with his wife and children.

"Most volunteers on Doctors Without Borders type missions are young, single people without children," Trippi said. They are not motivated by money, fame, or power. In some cases, they may be motivated by faith.

"I did some short-term missionary work in Haiti," Trippi added. "When I heard gun shots going off in the distance, I kept thinking, 'Oh man, what am I doing here? I have children at home.'"

Allegheny senior Shannon Orr said she would love to work with an organization like Doctors Without Borders, but she concedes that her desire for a family and a stable home life might take precedence.

"A decision like this would depend on what type of relationship I were in. If I were married, I would want to stay localized with my family. I'm just going to have to see what stage I'm at when the opportunity arises," Orr said.

The doctors who volunteer often experience life in the front lines, providing the first wave of emergency medical services in areas with inadequate resources. Projects may include massive vaccination campaigns, the training and supervision of medical personnel, water and sanitation, data collection, feeding and patient care, medical and pediatric care, distribution of medical supplies, AIDS prevention, and mental health care. Once conditions in a region reach an acceptable level, the organization will hand over their projects to other groups that can implement aid on a long-term basis. Most projects last one to two years.

Over the last 30 years, the world's refugee population has risen dramatically, growing from 2.7 million in 1976 to 15 million in 1996. Doctors Without Borders has grown as well, training 1000 new volunteers each year.

The group's first humanitarian effort occurred after the 1972 Nicaragua earthquake and was followed by its first war mission to Lebanon in 1976. The group of 56 doctors and nurses witnessed the carnage of war up close as they took turns caring for Shiite civilians in a Beirut hospital.

The most dangerous mission undertaken by the group came in 1979. The organization defied the Soviet Union and worked with Afghanistan resistance fighters to care for the civilian population following the Soviet invasion.

The 1980s were spent setting up refugee programs in Africa and Asia, as well as nutritional programs in Ethiopia, and responding to earthquakes in El Salvador and Armenia.

Doctors Without Borders then finished off the decade by setting up health programs in Eastern Europe for the collapsing Communist countries that had vehemently opposed their presence in Afghanistan a decade earlier.

Doctors Without Borders started the nineties by staging their largest relief effort to date. They delivered emergency medical assistance to Kurdish refugees in Turkey, Iran, and Jordan. While maintaining aid to civil wars in Burundi, Rwanda, and the former Yugoslavia, Doctors Without Borders was the only relief organi-

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AIDS Awareness Promotes Wellness



AN APPLE A DAY—Students browse various booths at the Wellness Fair held Monday in the Campus Center. —photo by Tiffany Hrach

Lew Pyle Fondly Remembered

By KARA HARCHUCK
News Editor

A memorial service was held at 4:30 yesterday evening at Ford Chapel in remembrance of Lewis W. Pyle, former student, professor and friend of the College for many years.

An audience of over 90 faculty, administration, students, neighbors and friends gathered for a service of readings, prayers, and thoughtful reflections of the much-loved professor.

Chaplain John Colatch lead the service, followed with readings by Senior Sondra Binotto and Jonathan Helmreich, College Historian and good friend of Pyle's.

Stories and memories of Pyle were told by Ronald Harrell, Paula Coyle Wurst and Jochen Richter, all of whom were close friends of the professor.

Harrell's stories involved traveling with Pyle and "sticking to the back roads, because paved roads interfered with the scenery."

Wurst explained all of Pyle's many hobbies and interests. "I have a curiousity I cannot satisfy, and the only person that came close was Lewis Pyle," she said.

Richter brought these thoughts together with a discussion of Pyle's love for the weather, and the impact this love has had on generations of students.

"As long as we look up to the sky, we will think of you," he said.

Their thoughts were echoed when the service was opened to any who wished to give their thoughts and remembrances.

Four additional friends gave comments, most of whom were neighbors who shared their accounts of Pyle's gardens, pets, and friendly spirit.

As said by Harrell and felt by all, "He taught us to slow down and take in the world that most of us pass by."

Computer Tutorial

If you're working on a lab PC, and are trying to FTP a file to your network account and find that you've logged into the PC incorrectly, you can fix your login.
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Click on the "properties" button
Click on the "User ID" and change it to read as your login should read
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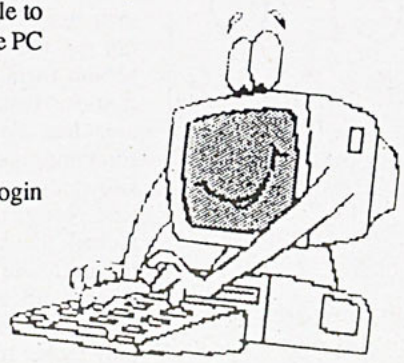
Type your password and you should be in your network account.



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be making submarine sandwiches and Steve won't be tossing pizzas. Both restaurants have gone out of business.

What has caused the businesses around our campus to become nonexistent?

"The biggest factor in driving the business away from the college was the institution of the Insta-Gator card," said Jerry Fickis, proprietor of Fickis' Market on Park Ave. from January 1992 until December 1997.

"With that card, the kids could spend their parents' money that they have already deposited into the card instead of shelling out their own cash to come to the store. Going out of business was inevitable once I saw how that card flattened our profit margin," continued Fickis.

Charles McCracken, owner of McCracken's Sub Shop from 1984 until its close in 1998, faults the Gator card along with a number of different factors.

"Sure, that card really hurt business," said McCracken. "The kids would go to that new food court and use those Gator cards instead of coming down to the shop to buy food.

"The first hit that we took was when the college bought and tore down the three houses that used to stand where the Allegheny College sign now stands on the corner of Loomis and North Main. There was over 25 students living there at all times and I would see everyone of those twenty five kids each and every day," continued McCracken.

McCracken also faulted the availability of home video games, as a large part of his profits were from arcade games.

McCracken stated, "But the biggest loss of business came when all of the students started getting their own cars to have on campus. People would rather drive to Perkins and sit there instead of coming down to the shop."

"All of those things together just became too great to overcome. It's hard to keep a business open when all you sell regularly is Citrus Tea," concluded McCracken.

"It was sad when we had to close the doors for the last time. Sure, the store helped out a great deal with the bills at the end of the month, but me and Susan both miss the kids more than we miss the money. It's definitely sad that the local store owner can't seem to stay open anymore," stated McCracken.

What is more saddening is the fact that no store will ever again be able to sell merchandise from either of the two locations.

"The city has a grandfather clause on this store space as well as the store location along Park Avenue," said McCracken. "If a period of one year goes by without a sale out of the store space, then the shop must close and the space that it once occupied can no longer be used as a store."

"That's the situation with my building too," said Dr. Greg Griffith, owner of the building on Park Avenue. "Once the place gets grandfathered out, that's it. So instead of just letting the space go to waste, I have decided to remodel it into a three bedroom apartment."

McCracken has also decided to remodel the old sub shop into an apartment. "I have to get some money out of this place. I've tried to sell the property but there have been no buyers. I guess the times are just changing."

If you are beginning to wonder what the times were like when the corner store was the place where everyone went, then you need look no further than Mr. Bill Raab.

Mr. Raab owned the building on Park Avenue for 43 years. He lived with his wife and eight children upstairs while running the old Red and White on the first floor.

"Sure, the old Red and White was our only source of income back then. I raised eight children on the money I made from that store," Raab said.

"But that was a different time," he continued. "Back then, hardly anyone had cars. No one wanted to walk real far so they just walked on over to the Red and White.

"We sold all of the basic student supplies. Chips, candy bars, soda pop, and burgers were all good sellers. The only competition I had was the vending machines on campus. They were so darn expensive that everyone came to the store to save some money.

"The best sellers were cigarettes and chewing tobacco. We were the only store anywhere near campus to sell those. That was back when almost everyone smoked because no one knew it was bad for you.

"When I sold the building to Dr. Griffith in 1990, I was just too old to run the store anymore. I never thought that one day there wouldn't be a store in that building.

"I guess now that kids have cars it makes proximity unimportant. That was our biggest reason for making money. We were always the closest store to campus. Today, the store owner doesn't have that advantage."

So what is the solution to this problem? How can we try to influence new business to take a chance on this area of town?

"I just don't think it is possible for anyone to make it around the school anymore. The cars the kids have, the new Gator card. It's all just too much to overcome," said Fickis.

"Oh, I'm not sure if anyone can make it as a mom and pop business anymore, anywhere. The thinking of the world has changed so much since I owned the store. Everyone wants the same thing. They want what they want cheap, they want it fast, and they don't care where they get it from.

"That may have been the biggest change. No one has a sense of place anymore, nor a sense of loyalty."

Mr. McCracken seems to look at the situation in a different light.

"I definitely believe that there is business to be had and money to be made around the campus of Allegheny College," McCracken said. "I think that whoever finds the right idea and couples it with a ton of energy to promote their idea could find a very enjoyable business here.

"The kids are what make it enjoyable. Being a part of the college community was what was important to us. And I would like to believe that we were an important part of the kids' experience here also."

It may be sad, but the fact still remains that future students of Allegheny College will not have a corner store to hang out in. The times, they are a-changin'.

1899

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Hazing was in the news on the verge of the 20th century just as it is today. Back then, however, tradition was not a crime. An article January 1899 related the story of four first-year girls who had some late night visitors. The story goes something like this:

One evening at dinner, some first and second year students were discussing pranks that had been played on them while at Allegheny. A first-year girl confessed that she had gotten into the habit of barricading her door each night before she went to sleep with her dresser, chairs and a piano stool, because she was so afraid of being subject to a sophomore prank.

Hearing this confession, a group of sophomores decided that they could not let such an opportunity pass them by, and they began to plot against her and her classmates.

Two nights later, a group of "ghost-like figures" appeared in the rooms of four people, one by one, and commanded them to get dressed and follow. The first three followed without causing any trouble, but the fourth refused and screamed for help. She was quickly gagged and bound, and then dragged off to the gym with the others. Each girl was forced to promise to obey the sophomores, and in exchange for doing so, they were permitted to return to their rooms.

Long after the first three girls returned to their room, the rebellious girl was still being held captive in the gym, refusing to take their oath. Finally, the sophomores decided that they had had their fun. They untied the girl and ran out the back door, locking it behind them. The first-year was furious. Just as the ghost-like figures had fled the gym, another sophomore walked in, having no knowledge of the situation. The first-year girl, filled with anger, attacked the sophomore—choking her until she broke free and fled. Chased all the way back to her room, the sophomore was saved only by her roommate, who fainted in the midst of the danger.

Any instances of hazing that have been reported recently seem to pale in comparison.

Another common thread between the 19th and 20th century student body was the endless struggle to make ends meet for many students and families.

In what might have been an attempt to ease the financial woes of some students, *The Campus* ran an article on February 15th based on a letter written in 1835 by then-Allegheny president Martin Ruter. Ruter stated in his letter that students were having trouble paying tuition. In an effort to ease the financial burden, students in need of aid were allocated one acre of land, which they were to use to grow and sell crops!

In September 1899, *The Campus* underwent a major transformation. First, the editorial board decided to trade the publication's entertaining style for a more serious, informative format. Humor and poetry would still exist in the four-page college paper, but to a lesser extent. Also, the publication would be printed weekly, rather than on the semi-monthly basis of the past.

The scope of *The Campus* also shifted. It began to focus on the outside world, covering events that occurred around the globe, thus branching out beyond Bentley Hall and its brother buildings.

One of the first stories covered turned out to be an historical event. In 1899, the dominant nations of the world met and agreed to form a worldwide government. *The Campus* today continues to cover a wide range of news topics, concentrating on the campus and the community-at-large.

Although 100 years have passed, *The Campus* remains a vital and thriving observer of life at Allegheny.

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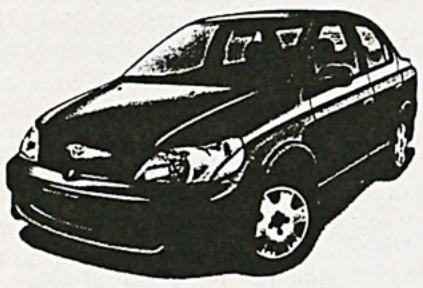

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EDITORIAL

We've All Forgotten About the Little Man

Students in search of a late-night snack are certainly not short of options in Meadville–there's Country Fair, Perkins, Burger King and that Mecca of C-store refugees, Wal-Mart. Just about any craving from chips to cheeseburgers can be satisfied with a quick drive to a nearby business.

Yet in spite of all the hungry students searching for the ever-elusive bag of salt and vinegar potato chips, two local businesses, each within 100 feet of our campus, have been forced to close down.

Steve's Pizza on Loomis Street and Maws Paws on Park Avenue were small businesses owned by local residents who hoped to profit from our need for good food and an escape–no matter how small–from campus. We have rejected them in favor of chains like Burger King and Wal-Mart–a shame, especially considering what a valued part of our community they could have been.

Along with the good food, we lost a resting place in which we could get away from on-campus responsibilities.

The buildings they formerly occupied are now being renovated into residential buildings. According to local zoning regulations, once the shops have not sold merchandise made a sale within one year they cannot be used commercially again. We hope that if a situation in which they could again be used as shops arises, the city would be sympathetic and reconsider this rule. Otherwise we will have lost these resources permanently.

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Letter to the Editor

Student's Petition Seems Hypocritical

No matter how many times you cry wolf, someone is always bound to hear you and have some concern. And then they get themselves all worked up over it and go punch the living daylights out of the wolf. Recently, the case involving Mr. Pagano and Mr. McKay has angered many people.

Mr. Pagano stated that he was trying to protect a young lady's dignity and honor. He might like to know that a girl's honor can be defended more with words than with his fist. This is not the age of King Arthur, where piercing a lance through another man's heart meant you won the girl.

Mr. Pagano's petition seems completely absurd. If a woman comes to a friend with a story of sexual assault, you consult the proper authorities, such as the sexual harassment officer, the police, or the dean. You do not consult the supposed assailant with a right hook and a left jab. When you use an act of violence to punish another act of violence, you are quite simply a hypocrite.

I was not approached with this petition, and had I been, I would not have signed it. I do not know all of the facts involved in this case. I do realize that someone is lying. Whomever that might be, I hope they realize the pain and confusion they are causing, not only to the others involved in the case, but also their families and friends.

Violence is never the answer. With all of the horrible things happening outside of our little bubble here at Allegheny, pacifism is one thing I would like to strive for.

MEGAN LYLE
Sophomore

Get Excited, Be Interested, Yawp, and Wear Red

I sound my barbaric yawp across the rooftops of the world. —Walt Whitman

The punchline goes, "So is San Francisco going to have a king, or a queen?" The king of San Francisco would be, of course, the charismatic and controversial Mayor Willie Brown. But the joke is on the potential "queen"—Brown's opponent Tom Ammiano.

Jennifer Midgley

Or is it? Ammiano's grassroots, write-in campaign, organized with incredible speed in the days before the primary election, has taken San Francisco by surprise. And if you know anything about San Francisco at all, you know it's difficult to surprise.

For sheer entertainment value there's nothing better going on in politics just now. Only in San Francisco could an extremely liberal, African-American mayor be perceived as an ally of "the establishment" and a representative of big business.

Ammiano is openly—some say flamboyantly—gay. Support for the gay community is practically a prerequisite for being elected mayor of San Francisco, and Brown has done his part. In fact, Ammiano's supporters of all sexual orientations say that it's not about their candidate's sex life—it's about his politics. Ammiano promises a San Francisco run by the people, not by big business.

Friends of mine in San Francisco, while taken by the enthusiasm surrounding the campaign, wonder whether Ammiano would be able to get anything done. Would he win the respect of the city's leaders? Would anybody take him seriously?

I thought back to my experience in that beautiful City By The Bay—last summer, working as an intern in the office of a large firm. From what I've seen and heard of the politics of businesspeople in the city, Ammiano could have a problem. San Francisco is more than the hippies in Golden Gate Park; it's a businessplace, like any other city, filled with people somewhat lacking in the raw enthusiasm of Ammiano.

Even in San Francisco, people become bogged down by the details of everyday life.

Last summer, I learned a great deal of useful etiquette tidbits: when you pass someone in the hallways more than twice in a day, for example, it's bad form to waste more of her time by saying "hello" again. Your past hellos apply in this instance; just keep your eyes downcast and march onward.

I should also tell you, just in case, that bright-colored clothing will generally leave you looking somewhat out of place. Stick to browns; they camouflage you very nicely. It's a jungle out there.

It's very important that you keep in mind that when communicating with your co-workers, you must always remain as unbiased and inoffensive as possible. The last thing you want in Cubicle-Land is a heated argument. It's disruptive and unprofessional.

So, if your opinions clash with someone else's, especially someone higher up on the food chain, you must choose your words very carefully, if you choose any at all.

Jokes are inappropriate. That should have been incredibly painful for me, but to be honest, the Joke Ban didn't bother me too much; wearing brown and speaking in whispers had me too depressed to feel very funny.

Don't worry, though; you can still have fun. Sometimes, the restrictions are lifted. We had a conference, for example, at which we met in a big hotel.

Let me tell you, those Dilberts and Dilbertines really cut loose. You think this place has wild parties? Stop by corporate America sometime—if they're really feeling wild, they might drink a regular Coke instead of a Diet.

I know. Those rebels.

I've been told countless times that the business world is not a place in which unprofessional or informal behavior is likely to be tolerated. I've learned that meetings need agendas and that agendas must consider "office politics." Workplace roles have to be solid and well-defined.

As an intern, I learned a great deal more about the working world than I learned about marketing. I

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Take the Pork Out of Politics

How did the chicken cross the road? Well, if the chicken is in Quitman, Georgia, no matter how he got across, he'll be spending some time in the slammer, because it is illegal for chickens to cross the road in that particular city.

Did you know that it is illegal to flick a booger into the wind in Alabama? Or that it's illegal for animals to mate publicly within 1,500 feet of a tavern, school, or place of worship in California. Believe it or not, these are actual laws that are still on the books, and the list goes on and on.

Dane Foster

Too full after Thanksgiving dinner to do anything but lounge around, I came across a site on the Internet, www.dumblaws.com, where various city and state laws are listed from across this fine nation of ours. The entire site is devoted to laws—many of which are outlandish and ludicrous—that are outdated, yet still on the books. For instance, it is still illegal in Carmel, California for women to wear high heels within the city limits. I can't help but ask myself, "Who in the hell came up with these stupid laws?" The answer is simple—our elected political representatives.

Many laws may be in place in your home state, and you might not even be aware of it. For example, for those that like to wait until the needle is below the empty line in their car, beware, it is illegal for any person to run out of gas in Youngstown, Ohio. That's right, for running out of gas, you could be arrested and/or fined. Or, if you live in Columbus, Ohio, you better get your weekly stock of corn flakes before the weekend, because it is illegal to sell them on Sundays.

To understand some of these laws, one must look at the circumstances of the time period when these laws were made. The law that no more than 2,000 sheep may be driven down Hollywood Boulevard at one time was passed in a time when agriculture and animal husbandry was the main source of income for Hollywood residents—hardly the lifestyle of Sylvester Stallone or Bruce Willis.

Perhaps tying horses to parking meters became so troublesome in Tarentum, Pennsylvania, that a law needed to be passed making it illegal to do so. Who knows, maybe these pressing issues were the cause of heated political debates, where the well-being of our nation's citizens was at stake. God forbid that a motorist might have to park their car across the street instead of at the parking meter occupied by Mr. Ed.

On the other hand, maybe someone just had an axe to grind, and took his grievance to his elected politicians. Either way, the introduction, passing, and enforcement of these laws is a waste of time and money. The fact that these laws were passed, still exist, and could be enforced at any time is both alarming and amusing.

Laws—ridiculous ones at that—are passed each and every day in our state and nation's capitols. They are tossed into various legislative packages to be introduced to the representatives for a vote, and, in the interests of accepting the larger, more important bill, the smaller, nonsensical bills are subsequently approved. Welcome to the legislative system of the United States of America, home of pork barrel politics.

Pork barrel legislation has become an issue in past years, and was even a point of discord between Democrats and republicans in the House. President Clinton tried to take a stand against the practice, but was reprimanded by a majority refusal to accept his proposed federal budget. Legislative packages are often held up in debate because of the "pork" that is stuffed into the bundle in the hopes that it will ride on the back of the more important legislation. For the most part, the laws and provisions that are ratified are in the interests of the politicians or their generous benefactors. But wait, aren't these elected officials supposed to represent the majority opinion of the general populace, not some rich lobbyist who is accustomed to getting his way by financially manipulating the system?

Why is it that these elected officials waste the valuable resources of time and money that are so sacred in the legislative process of our country? Shouldn't these public servants be more concerned with pressing issues such as unemployment, crime, and hunger? The fact is, our representatives are more concerned with being financially stable for the next election than addressing any substantial public need. Politicians have become so accustomed to being able to bend the rules, manipulate the system, and still get their way, without being reprimanded by the voting public. In short, they can abuse their power because we let them.

Don't get me wrong, not every person on the ballot is self-serving and manipulative. It just so happens that the most manipulative ones seem to gain the most power and influence, and therefore overshadow the "do-gooders."

The bottom line is that we, as Americans, have given politicians a free license to clog up our legislative system by not holding them accountable for their actions, or lack thereof. Maybe if we demanded more of our elected officials, they would change their ways and consequently make the system a bit less of a pig-pen.

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Giuliani or Clinton—The Lesser of Two Evils

A few weekends ago, I was in New Jersey for a Residence Life conference. The night before the conference we drove into Newark and got settled into our hotel. Some of the guys with us were watching the news and told me about this "brick throwing" incident in New York City. We all laughed a little bit because with the serious nature of crime these days, no one expects to hear about a brick throwing. It seemed a little out of the ordinary and ridiculous to all of us.

Heather Chapman

When I came back to school from the conference I was flipping through the channels on the television and came across the brick incident on CNN. I was thoroughly amazed. It turned out this incident was far more serious than I had originally thought.

The woman attacked was in critical condition in the hospital, and the perpetrator was still on the loose. As I continued to watch CNN in amazement, I also found out that New York City's mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, was receiving a lot of criticism over the whole ordeal.

It turns out that in response to the brick attack, Giuliani put out an order to get the homeless people off the streets. Hundreds of the homeless were sent to shelters and over 25 were arrested. It may seem that Giuliani's attack on the homeless is unrelated to the brick incident, but there is a connection. Giuliani believes that the perpetrator was a homeless man. This assumption (that the perpetrator is in fact homeless) is dangerous because it could cause the police to overlook and ignore other possible suspects that might lead to an arrest.

Giuliani apparently thought that if he "cleans up the streets" of New York City that he would be heralded a hero when he started attacking the homeless. Unfortunately, most of the homeless that were sent to shelters were not registered at the shelters and can't stay there. Therefore, Giuliani's "solution" is only temporary and not very efficient. In fact, this latest crusade hasn't seemed to win any brownie points with groups trying to aid the homeless.

I think Giuliani has something against the poor and homeless. His "get tough" welfare policies have shut the door on legitimate benefits for huge numbers of poor and sometimes homeless women and children.

Giuliani's crusades to make New York better just don't cut it with me. Maybe his gestures are "for the greater good," but until they start to show me that they are doing something positive, rather than putting women and children out of their homes, I can't help but think otherwise.

The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission even ruled that the Giuliani Administration violated federal laws because they turned away women who said that they were being sexually harassed while working for public assistance benefits.

I just can't see how putting up obstacles to keep people with AIDS from getting public assistance is necessarily a good thing, especially since the obstacles were found to be illegal by New York's highest court.

Also, Giuliani can't help but to get his nose into issues with First Amendment Rights. By attacking the Brooklyn's Museum of Art for the "Sensation" exhibit he was questioning rights of freedom of speech, religion, and overall expression by threatening to cut off funding to the museum. When the museum's constitutional rights were

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Who Doesn't Want to be a Millionaire?

Money is a powerful entity. Reigning at the top of the food chain, it devours anything in its way. It seduces us with greed, jealousy, and envy, motivating us to lie, cheat, and steal in order to obtain the supposed gratification of wealth. Some people are even willing to kill for it. With that in mind, it's not surprising that over five million Americans battled to be contestants on ABC's *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* during its preliminary stages in August.

Abby Collier

Hosted by Regis Philbin, *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* lures possible contestants with a 1-800 number. Then, those that answer three challenging questions correctly in the least amount of time travel to New York City, hoping their intelligence will win them a substantial sum of money, preferably $1,000,000.

Similarly, when the game show begins, the lucky panel of participants answer one multiple choice question. The contestant with the fastest response takes center stage to face off with Regis , who asks 15 multiple choice questions, starting at $100. If the posed question is overly difficult, or the contestants do not know the answer, they can either ask the audience, eliminate two wrong answers, or phone a friend, courtesy of AT&T. However, if the contestants can't reach a suitable answer, they have the opportunity to take the money they've earned and run.

During the time of questioning, Regis cleverly torments his contestants by clarifying their answer and testing their confidence, providing entertainment for the average viewer, who apparently enjoys watching fellow citizens squirm in the hot seat.

This style of entertainment has definitely paid off, for Regis claimed that he "saved ABC" with his new game show when he appeared on the 1999 MTV Video Music Awards. Obviously, the potential to win money—and lots of it—has gained a popular following.

Who Wants to be a Millionaire? disturbs me for two reasons. First, the concept itself demonstrates a dependency upon money, which contributes to an excessive consumption of material goods. Despite popular opinion, money can't buy happiness.

When I observe the eager contestants under Regis' critical eye—and under an enormous amount of pressure—I feel sorry for them. I witness people who see their future in dollar signs, who desperately attempt to fill some sort of void in their lives with money. When they lose, it's as if the world has ended because they suffer from unhappiness, and they think that $1,000,000 is the only medicine.

According to *The New York Times*, Michael Davies, a contestant who lost his million, "felt awful." Sure, I would feel awful if I had a chance to win $1,000,000 for a charity or families in need, and I lost. Somehow, I

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Lewis Nordan's Novels Stray from the Norm



Lewis Nordan, author

By KIMBERLY REHAK
Weekend Editor

To call Lewis Nordan typical would be blasphemy. The author of seven acclaimed novels and the recipient of numerous awards, his fiction has proven that Nordan certainly strays from the norm.

"It is difficult to review a Lewis Nordan book, for there is no reference point," said Will D. Campbell, a noted Southern writer, in a 1995 *Nashville Banner* review of Nordan's book, *The Sharpshooter Blues*. "He doesn't write like anyone else. He is leading the way now. A new way of doing things."

Nordan visited Allegheny on November 17 as part of the Single Voice Reading Series. That evening he read excerpts from his upcoming memoir *Boy With Loaded Gun* (Algonquin Books), which is scheduled to be released by Jan. 2000.

"Some would say that lying comes naturally to me. Or narrative, let's say. A good story, a tall tale."

"Simply put, the book is a narrative of my life from birth to recent days," said Nordan in a recent interview. "I'd hesitate to characterize it much beyond that. It covers some funny and some tragic parts of my life."

He continued, "Overall, it is a hopeful book, and maybe I could say also that it may be about the hard road of love, filled with tears and setbacks as much as with joy," he added.

Nordan was born in Jackson, Mississippi and raised in Itta Bena, a town on the Mississippi Delta. He remained in the south, attending school and working, until accepting a position at the University of Pittsburgh in 1981.

"Being southern is a deep part of me that would be hard to separate out of the rest of me," said Nordan. "It's like trying to decide what kind of writer I would have been if I had been a woman, or if I had been gay, or if I were not a father, or if I had been African American."

"All of who I am, including my southern-ness, makes me the writer I am, and yet it's hard to know exactly what ways this is true."

Along with his southern blood, Nordan's writing is constructed around other unusual influences. Rather than the standard classics, Nordan considers two of his main influences DC Comics and the blues.

"I look back at the comics that interested me the most and think I see the beginning of my own work," Nordan told *The Missouri Review*. "My favorite comic was *Superman*. And not because he could see through buildings and stop bullets but because he was a fatherless child, as I was."

In the same interview, Nordan associates his writing to the blues. "If I could have had my choice of occupations from all the things in the world, including writing, I would have been a rock-and-roll singer. The closest I can get to singing is writing the prose I write. That's the connection with the blues: it's the music. I hear music in the language."

Nordan has a large amount of fans who are glad he decided to stick to fiction. The Lewis Nordan Fan Club (LNFC) was formed in 1997, and its membership is nearing the 500 mark. The LNFC publishes a small newsletter with interviews, reviews, the latest Lewis Nordan news, and an occasional word game.

This group also declared National Lewis Nordan Appreciation Week which was Nov. 1-7 this year.

An undergraduate of Millsaps College in Jackson with a M.A. in English from Mississippi State University and a Ph.D. in English from Auburn University in Louisiana, Nordan said he did not become a writer until he was in his mid-thirties.

"I think I'd wanted to write for a long time before I actually had the courage to try," he said. "When I was 35 years old, I found myself out of a job and my wife supporting the family. I had a great deal of time on my hands, and it was then that I started to write seriously."

Along with a distinctive narrative style, Nordan's novels are also noted for their quirky characters. According to Nordan, "It's a little misleading to say I base my characters on people I have known, because most are composites and exaggerations of people, plus adaptations of characters I've been introduced to in other writer's books."

"I am part of all my characters, even the worst of them," said Nordan. "It's my practice never to be cruel to my characters, never to write a character that I can't in some way, however limited a way it might be, identify with. In stories I've written about fathers and sons, I identify equally with the father and the son."

Nordan is a Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Pittsburgh. He believes that teaching and writing are "inextricably bound together. I love teaching, but I suppose if pressed, I'd have to say writing is my true love."

Nordan found his love in prose. "I write fiction now, almost exclusively. Even my memoir is pretty thoroughly fictionalized, or imaginatively realized may be a better way to say it," he said. "Poetry has never come naturally to me. I freeze up when I set out to write it and become stiff and wooden in my language. Some would say lying comes naturally to me. Or narrative, let's say. A good story, a tall tale."

I Was Just Thinking...

A column by Gail Giewont

When I first heard about the 24-hour "Live Bait" machine that was being installed at a gas station in my hometown of Albion, PA, I experienced a strange combination of elation and fear. First of all, I could now have live bait at any hour of the day that I wanted it, and who wouldn't be happy about that? My fear, however, stemmed from two sources. I wondered what kind of people would actually require 24-hour access to bait, and also what kind of person would have come up with such an idea in the first place. It was hard for me to believe that a perfectly ordinary human being was just sitting around, eating a plate of spaghetti, when this brilliant idea suddenly arrived.

It was obvious that this increased worm availability was a big deal, because it received a full page article in the newspaper. If you know anything about Albion, you might think that 24-hour live bait was celebrated simply because most people in towns of roughly 2000 citizens really like worms. While I concede that this is probably the case, the excited nature of the article lead me to believe that the live bait machine was a rarity. I wanted to share this newfound pride in my hometown's vending machines with as many people as I could.

I contacted many friends in various states to share the good news with them. Few were surprised. They'd all heard of live bait machines before. Apparently the tiny hamlet of Albion was simply behind the times when it came to modern fishing technology. I was saddened for a time--and then I saw the machine for myself.

I remember my first sight of it quite vividly. I drove past, nearly forgetting that it had been installed since my last trip through town. Then, I saw it out of the corner of my eye, right behind a gas pump placed in a poorly aesthetic location for the viewing of the live bait machine. It looked like any other vending machine, with a fish on it. It was also different because it was labeled "Live Bait," which you won't find on your average vending machine.

Knowing how thrilling the discovery of a newfound opportunity to acquire worms made me the first time, you can only imagine my excitement when I recently noticed a live bait machine of precisely the same variety at a Meadville area Sunoco. Just when I thought this luxury wasn't available to me at college, I realized that I could get myself a meal worm any time I wanted. My delight was immense.

While I've never actually purchased an item, meal worm or otherwise, rumor has it that the bait is dispensed in tiny plastic bubbles, rather like the ones that normally contain poor quality friendship bracelets. I am a little concerned about the living conditions for the live bait within the containers. I've never seen a friendship bracelet that emerged in a very lively state from those plastic bubbles. While I recognize that worms and animals of their sort tend to like dark conditions, I rather worry about how they would feel during the vending process. Be that as it may, I'm really not upset enough to form a coalition or anything.

The fact of the matter is that I rather enjoy the act of fishing and I'm glad that the live bait machine will facilitate more frequent fishing opportunities for people who are really into it. I once caught eighteen fish in the course of two hours. I mean, I'm not Babe Winkelman or anything, but I'm certainly not opposed to fishing per se.

What I never particularly enjoyed about fishing is the application of live bait products to fish hooks. Something about impaling the lesser creatures of the world on sharp metal just doesn't appeal to me. It's probably a psychological flaw of some sort. If someone had invented a 24-hour Skewering Live Bait on Hook machine, I would have been a trifle bit more impressed. But did anyone think of that yet? Not really. Sewing has needle threaders, but the similar problem experienced by many aficionados of fishing has gone widely unnoticed.

I'd actually like to see the availability of more items on a 24-hour, vending machine basis. Imagine the possibilities. 24-hour mice. 24-hour bratwurst. 24-hour bowling shoe rental. These are things that people need, and currently demands just aren't being met. I, for one, am not going to do anything about it, but don't you think that someone should?

One issue that I have with the live bait machine implies that consumers should have a greater desire for live bait than for alternatives, such as dead bait, preserved bait or plastic bait. A plastic, sparkly bait fish was one of my favorite toys as a child until I inadvertently ripped its tail off, and I would hazard to guess that fish would feel the same way about plastic bait until they found out about the hook thing. I fear that this machine will cause prejudice against inanimate forms of fishing lures.

I am pleased that the live bait machines and their apparent successful spread across the country is probably increasing job opportunities. Someone has to refill the machine and check on the liveliness of the current residents. I've been wondering whose job this actually is, and whether or not the uniform for the job involves a leaping fishie like the vending machine does. Does the live bait come from a centralized bait warehouse, or are there individual bait farms and bait farmers that we don't know about? I haven't quite stalked a bait machine to find out important details, such as when the bait is replaced and how regularly, but one really has to be curious.

The unfortunate thing about the 24-hour live bait machine is how much sleep it is stealing from the citizens of this great nation. How could any enthusiastic angler sleep knowing that a fat, juicy nightcrawler is available at every hour of the day or night, without even having to dig for it?

I know that when I first heard about the live bait machine that I couldn't get much sleep, either. Then it occurred to me that the live bait machine put another of my great fears--the one where the world is overrun by man-eating nightcrawlers--permanently to rest. Many of those dangerous nightcrawlers are now locked up where they will never have the opportunity to harm us. Even better, they're in separate containers, where they'll be unable to mass together and form a conspiracy to destroy the human race. I slept a whole lot better after I realized that. I think most people will.

Got live bait? Send it to Gail at <giewong>.

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zation to witness the fall of Srebenica.

The group continued its general epidemic control prerogatives in dealing with a measles outbreak in the Congo and meningitis outbreaks in both Sudan and Nigeria.

In the past year, the group has been involved in a number of high profile relief efforts that eventually led to their Nobel Peace Prize. Last November, the group delivered emergency supplies to the 25,000 citizens left homeless following the earthquake in the Yucan Province of China. Again, they garnered public attention last March when they became the last humanitarian group to leave Kosovo.

This summer, they again responded to an earthquake as they setup field hospitals and dispensaries outside Istanbul and cities hardest hit by the Turkish earthquake.

Much of the organization's efforts are now focused on East Timor. The group is awaiting United Nations transportation to bring in 26 metric tons of medicine, sanitation material, and shelter on standby in Australia. Before their expulsion in early September, they also provided the only surgical services available in East Timor.

At the heart of the story of Doctors Without Borders are the individuals who provide and accept medical aid—the individual tales of triumph and terror.

According to Doctors Without Borders volunteer Fokko de Vries, M.D., "The whole conflict consists of numbers. So many refugees here, so many people killed there But in the end, it is a summation of individual suffering. Each person has an individual story. The story of expulsion, flight, waiting at the border, the conditions in the camp, the loss of all future perspective," he said.

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will be no problems come January 1, 2000."

Hunter concurred with Grasso. "There is always the possibility of something happening with power which would have an immediate effect on the campus," said Hunter. "But I think that all reasonable steps have been taken."

To deal with any problems that may arise, Allegheny will be monitoring its systems and running comparison reports after the New Year. Hunter is confident that any problems that do arise will be resolved before students return to campus.

However, the closing of residence halls and student buildings will be put into effect as an additional precaution for students.

According to Director of Residence Life Allan Blattner, letters are being sent to all students informing them of the closure. The letter states the intention of the College to close at the end of December, and to re-open as soon as "all campus health and safety systems are fully functional."

Only two groups will be accommodated during the shutdown of the campus: athletes who have practice or competition, and international students. "For those two groups, alternate arrangements have been made for the short period that we are closed."

In addition, a recorded phone message service has been set up to inform students when the campus will re-open, providing updates on the college's progress.

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"sketchy," he said it was considered along with all other evidence.

Pagano met with Director of Residence Life Allan Blattner on Thursday, Nov. 18th. Blattner suspended him, and Pagano appealed the decision to the CSB.

"The College does not condone physical violence for any reason. Our sanctions in cases where physical violence has occurred have been reflective of that stance," said Blattner.

Students may appeal CSB decisions to the President of the College if they have new evidence that was not presented at the hearing or if a violation of the College judicial process has occurred.

Blattner said that appeals to the President are very infrequent. He can recall about five or six such appeals in the past seven years.

Pagano said the grounds for his appeal are mainly "technicalities." He said that he had very little time to prepare for the CSB hearing, because he was out of town the preceeding weekend and did not get the letter notifying him of the hearing until the afternoon of Tuesday the 23rd.

Blattner said that he sent the letter on Thursday the 18th in the afternoon. Pagano had arranged to pick it up at 11 that morning, but did not do so.

Blattner said that the letter would not have fit in Pagano's box, so he would have received a package slip and needed to pick up the letter at the front desk of the post office.

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Fine and Dandy



The Allegheny College Playshop Theatre's production of *Dandelion* will be performed this Friday and Saturday night beginning at 7:30 and Sunday afternoon at 2. It is a interactive children's play and directed by Beth Watkins. —photo by Tiffany Hrach

Jamaican a Difference—ACO's Benefit Concert Helping Out Less Fortunate

By ABBY MILLIGAN
Assistant Weekend Editor

Allegheny students involved with the Jamaica Mission trip have organized a concert to be performed tonight at 8 p.m. in Ford Chapel. The concert will feature the sounds of Allegation as well as Crooked Planet, a duo comprised of Phil Foxman, Director of Student Activities and Alumni Affairs, and Dave McInally, Dean of Students.

Several students will also be performing in independent acts. The Alleghenians showcasing their musical talents are: Miah Lacoille, '01, Keith Baldwin, '00, Chris Hilf, '00, Beth Reifsnyder, '00, Jed Robie, '00, Kim Trohaugh, '01, Addi Twigg, '01, Chris West, '02, and Lauren Zurchin, '02.

"The music for this year is really a mixed bag," said junior Miah Lacoille, member of the Jamaica Mission team and a coordinator of this year's concert. "We had an incredible response of people wanting to play this year," Lacoille continued. The two hour concert will contain contemporary Christian and contemporary alternative music along with a few performances with music from other genres.

Lacoille said that the concert is strong overall. "We put a lot of time and effort into getting things prepared. The overall level of commitment for the concert has been great."

Crooked Planet will open the show, followed by the independent performers. A slide show containing images of previous Jamaica Missions will also be shown, and a performance by the Allegheny a cappella group Allegations will round out the evening's entertainment.

"We encourage as many people to go to the concert as possible," said junior Kim Trohaugh, a member of the Jamaica Mission team. "We've been working really hard and we're trying to push attendance," she continued.

Profits collected from the concert will be collected as funds for the Jamaica Mission trip. During the upcoming semester break, 17 Allegheny students will travel to the village of Harmons, Jamaica to participate in a number of service projects.

"We're helping with a lot of building projects and taking down donated clothes, medical supplies, school supplies, and eyeglasses to pass out," said Trohaugh. "We're also going to share in fellowship with the Jamaicans in that area. It is really a unique and good experience," commented Trohaugh.

Members of the Mission team hope that the concert will draw a large crowd. "When students see the music out there, it opens their eyes," said senior Chris Hilf, a coordinator of the concert and Jamaica Mission team member. "A concert like this raises awareness of more activities going on around campus. It's an important focus on a Christian event," Hilf continued.

Tickets for the benefit concert are $3 for both children and Allegheny students and $5 for adults.

Members of the Jamaica Mission team will be holding another fund-raiser this weekend. Proceeds from a pancake breakfast held this Saturday will benefit the mission team on their journey. The mission team will be cooking up pancakes at St. Brigid's Church on Arch Street this Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Allegheny students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to stop by for a delicious mean and a worthwhile cause.

Women's Studies Documentaries Exhibit Girls on Film

By KIMBERLY REHAK
Weekend Editor

The women's studies program is capturing the essence of girls on film. More precisely, it has established a film series that bi-monthly projects documentaries that highlight women's issues.

According to Helen McCullough, a member of the women's studies Steering Committee and the campus AV Specialist, "The Steering Committee felt that since Women's Studies is not constituted the same way that other departments are—the offices aren't in the same hall—and it's hard to get a sense of the department, we needed to look at some other mechanisms where we could get more involvement, more campus-wide awareness of the program—both the major and the minor programs," said McCullough. "We thought that a continuing film series might work well."

McCullough explained that the committee is "getting back to an idea that was successful for a few years by SAGE (Society for the Advancement of Gender Equality)." The group "ran a very successful documentary program for a few semesters."

Part of the purpose of the series, as McCullough explained is to tie some of the subject matter to the women's studies 100 course that is being offered this semester.

The documentaries that are being shown are "not the typical things that you see on television or when you go to watch a movie," said junior women's studies minor, Jon Lee.

McCullough affirmed, "For me, besides my interest in women's issues, it was a wonderful way to show alternative sorts of programming."

The film series sponsors two films a month: one the first Thursday night of every month and a short film on the third Wednesday of every month.

"The Wednesday programming was perhaps trying to make a sense of community for not only majors and minors and other faculty that teach in the department, but for anyone who is interested in having a place where they can gather once a month and talk, get to know each other," said McCullough.

"The women's studies program is doing more this year than they past, and I understand that it is difficult time-wise to do more," said senior women's studies major, Jenn Astles. "I try to go to the films when I can to be a part of the women's studies community."

According to Nita McKinley, assistant professor of psychology and a member of the steering committee, "We have a broad group of films. Of course they have educational purposes. We've tried to pick some films that we thought would be useful in terms of giving information that might be important to women's studies students and other people on campus who might be interested in women's studies type issues—things like body image."

"I think these topics are of interest to anyone who is concerned about issues that are important to women. So women, partners of women, and men who are interested in some of the issues that impact women's lives and men's lives, as well."

Lee also emphasizes that the films are fit for all genders' viewing. "It would be good for men to go," he said. "They might not be able to relate, but there is a lot to learn. It's an eye opening experience to go and see things that you probably would not think of."

"We're trying to get a variety," said McCullough, "and we're trying to speak to a variety of women's and cultural issues."

In an attempt to incorporate cultural issues, "Las Madres: The Mothers of Plazo de Mayo" a documentary about "women in Argentina who were protesting the young people who were being arrested and disappearing," said McKinley. This film was incorporated with the Latino Heritage Month in October.

McCullough said that the steering committee is planning on incorporating other films with Black History Month and Asian Awareness Month next semester.

"We're trying to tie in the film series with some recognition that there are other important events that go on on campus," said McCullough, "and if some of our programs can also speak to those issues then we would certainly like to do that."

The film series has been continuing with "no complications," according to McCullough. "Our audience has been getting bigger with every feature, which is so encouraging."

About the steering committee's selection process, McCullough said, "I looked for titles that I knew were good. What I mean by good was that they had a general interest, that they were technically well-made, that they were outstanding documentaries in an of themselves regardless of their subject matter. It wasn't just 'Oh this is a good women's studies film,' it was 'this is a good film about women's studies.'"

The next documentary will be shown this evening at 7 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. The feature is "Righteous Babes" and "explores the intersection of feminism with popular music, focusing on the role female recording artists in the 1990s and their influence on modern women," reads the women's studies web page. Expect interviews with Tori Amos, Ani DiFranco, Chrissie Hynde, Sinead O'Connor and other famous female artists of this decade.

For more information contact the women's studies web page at http://merlin.alleg.edu/dept/media/-wsfilms.

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Learning for Learning's Sake, Not Just for a Good Grade and Diploma

A few minutes before class started the other day, I strolled in and took a seat in the corner of the room. The guy sitting next to me turned and asked, "Does it look like she brought the tests today?"

I glanced at the professor as she entered the room, and remarked that it didn't look like she had them. As I took out my pen and notebook, I heard the guy say, "Damn, that was my whole point in coming today."

Devin McCue

Why didn't this guy come to class to learn instead of just to get his test back? Sadly, too many of us have this same mentality. We don't go to class to learn, we go to get back work that we did for the professor.

We read, write, solve problems, and offer solutions to scenarios because it will get the grade, that is what will get the diploma, that looks good on the resume to the corporate figure interviewing us for that executive position.

Retaining knowledge learned in class reaches a point that goes beyond learning material the night before an exam, and forgetting it ten minutes after. Going through the motions only takes us to the door. It is up to us to take the next step. Open the door and let the passion to learn take over.

What ever happened to learning for the sake of learning or enjoyment? I have, at times, found myself using the ever-popular college formula to budget my time. If I put X amount of time and effort into assignment Y, then I will get output Z. For those non-math majors, this means that I often try to calculate my grades based on how much time I put into studying.

Learning because we want to shouldn't be hard to do. The fact that we are here is a sign that we want to learn more.

When I catch myself using the college formula, I stop, and try to re-evaluate why I am here and what I expect to get out of the next hour and fifteen minutes of class in front of me.

On the first day of Introduction to Communication Arts, Professor Strickler gave us the syllabus and went over it. When he got to the part about the research paper, someone raised their hand and asked the ever-popular question, "How long does it have to be?"

Professor Strickler proceeded to tell the class that this was our paper. He said that students are always doing papers for the professor and not for themselves. He wanted us to do the paper, not for him, but for us, so that we might learn something about a topic of the mass media that interested us. I will admit, it is hard to enjoy the learning process when a deadline is staring you in the face. I have been there, and I know it is not a fun time, but I do the best that I can with the time that I have.

I am sure that it is not just me who feels this way. Seniors, do you think that you would learn more about the subject of your comp if you weren't faced with deadlines all of the time? My guess is that the lingering deadlines only add to the stress of writing the comp.

I understand that without deadlines, work would never get done and they are there to keep students on track, but enjoying the work does make deadlines less stressful.

This is not only a problem at Allegheny. Colleges and universities across the nation are filled with classrooms of students who are there not because they have that passion to know more, but because they were expected to go to college or it was the next logical step after high school.

One school took matters into their own hands. Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts has no grading system. The curriculum is individualized with emphasis on multidisciplinary learning, independent research, and creativity.

The chances of Allegheny changing to the kind of curriculum that Hampshire offers are slim to none, but drawing the emphasis away from getting the grade, and placing it on individual development would be a step in the right direction. This change might make it easier to allow ourselves to enjoy classes and assignments instead of doing the work for the professor.

I challenge us to put in the amount of effort that it takes not only to learn something about the paper topic, but also to enjoy it. Break free from the formula and have fun with the work that is assigned. I bet we'll find that enjoying the learning process makes the work seem a lot less dreadful than it is made out to be. After all, we get out of something what we put into it.

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EVILS

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upheld, Giuliani was forced to bite the bullet and give up yet another great idea.

You have to hand it to Giuliani though, he is a loyal guy. Last year several members of the New York Police Department burst in, shot and killed a man whom they thought, beyond a reasonable doubt, was a criminal. It turned out the man had no criminal history, no weapons, and had done nothing illegal, but Giuliani stood by his men and refused to put them on trial for the death of an innocent man.

Congratulations, New York; this man could be your next senator. That's right, Giuliani is now looking at the possibility of running for senator against Hillary Clinton. Although he hasn't officially announced his bid, it is a strong possibility.

Speaking of Hillary Clinton, she finally announced her official bid for a New York Senate seat last week. Mrs. Clinton has her own set of popularity problems to deal with.

After being born in Illinois and living much of her life in Arkansas, Clinton is viewed as a carpetbagger with no connections to New York. Now, after announcing her bid for a Senate seat, it is thought that Clinton still doesn't spend enough time in New York to be serious about her position.

Clinton also lacks opinion on many topics that reign high in the importance of her candidacy. In her recent trip to the Middle East, she failed to respond directly to the allegations of Suha Arafat, the wife of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, that Israel had used poison gas against the Palestinians. She justified her inaction by appealing to her diplomatic role as the First Lady. As a candidate for the U.S. Senate, Clinton can't ignore the issue of Israel-Palestinian relations.

Also, Clinton can't continue to go back and forth like she did on the issue of leniency for sixteen Puerto Rican separatists in September. She will have to come up with her own education plans, instead of criticizing Republican tax cuts.

And instead of riding the middle line, she will have to decide for certain whether she will root for the Mets or the Yankees.

Another strike against Clinton is her lack of experience in the political realm. She has never held a political office unless you count being First Lady as holding an office.

Her only claim to fame is her "experiment" with a huge health care plan under her husband's presidency. Unfortunately her success rate isn't all that great with the health care plan failing miserably beneath her. Many criticize her by saying that holding the office of Senator is not for experimentation, but for making things happen and Clinton's follow through is questionable.

If Clinton can get on the ball and begin to address and satisfy these issues, she may begin to gain approval in New York, especially if Giuliani continues on with his latest "crusades." Afterall, one can only take so much of the negative www.hillaryno.com/rudy.html web site and the counter web site at www.rudyyes.com, both funded by supporters of Giuliani.

From what I can see now, after all the mudslinging, political jabs, accusations, and campaign promises are over and done with, the winner will take all. And that winner will be the lesser of the two evils.

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YAWP

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learned that words often speak louder than actions—it's often compliance with standards and politics, much more than creativity and enthusiasm, that wins you the "respect" of your colleagues.

People are not expected or, sometimes, even allowed to function as individuals, to form opinions and stand up for them, to have personalities.

We strive for safety. We don't want to offend anyone; we avoid confrontations; we are afraid of open discussions. We are afraid of each other—afraid that someone will catch us being imperfect, being angry, being wrong, being human.

We don't want to get too excited, to pursue our dreams too openly or put all our eggs in one basket; we might end up looking foolish.

When do we savor the lives we've worked so hard to establish for ourselves? When do we fall in love with something other than our own professional image?

When do we show off those sexy, charismatic grins of ours?

Nobody remembers committees. And nobody relishes the stories of people who followed other people's agendas, and never risked the aftermath of a barbaric yawp.

Ammiano is living proof that enthusiasm and energy can get you somewhere; he's running second to Willie Brown, something political columnists and the people of San Francisco didn't think was remotely possible.

Whether he can beat Willie Brown is, of course, another issue. But for Ammiano, who commented to reporters that he's running simply because of the outpouring of support and urgings to run that he's received, it's not about beating Willie Brown. It's about winning as Tom Ammiano—on his terms, in his style.

"You'll probably see a picture of me in drag in the newspaper sometime soon," he commented somewhat wryly to reporters. But then he switched gears, talking about what he hopes to do for the city.

There's someone you can get excited about, someone interesting to talk to, someone who isn't afraid to take a stand.

Ammiano's lesson? Yawp on—and wear red.

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MILLIONAIRE

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don't think that is why Davies was so upset, which is another flaw in the million dollar crusade.

Ironically, John Carpenter, an IRS Collection Agent from Connecticut, is the only millionaire thus far. What is Carpenter's contribution to charity? He's going to make a donation to the Boston Red Sox so they can hire a "powrful pitcher." It's unfortunate to see such an intelligent person do something so senseless. I have nothing against baseball, but should we concentrate on feeding the hungry or hunt down power pitchers? It doesn't take a genius to answer that question.

The fact that *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* even has $1,000,000 to spare at any random moment is mind boggling. If money is so readily available to the point that we just start giving it away, then shouldn't we give it to those who are really in need? Even the game show's title got off on the wrong foot.

Think about it. Would you really want $1,000,000 just handed to you because you knew that Lake Huron was the second-largest in area after Lake Superior? Wouldn't you take more pride in something you earned with your bare hands, and with plenty of hard work? Besides, John Carpenter's appreciation for the luxuries he buys will eventually diminish. I've seen it happen. Why cherish what you have if you can always buy more? To me, winning $1,000,000 isn't worth the consequences. I'd much rather make my own way, without any help from Regis. So, who wants to be a millionaire now? You can count me out.

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Perspectives wishes you a Happy Holiday Season

Where the Toys Are—"Toy Story 2" Well Worth the Lines

By BOB BRITTEN
Weekend Reporter

Film Review

As part of a nice Thanksgiving outing, I took my family to see "Toy Story 2" this weekend. I encourage you, if you don't want to feel as horribly aged and decrepit as I did, not to do the same.

To make my point clear, I will state right away that the movie itself is excellent, and a fitting sequel to the original. It was the actual theater experience, though, that made me all too aware of my 21 years on this planet. On the average, myself and kin were something like 15 years older than the bulk of the audience. In addition, I am apparently out of touch with what I guess is today's "line culture."

While I have not stood in such a long line since the Ninja Turtles movie in the sixth grade, I heard an eight-year-old behind me describe it as being "almost as long as the one for 'Pokémon.'" Yeesh. We're about to be replaced, folks—supplanted by a younger, stronger generation whose stomach for waiting endlessly to see ninety minutes' worth of animation is far more developed than our own.

At least the movie was good. "Toy Story 2" picks up pretty much where the first movie left off. This time around, though, the story is Woody's more than Buzz's. To those unfamiliar with these names, Woody and Buzz are the cowboy and the spaceman heroes of the first "Toy Story," voiced by Tom Hanks and Tim Allen respectively. May God have mercy on your souls for not knowing that.

Anyway, it turns out that the seemingly-unimpressive Woody is actually an incredibly rare toy from an old black-and-white Howdy Doody-ish kids show. For this reason, he is kidnapped by an evil toy collector (voiced by perpetual doughy slimeball Wayne Knight, better known as "Newman."

So the toys head out to save Woody, which results in lots of "toys in the real world" humor. The trip culminates in a visit to a toy store seen from the perspective of the inanimate avengers, where Buzz Lightyear is again forced to face his own "toyness."

In the tradition of the earlier "Toy Story" and the underrated "Small Soldiers," more digs on the much-maligned Barbie figure are also included, to the delight of the trendy anti-trend movement. Thus concludes my soapbox on Barbie's plight. Now let's laugh at her.

Although the film is humorous in itself, it is also dripping with references to pop culture. You can have almost as good a time ferreting them out as you can by simply watching the movie. Nods to "Star Wars," "Jurassic Park," and a few other films add more dimensions to what is already a very funny film.

I feel kind of cheap (but in a good way) comparing the sequel to the original, but in this case it is a compliment of high degree. "Toy Story 2" is by no means identical to its predecessor, but it is enjoyable because it feels like an extension of that film. It doesn't lose any of the original's style, but it avoids simply rehashing old humor like some other recent sequels (furtive glances cast in the direction of "Austin Powers" here).

Anywhere you see this movie, you're going to get the ambiance of a big-city theater. The only difference is that the voices talking to the screen in this case are a lot higher in pitch, and tend to ask questions like "what's that say?" and "where are they going?"

Hey, it's a kids' movie. The appeal of "Toy Story 2" exists on so many levels that everyone in the audience is laughing. Sometimes it's just for different reasons.

There's No Place Like Home

By AMY ZADER
Weekend Reporter

Recently GAP posted a survey on the Allegheny web page dealing with events on campus. One of the questions asked students who leave campus on the weekends why they leave.

Mike Wilson, who is in charge of entertainment for GAP claims the main consensus for students leaving campus on the weekends is that they are "tired of partying on the weekends and don't know much other stuff which is going on."

Members of the Allegheny community have observed a growing number of students missing on the weekends. Campus ministry has reported a lower turnout in the weekend church services due to the number of students going home.

Although the exact number of students going home cannot be counted, RAs have noticed that halls have been quiet and empty some weekends. At the beginning of the year, halls especially inhabited by first-years appeared empty.

Kendra Stanton, an RA of Walker Annex Hall, claims her residents went home "in the masses during the first couple months of school." However, with activities, schoolwork, and adjustment, she reports that "we are seeing a little more first year's visibility on the weekends."

First-year Lindsay Shrewsbury says she has been on campus only four weekends since she came to Allegheny. Although she chose Allegheny because "it was just the right distance away from home," she has found herself going home more than she expected.

Shrewsbury's main reason for going home is that there is nothing to do at Allegheny if you are not a partier and "there is more stuff for me to do at home than if I were to stay here for the weekend."

Baldwin Hall RA John Lee has noticed similar trends with his first-year residents. "At the beginning of the year more students went home than they do now," Lee claims. While he has seen more students remaining on campus during the weekends, he still has a few residents that go home just about every weekend.

Lee has found that it is "definitely the people that live close to here that go home." He knows some residents from small towns that like to go home often, claiming that "these boys are from small towns where family is a close unit. They go home and have good meals with their family...there is definitely something keeping them there."

However, first-years are not the only ones who go home often. Dana Mackowiak, a junior living off-campus this year, claims to go home just about every other weekend. She attributes this mainly to her boyfriend at home. "If I didn't have a boyfriend in Pittsburgh, I wouldn't go home as much."

While Mackowiak went home almost every weekend during her first year, she believes her sophomore year she "found more interesting stuff to do and didn't go home as much."

While some students may find it hard to find activities to suit their interests during the weekends, many agree that there is a number of activities on campus that students need to search for.

According to junior Theresa Varuolo, a resident of Brooks Hall, "it may be harder for many students to see other things which are happening on campus besides just parties and big GAP events." She believes "there are a lot of little things which are always going on, but aren't very well advertised—just spread by word-of-mouth."

Wilson claims last semester GAP sponsored more weekend

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The Promise Ring Finds Love and a Poppy Influence on "Very Emergency"

By MARIE ELIA
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Weekend Reporters

Music Review

If you are feeling stressed out with your end-of-semester work load, take a quick break with The Promise Ring: put the new album on your stereo and rock your frustrations away. The new release, titled "Very Emergency," (Jade Tree Records), is the band's third full-length album.

From the opening line "I've got my body and my mind on the same page and honey now happiness is all the rage," the album begins in classic indie-rock style with guitar driven melodies, clear vocals, and beautiful lyrics. The great lyrics are no surprise, as The Promise Ring are known for their way with words; the blatant poppiness of the record, however, may come as a surprise to some fans.



In an interview in A.P. magazine, guitarist Jason Gnewikow says, "we used to write vague songs about girls; now we write straightforward songs about girls."

"Very Emergency" marks a bit of a departure for the band who are usually recognized by their loud but melodic guitars.

However, long-time fans will realize that the band's "new" sound is hinted at in such songs as "I Never Trusted the Russians," from "The Horse Latitudes," a collection of 7"'s; "Red Paint," from "30 Degrees Everywhere," their first full-length; and various tracks from their last album, "Nothing Feels Good," including "Why Did Ever We Meet" and "Is This Thing On?"

The Promise Ring maintain their distinct arrangements but seem to have used more of the traditional verse-chorus-verse brand of songwriting on this album, contributing to the record's poppy feel.

"The Deep South" is one of the songs that stands out the most, especially Davey vonBohlen (vocals, guitar) singing "I think that's exciting, and I think that's crazy" over a catchy guitar riff that will definitely send you air-drumming and dancing around your room.

Another beautiful stand-out is "Things Just Getting Good," which ends with Davey name-checking each member of the band: himself, Jason, Dan Didier (drums), and Scott Schoenbeck (bass).

The Promise Ring, who have always been favorites within the indie scene, have recently developed a more mainstream following. 120 Minutes on MTV recently began playing the video for "Emergency! Emergency!" (track 2 from the new album) on heavy rotation, and this summer the band was interviewed twice on the show's special focusing on the Digital Club Festival (a week-long music festival that took place last July in New York City). This past Sunday the P-Ring boys even hosted 120 Minutes.

Spin magazine has run at least one small article on The Promise Ring, and the band also comprised a large part of Spin's 4-page article on so-called emo-core, a division of punk and hardcore to which The Promise Ring are somewhat relunctantly linked.

When vonBohlen was asked about "Very Emergency" he said "Maybe I'm not in college anymore and the artsy part of me isn't working right, but I don't want to write poems right now." It's obvious that he would rather just sing what he has to say and play great guitar melodies. "Very Emergency" should have you jumping on your bed and singing along in no time.



Getting to know you... Meet Bob Young

By BRIAN ADAMS
Weekend Reporter

Bob Young is a Prospect Street resident known throughout the community not only as a trustee in the Eagles Lodge downtown, but also as a patriot who served in the Navy for 21 years.

Young is a devoted husband and father, as well as a person who is always there for a good laugh or to help his neighbors' complete difficult tasks.

Young was born in Meadville in late 1944. He grew up in the nearby community of Frenchtown. After spending the majority of his childhood and adolescence in Frenchtown, he joined the Navy. During his 21-year military stint, he was stationed in Morocco, North Africa, and Norfolk, Virginia.

"My favorite place to be stationed was North Africa," said Young. "I was able to pick up some of the language while stationed there, however I was stationed there during the Vietnam War. This was the only downfall because when we received information about the war it was three to four days old. This was due too a combination of technology in the media and the accuracy of the reports which the armed forces checked vigorously."

While in the Navy, Young met and married a long-time resident of Meadville, Judith, to whom he has been married for 27 years. Their son, Bob Jr., is now 21 and lives with them

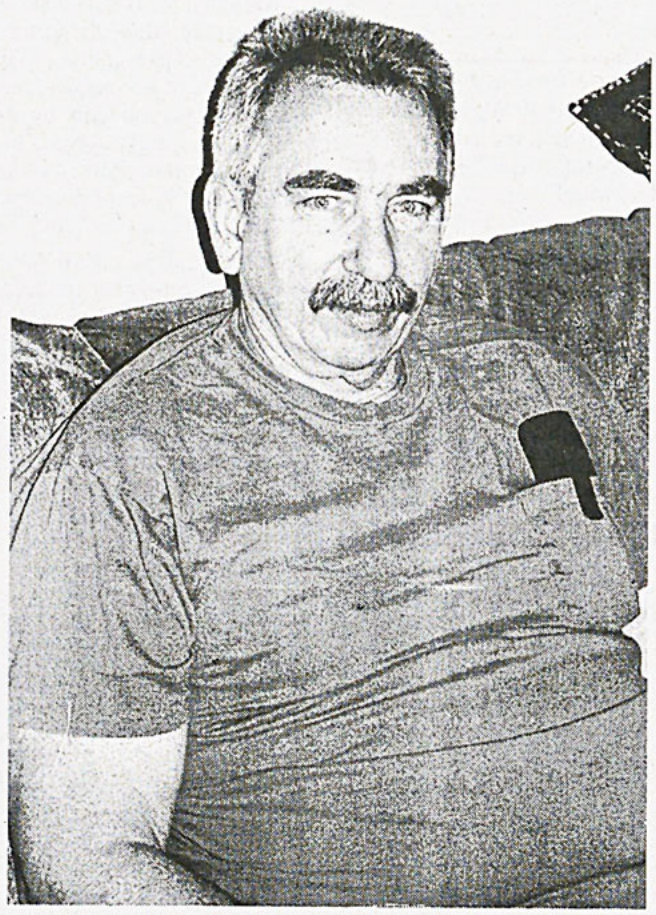
After leaving the Navy, Young moved his family to Prospect Street in 1986. Since that time, he has had two jobs. After a knee injury, Young gave up his position as a truck driver and now currently works as a security guard for Point Security at the Meadville Medical Center.

"With my line of work, you always have to be prepared for the unexpected," Young said. "All of the security guards are CPI certified, which means that we are trained in handling large crowds and dangerous individuals."

"We have to be able to calm people down and remove them from the situation faster than we can be removed from it," Young continued. "A lot of times, I calm the person I am dealing with faster than I myself can get calmed down. But, that is the nature of the work, we are paid to keep the peace and prevent something from happening before it happens."

Young's Life in Meadville

Young describes his Eagles 429 Lodge as "People helping people. We travel all over the world to help people who are in need of the basic necessities that we take for granted. At the national convention last year, we raised somewhere abound 25 million dollars for various charities."



LOCAL MOTION—Residing on Prospect Street, Bob Young is a family man actively involved in the Meadville community.
—photo by Tiffany Hrach

Given the frequent incidents this year between Meadville residents and Allegheny students, I asked Young about the changes he has experienced since his move to Prospect Street.

"When I first moved here, our neighbors consisted of an elderly lady and an elderly couple who lived in the big blue house next door," Young said.

"The National Cancer Society received ownership of the house and sold it to a person who decided to rent to college students. Those first few years were very hard to deal with because the college kids held parties that kept us up all night."

Young continued to say that "there were a lot of things done to my property by these college kids the upset me very much. In particular, the white picket fence that was in front of my house had been replaced eleven times in a matter of three to four years because of the students."

"Also, when we first got here, the students enjoyed throwing fireworks at my dog whenever we let him outside. To this day, when it thunders my dog hides and shakes uncontrollably because of the fireworks."

Young said that the ongoing problems "have seemed to subside," and the neighborhood is beginning to turn back around into a peaceful area. "There are still parties, but I think that the college students have more respect for residents now."

Young attributes the decrease in crime to a change in college policy and the level of student maturity. "A few years ago, college security would not do anything about off campus situations because it was not their jurisdiction," Young said. "However, I read in the paper now about college security picking up a lot of underage drinkers who were not necessarily on campus. This is a better policy because it could prevent a lot of unwanted damage."

Young went on to say that he thinks "The biggest problem around campus now is the parking situation. I read about it in the *Meadville Tribune* and I honestly feel that it is not fair to the college students."

According to Young, "Some residents around here want college students to not be able to drive to college, which I feel is wrong. The students need to have their freedom and this is definitely one freedom that they all deserve to keep."

When asked about his current neighbors, Young said his neighbors this year are a lot different than in past years because they are all men. In the past, a majority of women lived on Prospect Street. "These new neighbors definitely party more," he said, but "they respect our wishes and try to keep the noise down as much as possible."

Speculating about the challenges that need to take place to promote a decent relationship between college students and Meadville residents, Young said, "The opinions that the college students hold about the residents as well as the opinions that the residents hold about the students need to change. There needs to be a better level of communication between college students who reside off campus and their neighbors."

He continued: "College students need to meet all of their neighbors when they first move in and basically inform them of what is going to be occurring at those houses. If the college students are going to hold parties, then they need to let their neighbors know ahead of time in order to prevent any further problems that might include the police. If that can prevent the problems that are occurring now from ever happening, then I think we will all be better off."

Weekend Whereabouts

—List compiled by Brianna Pike

Thursday 12.2.99

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Saxophone Ensemble. FREE Gorell Recital Hall. Indiana, PA. (724)-357-2547.

Friday 12.3.99

The Nutcracker. Presented by the Children's Ballet at the Akron Civic Theater. Akron, OH. 7 p.m. $18, 12 330-253-2488

Extravaganza 2000: The Best of Fantasy Spectacular. Carousel Dinner Theater. Akron, OH. Call for times. $40-22. 1-800-362-4100

On a Winter Walk. Cleveland Botanical Gardens. Cleveland, OH. Call for times. FREE. (216)-721-1600

A Dickens of a Christmas. 7-9 p.m. FREE. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 5. Two day Victorian celebration with crafts, food, and horse drawn carriages. Through the Monongahela/New Eagle area. (724)-258-5919 Pittsburgh, PA.

Eckerd Drug Celebration of Lights. Through Jan. 16. 6-11 p.m.Sun-Thurs 6-10 p.m. Fri-Sat. 6-10 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. $10 per car. $2 per person on a bus. Indiana Township. (877)-548-3874

A Child's Imagination. Presented by Women in the Arts. Gallery opening. Held at the Women in The Arts house. 6:15 p.m.

Dandelion. Playshop Production. Performed at the Playshop Theater. 7:30 p.m. Runs through Sunday.

Liturgical Dance Christmas Celebration. Ford Chapel. 7:30 p.m.

Safer Sex Dance with DJ Jared Kuchta. Part of AIDS Awareness Week. McKinley's 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 12.4.99

Babes in Toyland. Weathervane Playhouse. Akron, OH. Call for times and prices. (330)-836-2626

The Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis. 9:15 a.m. holiday costume contest. 10:00 a.m. 5K run/walk. $15. North Park Lodge. North Park, PA. (412)-566-1645

It's A Wonderful Life. Centerstage Event. Shafer Auditorium. 7:30 p.m.

Sunday 12.5.99

Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol. Cleveland Cinematheque, Cleveland Institute of Art. 8:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. $10-3 (216)421-7450

Christmas at Duquesne. Performed by the Duquesne University Chamber Singers. 7:00 p.m. Duquesne University Chapel. Pittsburgh, PA. (412)-396-6080

"The Gift of the Magi." Performed Dec. 5, 7, 10, and 14th. 6:30 p.m. dinner, 8:00 p.m. show. $25. Rostraver, PA. (724)-929-9424

Choir Concert. Shafer Auditorium. Allegheny College. 4:00 p.m.

Monday 12.6.99

Holiday Art Show: Approaching the Millennium, Clocks of Cleveland. Opus Gallery. Woodmere, OH. 10:00 a.m. Call for prices. (216)-595-1376

Ida M. Tarbell Biographer and Journalist, and Pelletier Library's Special Collection, Connie Thorson. Moor Lounge in Pelletier Library. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 12.7.99

Chanukah Party. Held at the Hillel House. 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Civic Symphony Concert. Shafer Auditorium. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 12.8.99

Hanging of the Greens. Ford Chapel. 7:00 p.m.

Star Wars: Episode I. GAP movie. Shafer Auditorium. 9:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball Opens With Pair of Wins in Tournaments

By LOU KLEIN
Sports Reporter

The opening game of the men's basketball season pitted the Gators against Washington & Jefferson in the West Penn Classic at Grove City on November 19th.

The Gators trailed by 10 at half-time, and were unable to recover, as the Presidents handed Allegheny a 74-61 defeat. Senior guard Kevin McGarrah led all scorers with 16 points. Senior guard Jake Delsandro had nine points, and sophomore forward Damon Clayton added eight points. The Presidents were led by Nate Luderer, who scored 15 points in the game.

The Gators were back in action the following night against Grove City in the consolation game of the tournament. The Gators came out of the classic with a split, picking up a 65-42 win over Grove City.

Delsandro shined for the Gators, scoring 20 points on 9-of-14 from the field, and also added five assists. Clayton had another strong game, scoring 11 points and pulling down a team-high seven rebounds. Grove City was led by Dan Quinn and Tanner Prosser, who scored 11 and 10 points, respectively.

After taking six days off for Thanksgiving, the Gators had their home opener on Friday against Adrian in first round action of the Dad's Holiday Classic. The Gators rallied from an eight point half-time deficit to win 68-60. Clayton led all scorers with 17 points, going 8-of-9 from the field. McGarrah and Delsandro each added 14. McGarrah also led the team with eight rebounds.

The Gators advanced to play Westminster in the championship game Saturday night at the Wise Center. Allegheny fell behind again, trailing the Titans 42-31 at half-time. They were not able to rally this time though, coming up on the short end of an 84-78 decision.

Clayton led the team in scoring again, racking up 15 points and six rebounds. First-year forward Ryan Meerstein contributed 14 points, going 6-of-6 from the field in only 15 minutes of play. Delsandro and senior guard Chris Good each scored 11. Clayton and Delsandro were both named to the all-tournament team. Westminster was led by Andy Wormsley with 29 points, and Henry Klinar, who scored 24 against the Gators.

The Gators will be back in action this weekend to open the NCAC season with a home game against Kenyon on Saturday at the Wise Center. Tip-off will be at 3:00 p.m.

Jamie Plunkett: Trainer by Day, Coach by Night, Full-Time Father

By DEVIN McCUE
Sports Reporter

As I follow him into the training room at lunch time Sunday afternoon, Jamie Plunkett looks at home.

We decide to meet in the training room at Robertson Field not only because it is a convenient time and place, but I want to see where he works.

Working on Sunday is odd, I think, as I began to ask questions.

"We see the injured football players on Sundays. And today both of the soccer teams have practice and a full week of games," Plunkett says.

Head athletic trainer is a demanding job. Working primarily with the men's teams and traveling with football, basketball and baseball teams during their respective seasons makes for a work schedule that is anything but routine.



—photo by Tiffany Hrach

Whether on the road or at home, Plunkett steps in in times of crisis.

"A few years ago when Earlham was playing Allegheny in baseball, a player waiting in the on-deck circle was struck in the eye with a ball," Plunket remembers.

"After being placed on a backboard the player was taken to the hospital where he was diagnosed with a laceration and a fractured orbital bone. He had to be life-lighted to Columbus, Ohio to see an ophthalmological specialist. Unfortunately the player lost his eye. I spoke with him following his surgery and then again the next season when Earlham was visiting," Plunkett recalls.

Being personal with student athletes is what makes Plunkett as successful as he is.

"Taking an interest in athletes' lives earns him the respect of the athlete which is always a key aspect of any job," says Cathy Madigan, Assistant Allegheny Athletic Trainer.

As he leans back in his chair and lifts his cap to scratch his head, I notice that Plunkett looks a little tired. The football team arrived back on campus late Saturday night and he had hockey practice early Sunday morning. He also serves as head varsity hockey coach for the Meadville Bulldogs.

"Practice went well this morning. We just started about a week ago, so hockey hasn't taken shape as of yet," he says.

As a senior at Cornell, Plunkett was unsure what he wanted to do after graduation. A friend who worked for the National Hockey League's Chicago Blackhawks suggested a program at Sheridan College outside Toronto. Not wanting a nine to five job, Plunkett decided to go into sports medicine and become a trainer.

After he graduated from Sheridan, he worked at Cornell for a couple of years and then applied to be head athletic trainer at Allegheny.

"The head football coach at the time was a former Cornell coach, so that is why I got the interview," Plunkett says.

He didn't think that he would be here for more than one or two years, but this is Plunkett's 17th season with the Gators.

"I enjoy working at the college and high school levels. The sports are serious and I still have a connection to the young people at Allegheny and Meadville High School," he added.

The Bulldogs maintain a successful program. Having won seven state titles since Plunket arrived, five consecutive titles from 1992-1996, members of the Meadville community are glad to have him at the helm.

"Jamie is successful as a coach because he used to play himself and comes from a strong program at Cornell," Madigan says.

"Aside from his hockey background Jamie is always willing to learn more and try new things to make both he and his team better," she adds.

Having two different jobs in two different environments makes for two different circles of friends in Jamic Plunkett's life.

"I like working with the school and community," Plunkett says. "I have gotten to know people in the community that I would have otherwise never met."

As with many teams, players look at their coaches as more than the person who tells them the right way to run a play. Coaches are role models. They lead the team on and off the field, in or out of the rink. For the Meadville Bulldogs, that role model is Jamie Plunkett.

"Letting kids know that even when things might be bad at home or at school, hockey, or any sport for that matter, is going to be there to fill a void they might be feeling," Plunkett says, with a soft smile crossing his face.

"Sports in general add self esteem to kid's lives. I find it rewarding to be someone who makes a difference in a kid's life," he adds.

Aside from providing the kids with a positive role model, Plunkett tries to impress upon his team that losing gracefully is just as important as winning. Coming from a classy program at Cornell, he knew that if he was going to coach, a classy team is what he wanted to have.

According to Madigan, "His rapport with athletes is what makes him successful at his job, both in the training room and on the ice."

How does one man do two jobs and still make time for his family?

"It's all about scheduling," Plunkett says. "When I get the Allegheny schedules in the spring for the following fall, winter and spring seasons I sit down and map it out, seeing where I can fit in hockey and tournaments."

Plunkett's wife Sue, is the Director of the Health Center at Allegheny. His daughters are 15 and ten. Both dance through the Meadville Council of the Arts.

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Women's Basketball Places Third in Tournaments

By CHUCK STEINFURTH
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team opened their season at the Day's Inn Tip-Off Tourney on Nov. 19-20 at home. The Gators lost their first game against Albion 58-45. They came back the next day to win the second game, against John Carroll, 69-66, for a third place finish.

Senior guard Candi Pasquinelli scored a team-high 14 points in the win. She was named to the all-tournament team.

Senior forward Shannon Keller had 11 points, and sophomore Michelle Popovec had nine points and nine rebounds in the game.

The team played three days later against Washington & Jefferson at home in a non-conference game. The women won 56-48. Allegheny out-rebounded W & J by 30.

Pasquinelli had a season-high 17 points shooting 7-9. She also had four assists, five rebounds, and five steals. Keller had nine points in the victory.

The women were also in action over Thanksgiving break at the Memorial Tournament in Muskingum. They lost the opening game, but won the next for another third place finish.

The Gators lost to Wilmington in the first game 57-55. Sophomore forward Alyssa Hinkle had 19 points and 10 rebounds. Hinkle was named to the all-tournament team.

Popovec scored 11 points and had eight rebounds in the loss.

Allegheny won its next game against York 68-38.

Hinkle had 18 points and eight rebounds in the win. Pasquinelli tallied nine points and four rebounds over York.

The women Gators play this Saturday in an NCAC game against Kenyon at home at 1 p.m.

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Allen and Princic Set Records at Cross Country Nationals

By REBECCA RITTENHOUSE
Assistant Sports Editor

Junior Brice Allen and sophomore Dan Princic both broke the college record for the fastest run at a national championship meet two weeks ago in Wisconsin.

In a fast paced national meet, Allen ran the 8k in 25:28 and Princic followed right behind with a 25:36.

Wisconsin's flat terrain was a bit of a change for both Allen and Princic, who are used to courses with hills and turns.

In all of the meets earlier in the year, the men usually came across the mile mark between a 5:10 and 5:15. At nationals, both Princic and Allen reached the mile mark in 4:42.

"There time at the first mile was way faster than they expected," said head coach Bill Ross. "They were a little nervous from that point on, wondering when they were going to fall off, and when they didn't they began to race again. Both ran excellent races for their first time to the 'big dance'," he said.

"The race was very fast," said Princic. "I just tried to keep from slowing down after the first mile and ended up with a great time. The course was awesome and there were fans everywhere. I can't wait to work my way back to nationals in 2000."

Overall, Allen was very pleased about his performance, and especially about that of his teammate.

"Dan's efforts this season were truly remarkable. His strides toward improvement were based directly upon a very strong work ethic and a very confident belief in himself as an athlete. I think that much can be expected of his future seasons here at Allegheny," Allen said.

Overall, Allen said this year was one in which the team concentrated on how to best prepare for the upcoming seasons of competition.

"Distance running is a process of maturation and we were a young team this year. We had some excellent performances from our top nine runners throughout the season and more than this we built a team that is already excited about next fall," Allen said.

The goal for next season is for the whole team to qualify together for nationals which will be held in Spokane, Washington.



RUNNING START—Members of the Indoor Track and Field team condition in the Wise Center. Their season opens Dec. 3 in the Blue and Gold Relays. The regular season begins after Winter break. —photo by Tiffany Hrach

It's lack of faith that makes people afraid of meeting challenges, and I believed in myself.
-Muhammad Ali

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Nothing Left to Say

By CHRISTINE PEOPLES
Sports Reporter

Well. after this weekend's performance against the Bengals, the fate of the Pittsburgh Steelers is sealed. No playoffs this year and the entire team is really in a state of turmoil.

Peoples' Playbook

Before a huge crowd of angry, screaming Steeler fans, the Steelers succumbed to the Bengals, 27-20, despite Mike Tomczak's heroic efforts. I want to salute Mike Tomczak for his outstanding play on Sunday and because he is just a great guy.

I was listening to a post-game interview and what he said really made me happy to be a Steeler fan. Mikey's contract will be up at the end of this year, and all he wants is to remain a Steeler. Even though he is 37, he still feels that he can play on a high caliber level.

His pride in the Steeler organization is evident and we need more Mike Tomczak's on this team. Considering that he turned out the best numbers of the entire season for a Steeler quarterback, I think he deserves a big pat on the back.

Also, I have Stewart-bashed the entire season, and his performance on Sunday only served to strengthen my feelings. He should not be a quarterback in the NFL, and it really makes me doubt Bill Cowher's ability to coach because he supports Kordell so much.

The Bengals came into this game as the worst team of the decade and wouldn't it be fitting to the Steeler season if they lost to the Cincy Bengals at home. And that is just what the Steelers did.

The Bengals have won only three of their last 23 games, and need one more loss for the most losses (107) by any NFL team in a decade. However, they beat the Steelers for the third time in two seasons, two of them at Three Rivers Stadium. The Steelers have lost three in a row and are only 1-4 at Three Rivers this season. They were 45-9 under Bill Cowher before losing six of their last seven games.

Jumping out to an early lead, Rodney Heath had two first half interceptions. One of them was run back for a touchdown, while the other set up a Bengal score. Stewart was intercepted by Heath on Pittsburgh's first possession. Stewart went 5-1 for 36 yards during his very short appearance on Sunday.

On the first interception, Bengal quarterback Blake promptly hit Carl Pickens for 34 yards and Darney Scott for 23 yards to set up his own 4-yard run touchdown scramble to make the score 14-0. To finish the first quarter, the great Kris Brown kicked a solid 35-yard field goal to bring the score to 14-3.

It just got worse in the second quarter. Rodney Heath continued his excellence by picking off a Stewart throw to run the ball back for a 58-yard touchdown. Watching the replay, it was as if Stewart meant to throw the ball to Heath. That brought on the booing that has led Mr. Stewart to label himself as "Pittsburgh's public enemy No. 1." I guess he is finally getting the picture.

Enter our second string quarterback please. Tomczak threw touchdown passes of 15 yards to Bobby Shaw and 34 yards to Hines Ward to make it 24-20 early in the third quarter. The Steelers previously only had three touchdowns in four home games, all following turnovers.

Tomczak, in his first considerable amount of playing time since 1996, was 19-35 for 264 yards and two touchdowns. His efforts brought the Steelers into the game again, but unfortunately they were not able to pull out a victory. Pittsburgh drove to the Bengals 26 in the final minute, but Heath broke up a fourth and six pass so the Bengals took over and ran out the clock.

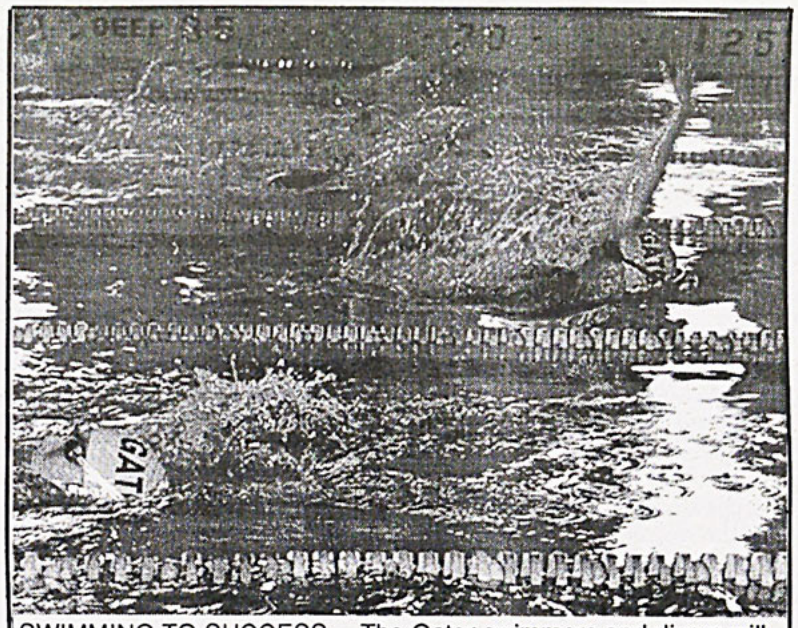
Afterward, Cowher denied he wants to get out of the remaining three years of his contract and coach elsewhere, calling such a speculation "ludicrous." There will be one huge change: Tomczak will start Thursday at Jacksonville and Stewart will temporarily return to wide receiver, where he played part-time before moving to full-time quarterback in 1997.

"I guess Slash is back," said Stewart. "I'm not sad, I'm not pouting, but I have no doubts at all that I will be the quarterback again. It's just not working right now."

"I think it will be good for Kordell to sit back right now and look," said Cowher.

In uplifting news, the North Carolina Tarheels are 3-0 after winning the Maui Invitational Tournament. Senior Ed Cota led the Heels to impressive victories over USC, Georgetown, and Purdue. First-year phenom Joseph Forte was amazing, showing an unbelievably mature prowess on the court. The victories bump UNC to number two in the nation and hopefully the streak will continue. The Tarheels faced a tough opponent in Michigan State.

Keep up the good work Tarheels! Don't you just love college hoops baby!



SWIMMING TO SUCCESS —The Gator swimmers and divers will be training hard for the Eastern Michigan Invitaitonal this weekend.
—photo by Tiffany Hrach

Gator Profiles: Megan Bush and Meloni DiPietro

By LEANNE BLOOR
& TRACY KLIMAZ
Sports Reporters

Swimming gracefully through the pools, sophomores Meloni DiPietro and Megan Adare Bush are no minnows when it comes to competition.

DiPietro and Bush are two of five current Allegheny swimmers who are All-American. As the 1999 season gets underway, these two girls, carrying on their winning attitude from last season, continue to out race their opponents.

DiPietro is from Latrobe, Pennsylvania. She graduated in 1998 from Greater Latrobe High School where she participated in soccer, track, and swimming.

She began swimming at the age of nine and plans on taking it as far as it will lead her. Besides swimming, she is a member of GAP, and a Biology major.

Bush, also from Latrobe, is a graduate of Ligohier Valley High School. She participated in volleyball, track and swimming.

Bush is currently a Communication Arts major, and Economics minor. She is also a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

DiPietro and Bush each currently train six days, not including meets, a week to stay on top of the competition.

Last year was the first year for both DiPietro and Bush to compete on a national level. The national meet was held at Miami University of Ohio.

"The national meet was a completely different experience. In high school, the biggest meets were states. In Nationals, you compete with people from all over. It's exciting and scary at the same time," said DiPietro.

In order for a swimmer to earn an award at the National meet, they must place in the top six of their event. Last year, although Allegheny did not earn a plaque, the team finished 16th overall. Bush swam all of the relays for the Gators.

"This year my goal is to make it to Nationals and place in the top six," said Bush.

Both DiPietro and Bush were recognized as All-American swimmers last year. To be named an All-American, the swimmer's time must qualify, and he/she must maintain a certain GPA.

DiPietro went All-American in five events, four of them were relays, and one individual. The relay events were the 200 and 400 medley, and the 200 and 400 free. The individual was the 200 fly.

Besides being an All-American in the 200 fly, DiPietro also broke the school record. The previous record was 2.0973 minutes, and DiPietro's new time was 2.0954 minutes.

"Breaking the school record was one of the greatest things I have ever done," DiPietro said.

DiPietro and Bush have already began the season with success in their events.

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"My wife does most of the driving for the girls to dance classes and practices. They dance almost five days a week," Plunkett says.

"It helps a lot, when you play as many games in a hockey season as we do (the team plays close to 50 games in six months), to have excellent assistants like I do that can run the show even if you aren't there," he adds.

Allegheny takes priority over hockey, but with Plunkett's organizational skills, conflict rarely arises.

Keeping classy athletics in his life, Plunkett has managed to find peace of mind amid his hectic days. "Working with kids keep you young," he says.

Swim Teams Defeat Edinboro

By CHUCK STEINFURTH
Sports Editor

The men and women swimmers were last in action in a dual meet against Edinboro. Both teams from Allegheny came up with victories in the meet.

The women outscored Edinboro 121 to 49, and the men won 100 to 56.

Sophomore Megan Campbell won the 200 free with a time of 2:01:36, and the 500 free in 5:23:91.

Sophomore Megan Bush took first in the 50 free in 25:59, and the 100 free in 36:03.

Sophomore Meloni DiPietro won the 200 IM with a time of 2:19:52, and also won the 100 fly in 1:01:26.

First-year Bethany Hart finished first in the 100 back with a time of 1:04:75.

The women Gators also finished first and second in the 400 free relay, and second in the 200 mixed relay.

Second place finishes were senior Becky Smullin in the 200 free, first-year Katie Gibson in the 50 free, senior Carla More in the 200 IM and 100 breast, and sophomore Julie Emery in the 100 free.

On the men's side, sophomore Ben Wallace won the 200 free in 1:51:99, and the 100 free in 50:01.

Junior Jeff Davidek took first in the 50 free and 100 back with times of 22:88 and 56:71 respectively.

Senior Seth Swarner won the 200 IM in 2:07:11, senior Jeff Hundt finished first in the 500 free with a time of 5:04:24, and sophomore Ben Wittam won the 100 breast in 1:05:50.

The men relay teams won the 200 mixed relay and were second in the 400 free relay.

The divers did not compete in the event.

Allegheny will travel to the Eastern Michigan Invitational this weekend for competition.

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Personals

Thank you to the players and coach of the basketball team for the clinic last Saturday.

Kappa Alpha Theta would like to wish Becky Slupski a Happy 21st Birthday!

Happy Birthday, Lins. I hope the coming year brings you more good times than you can count on all your fingers and toes.

We are now accepting applications for the position of "boyfriend." But we hate men, so good luck trying.

A huge thank-you to the wonderful staff of the Campus—it's been real, it's been fun...and it's real fun. I love you swanky kids.

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Checking the Millennial Stars

—Horoscopes by She of Two N's

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)
The moon is over Pelletier Library, and hence your intellectual brilliance may cause a conflict with friends of less-enlightened signs this week. When attempting to reconcile differences, refrain from directly quoting books that no one but you has ever read, you nerd. On a positive note, Friday night marks your peak of intellectualism (a great night to write a column for *The Campus*) and by finals, you should be a regular old moron once more.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)
You poor sweetheart. Your emotions are out of control right now, aren't they? Now is a good time to have a nice talk with a loved one. If your feelings are hurt, or you simply feel over emotional, you'll want to make sure you stick to healthy diet. As in, do not, I repeat, do *not,* eat any beef products at McKinley's this week, unless you *really* want to cause yourself some distress.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Yeah, I know what you're thinking—you really want to get out of here this weekend. Your need for a change of scenery may need to be balanced with the demands of your schedule, so think carefully before you head down to Grove City for that wild party. The stars are in alignment over the beer distributor, and your path is clear, my child.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Financial success has been yours of late, you little bean counter. Now is and excellent time to make a donation to worthy cause. I hear *The Campus* needs some nice lace curtains for the newsroom. Take care not to fall victim to mysterious strangers throwing confetti and laughing at Dick Clark's jokes.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Bottling up your emotions is never healthy. Communication is key in relationships, and right now your special stars or whatever are forming the shape of a telephone. No, really, they are. It's sort of an old fashioned, rotary-type phone, but it's definitely a phone. If some other psychic tells you it's actually the face of Bob Dole, disregard that. Give an old friend a call this weekend.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)
Your perfectionist tendencies are getting in the way of some of your friendships. This is because a lot of your friends are slobs. Deal with it. The alignment of the planets may cause you to have several sharp pains in your left foot on Sunday evening. If this occurs, do not get up and hop around and shout profanity, because the love of your life also has the potential to arrive in your life on Sunday evening. Not to stress you out, or anything.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)
This might be a bad time to remind you, but you've got a big project or paper due *really* soon. I'd get it in gear, if I were you; I'd bet money that you've been slacking off a bit lately. Gaseous emissions from Jupiter may cause you to become considerably flatulent during class on Monday morning; be wary.

Scorpio (Oct.. 24-Nov. 22)
Always the crafty one, you've done quite a bit of creative truth-telling lately. Oh, what a tangled web we weave. Your significant other did *not* buy that little story about your trip to Aunt Betty's last weekend. Channel your creative energy into more constructive activities. Underwater basket-weaving?

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
This is the time for caution. If you actually get off the couch and up to the Wise Center this week, you would be wise to deadbolt your locker and hire someone to pace back and forth in front of it, so as to avoid the theft of the $2.18 you'll be carrying in your wallet. Also, always exercise caution when operating heavy machinery, and if you swallow more toothpaste than ordinarily used for brushing, contact the Poison Control Center immediately.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
If you're at the Wise Center and you see someone pacing forth back and forth suspiciously in front of one of the lockers, take immediate action. Trip him or her and run away. Planetary shifting is probably going to leave you with a powerful need for some good lovin' this week—best of luck to you.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)
You're sensing a lack of harmony in your immediate environment. The beer cans and pizza boxes and dirty clothes all over your floor may have something to do with this. If you have a friend who's a Virgo, he or she is probably breaking out in hives at the thought of coming anywhere near you. Take some time to clean up.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)
I know you've been very busy lately, but read this carefully, you hyperactive loon. Pressures abound, but you have the inner drive to face them and remain stable. A randy Capricorn may enter your life soon. If you are asked to guard some one's locker at the Wise Center, be watchful.

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events but with less quality which resulted in a poor turnout. However, this semester, they have been concentrating on sponsoring higher quality events but with fewer of them.

GAP has definitely seen a higher turnout to these events. Wilson is hopeful that next semester with GAP events scheduled "almost every weekend night—sometimes even two a night—students will be interested enough not to go home."

Mackowiak believes that it is not necessarily a lack of activities on campus which is driving students to go home. "I can't tell you there's not enough to do here. If students want to party, they will, but there is also plenty of activities for those who choose not to party."

She sees the town of Meadville as more of a problem. "Most students here are from Pittsburgh or Cleveland, so they want to go home to larger cities where there are more things to do. It is mainly that there is nothing to do in the town.

Wilson claims that GAP has a small committee which is trying to get something "like a bar, but without the alcohol built on campus for students to hang out." It would have pool tables, dancing and a DJ. He claims that although students have attempted to do this before, they may be more successful this year.

How to join the college music scene in one easy step:

join WARC!

WARC, Allegheny's very own student-run radio station, is looking for DJs for the new semester. Applications will be available beginning next Monday and can be obtained by walking to the station's door (located on third floor of the Campus Center—right next to the Frech Creek office) and picking one up.
Until then: listen in—tune into 90.3 WARC.