Bircher greeted with laughter from "deluded" students

By BRIAN BAXTER

William Murphy, staff co-ordinator for the John Birch Society in Western Pa., told a capacity crowd in Henderson Auditorium on Tuesday evening that the Communists are using students as well as many other "deluded" groups to promote the violent overthrow of the American government. Mr. Murphy's lecture and his film brought widespread laughter as well as jeering and hissing from the audience.

Murphy seemed to be expecting the unsympathetic response which he received. He claimed that the audience "looked like it was sitting down for a meal rather than for an informative lecture" and said that he felt like he "had an overcoat on in a nudist colony." Both these remarks were greeted by boisterous laughter as were his description of men such as Pete Seeger, the late Walter Reuther, John Dewey, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Gerald Ford as Communists. Murphy said that "you would be surprised at how many people who you think are on our side but who are really Communists." He also claimed that organizations such as the United Nations and the National Council of Churches are dominated by Communists as well as much of the American press - especially the New York Times. Richard Nixon was cited as being "an international socialist all his life."

Murphy showed a 70 minute film "Anarchy USA" which purported to depict the manner in which Communists took over Algeria, China, and Cuba and the manner in which Communists are now in the process of overthrowing the American government. The film explained that Communists "have created the illusion of a popular uprising of American Negroes to advance their goals." According to the film, the Communists induced "a detachment of the deceived to lead sit-ins; more of the deluded mobs led freedom rides. It said that the 1964 Civil Rights Act and 1965 Voting Rights Act are "vicious steps on the road to tyranny," and that the "Communists succeeded in creating a semblance of revolution among the supposedly oppressed Negroes." The film ended with a picture of a smiling white middle-aged woman holding a sign saying: "support your local police."

Throughout the question and answer period lasting until almost midnight, students continued to mock and laugh at the speaker as well as to seriously attack his positions. Paul Greenwald, a leader of the Strike Committee, said: "You're really a nice guy. I really like you. Could you tell me who some more Commies are?" Murphy responded by challenging Greenwald to read the first volume of a projected 15 volume series of books to be published by the John Birch Society which will list the names of prominent Americans who are Communists. Jeff Gold angrily attacked the audience for laughing at what "was not a laughing matter." He accused Murphy of "spreading hatred" among the American people before he walked out of the room.

Students continually attacked Murphy's beliefs that Blacks in the United States have no legitimate grievances that could not be solved by working hard in the free enterprise system and that peace and justice would reign in America if only the Communist conspiracy were eliminated. Murphy seemed to be unable to adequately define a Communist except to say that "he is a traitor to his country." When repeatedly pressed to state some positive goals which the John Birch Society stood for, Murphy finally said: "for God, for the solidity of the family, and for the American Constitution..."

In spite of the widespread heckling and jeering, Murphy said that his reception was "much better" than usual. He said that his speech would be successful "if at least one sane, rational person" would "see the light" and join in the fight to enlighten the "masses of deluded Americans" before the United States is overthrown by a tragic Communist revolution.

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Students interested in going to other college campuses to solicit support for the Kirkpatrick Plan, Robert Kirkpatrick's student-backed proposed amendment to the Selective Service Act to end the draft when there is no declared war, made plans for action Wednesday night.

Ned Morse, in charge of the planned canvassing for the petition, stated that "We plan to hit the bigger schools, with bigger names - Yale, Harvard, Brown...." Smaller schools will be asked to sign the petition, Morse said, but the "bigger schools would have more impact" on legislators.

The main areas with colleges and universities that will have Allegheny students visiting them include: New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, New Haven-Providence, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Washington-Baltimore and Syracuse.

Continue strike, start boycotts, speakers urge at Tuesday rally

By JAMES COWDEN

A series of speakers told a rally audience of about 200 students and faculty on Brooks lawn Tuesday that they must not let the strike die at Allegheny. Many endorsed economic boycotts, lobbying against the war and for the Allegheny Students' Plan in Washington and efforts to involve the people of Meadville in the strike.

Some speakers advocated the idea of violence as a legitimate method to further the strike's aims of ending the war, persecution of Black Panthers and political repression in the United States.

"We should be spreading the strike to the workers downtown, Paul Greenwald said, "If people go back like they did in November and fuck the strike, then we're fucked." Phyllis Lundy said that Allegheny students "are up against a wall here," and have three choices: "we can pretend the strike doesn't exist, we can build three more walls and call it a home, or we can tear it down," she said.

Alex Gondola told the crowd that the most important thing about the strike is to strike against the military-industrial complex. He advocated economic boycotts: "We can strike out against them by not buying... The idea is to make the lobbies respond, and be against the war." Bill Petropolis agreed with economic boycotts, contending that "we cannot appeal to their consciences."

Petropolis called the Kirkpatrick - Allegheny Students' Plan which Gondola had endorsed "diversionary." "It does not stop war," he said. "The problems we face are more broad than getting ourselves out." Richard Friedburg agreed with Petropolis, saying "Kirkpatrick's proposal only sounds good for us. It does nothing for people who want a way out of the insanity of the ghetto, out of the insanity of an Appalachian town with no industry." These are people, he said, who join the army to escape their living conditions.

Friedburg claimed that there was no reason to avoid use of violence as a tactic in America. The non-violent means of Ghandi in India worked well against the British Army in that situation, but aren't necessarily suited to the movement in the United States at this time. The idea that throwing rocks necessarily leads to violent reaction is like, he said, saying that "smoking pot necessarily leads to heroin."

Cindy Bell called throwing rocks as useless as signing petitions. She said that violence was a legitimate tactic, calling the "non-violent thing ... self-righteous," and quoted Black Panther leader Doug Miranda at the New Haven rally on April 25 as saying "When the word is given, all power to the good shooters." "If you're going to be violent, plan it and do something with it," she said.

"I'm sick and tired of the peace sign," Clay Thornberg told the rally, and said the atmosphere of the Washington march was like a "carnival." He said that while he is against violence, it is one of two means to bring about change. The other, he said, was to "get back home, get back to the country."

Frank Tadley, a veteran of Vietnam, announced that some veterans on campus are organizing a "Veterans for Peace" group. He encouraged students to talk to the veterans, and said that they will find out that they "don't want the war to continue, don't want war in Cambodia, and don't like killing."

One student encouraged work in more areas than just the national strike. Bonnie Brenner called for reforms on campus so that "our education can mean something to us." She said that a professor had told her that it was "no use teaching classes anymore because everyone is deaf."

Conversation with two strikers: disappointment, yet hope expressed

By JAMES COWDEN

"I believe that everybody's basically good. I like to talk to people. When someone gets rude, I get really upset," Barby Prothro said as she tried to make her ten week old kitten, Freak, drink some milk from the bottom half of a paper Coke cup.

Barby serves as one of the editors for the Allegheny Strike Committee's daily newspaper. She'll be at Fort Dix this weekend supporting the servicemen's strike.

Barby believes that there will be a revolution in the United States. She doesn't know how soon, but she says, "I don't think the revolution is going to be violent. A lot of people who were for violence turned away from it. Like the Panthers. They only use violence in self-defense."

John McClure tugged on Freak's blue, white, purple and red yarn leash and disagreed. "I don't know. A lot who were for non-violence before have turned away." John works with Barby on the strike newspaper. He puts in five hours a day on it.

The Strike Committee has sponsored demonstrations and workshops, co-ordinated trips, circulated petitions and collected letters to Congressmen and Senators. "You see a lot more people thinking about things than before," John said. "Even if the strike dies, it started something."

Barby thinks the strike will be going on next year. What makes it so important here is that "the administration and faculty have taken a stand that they haven't done before," she said. "For the first time Allegheny is not being isolated - it's reaching out."

About 60 different people a day visit the Strike Committee's headquarters in the old Outing Club room in the basement of the College Union. Both John and Barby are upset that more people haven't come in and aren't participating in the strike. They sent out a questionnaire to find out how people feel about it, but the results won't be in for several days.

John's belief is that "most people are ignoring it. Most say they are here purely for an education." He thinks it's a "vital part of education." "I can't see how people can isolate themselves for four years and call it relevant," he said. How young was Malcolm X when he died?"

"Twenty-eight, I think," Barby replied. "I'm not sure, though."

"Well, he was young, wasn't he?"

John explained: "I'm going to do a paper for poli sci. It compares Malcolm X's feelings toward the Establishment with mine - the way we'd look at society. You know, Malcolm as a Black radical and me as a White one. It sounds kind of strange calling yourself a radical, doesn't it?"

"I'll go along with the non-violent movement until I feel it isn't doing anything anymore," John said. "Then I'll go violent. I can't see out and out destruction, though."

John characterized himself as a Marxist-socialist. But, he said, "I don't look at Russia as a prime example of communism. Red China is probably the closest, but communism's probably like pure democracy, and can't be reached." "In fact," he said, "I'm not sure the greatest evil is the structure of the government as it is the people. Nixon, Agnew, Mitchell and that type have to be gotten out."

"Yeah," Barby said, "The revolution would be representing the people. It's like 'power to the people,' but not the people in Washington. That's what I'm fighting for - the power of the people to be free."



Students in Strike Headquarters in the basement of the College Union

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Liberal group needed

For a long time at Allegheny students have been trying to begin a left-of-center political movement, with little success. There have been Young Democrats as well as Young Liberals, but neither for long. At present, there is the Allegheny Socialist Union, a fairly small group which, according to its leader, Joe Bodolai, is still building a core and is not ready for active recruitment of members.

To a great extent, the Strike Committee has united many campus liberals, radicals and revolutionaries into a common organization. Yet, although part of the strike's aims are to encourage election of persons with similar views to national office, the organization is not of the character needed to fill the role of dedicated political opposition to rightists of all stripes.

On Tuesday, the voters of Pennsylvania will select the nominees of the Democratic, Republican and Constitutionalist parties for the November elections. At stake are a seat in the United States Senate, 27 seats in the House of Representatives, 25 seats in the Pennsylvania Senate, and the 203 seats in the state House of Representatives.

For the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, two men are running, one of which, Milton Shapp, has been quite vocal in his opposition to the war in Vietnam and has proposed many constructive measures to overhaul state government and the tax system. Whether Shapp wins, as he did in 1966, or whether Robert Casey, the candidate of the Democratic Party's State Committee, wins, the voters will be offered a real choice; the Republican candidate is Raymond Broderick, presently the Lieutenant Governor, who opposed Governor Raymond Shafer on his defeated request for a state income tax which would have helped to lessen the tax burden on the poor by enabling the legislature to reduce the six percent sales tax.

In this congressional district, incumbent Democratic Congressman Joseph Vigorito is running against Dr. Wayne Merrick, Allegheny political science professor. Although Dr. Merrick is hardly a dream candidate for anyone very far to the left of center, he knows student views and would take a role in national affairs, which Congressman Vigorito has failed to do Congressman Vigorito has in the past supported moves to cut scholarships and loans to college students who participate in illegal demonstrations, without any provision being made for due process of law.

In this state senatorial district, Republican voters will choose between Budd Dwyer and James Willard, the incumbent. Senator Willard has opposed progressive legislation at nearly every turn and recently introduced a bill into the Senate to take state scholarship funds from any student participating in an illegal demonstration, again without recourse to due process of law.

At present, the only real action group for the traditional kind of political involvement is the Young Republicans Club. This organization is confined to working for the election of Republicans only, and has limited itself to work only in fall elections, staying formally out of primaries. Although the YRs sometimes support liberal candidates, the group itself is fairly conservative in nature.

What is needed at Allegheny is an ideological group to organize students who want to work through political channels to promote their views. Now that there are many students who have been aroused over the Cambodian invasion and the shootings at Kent State, and realize that their issues are at stake in the elections, the time seems right to get something going.

Money for the strike

On Saturday afternoon, WARC will hold an outdoor radio show on the College Union lawn in hopes of raising money to help defray the costs of strike activities at Allegheny. Hundreds of dollars have been spent, mostly on printing and long distance telephone calls, to publicize the strike here and across the country.

ASG originally authorized money to be spent to advertise strike activities nearly two weeks ago. It most assuredly did not plan to spend all that has been spent, and the ASG treasury holds no funds for such contingencies as the strike has proven to be. Student financial support is badly needed.

Some members of the Allegheny community, both students and faculty, have already generously contributed for mailing expenses of the hundreds of letters to senators and congressmen sent by students and the postcards distributed downtown for mailing to Senators Scott and Schweiker.

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In perspective

Fallacies of the revolution

Roger Klotz

There is a similarity that exists among many of the new groups in America that wish a reform of the present government or a new society through the destruction of the existing American society. Such groups include, in the main, the Students for a Democratic Society, representing the New Left; the Black Panthers, leading the Black struggle; and the Women's Liberation Movement, heading a drive for women's equality.

Similarities among the groups are numerous; those beliefs that will be dealt with are ones common among all such groups. However, they are ones that are basically untenable. In other words, such groups have common, central fallacies; these include the assumption that each group has a broad base in society, the belief that non-committed liberals and moderates will swing to support such movements, the idea that these groups are persecuted by the "system" and opposing extremist groups are specially treated by the government, and the belief that individuals in the group will continue the struggle after they leave college, get a job, and/or have a family.

When one is limited to experiences with only those people he chooses to deal with, it is easy to see how a person can be led to believe that far more people believe in a cause than the number that actually do. A white radical deals with people who are white radicals, or people that lean toward the left; similarly, Black revolutionaries try to deal with other Black revolutionaries or Blacks who feel a sympathy toward the extremist position. These examples can easily be expanded to include the women's equality movement.

Another reason put forth to show that the groups have a broad base in the number of members each group has. A leftist belief often expressed is that "the revolution started on the West and East coasts, and will move inland." If such is the case, the move will take a long time -- there were over two million college students in 1969-1970. And over 200 million non-college students. Those in the "liberated" colleges could not be, even at a maximum, one-half of one percent.

The broad base is a dream at best, a delusion at worst.

Liberals and moderates could be won over by such groups, the movements argue, because of the liberals and moderates' support of anti-Vietnam actions or the Civil Rights movement. Such an argument, one could contend with far more justification, shows that the liberals and moderates are content where they are now. If the liberals wouldn't continue avid support for the Civil Rights movement after early Johnson legislation, it is doubtful that liberals will continue to oppose American imperialism and economic exploitation. Civil Rights legislation also gives women the same rights as men; the lack of enforcement of the guaranteed rights makes it clear that liberals and moderates are almost always satisfied with laws, even if the laws are not in practice obeyed.

There is no reason to believe that the system persecutes the Black Panthers -- all people conspiring to commit murder or arson are subject to arrest and are arrested if there is ample evidence. While it is obvious that the system allowed a loophole in the Chicago Eight trial, the loophole will no doubt be corrected, possibly even before the case reaches the Supreme Court. Likewise, there is no reason to believe that right-wing or racist extremist groups are treated any different than groups on the other end of the spectrum. The Minutemen are consistently harassed by the government for their storage of weapons, while Klansmen are outlawed from racist activities, with the law being used against them. Thus it follows that there is no such thing as favoritism toward the right or the left by our government, the laws of the United States are enforced, within the realm of human error and capability, with equality.

Many believe that they will continue their active involvement throughout their life. It is possible to argue that there is no historical precedent to the present revolutionary movements, yet, if one looks back in history, those frustrated in their youth almost without exception join the existing system once out of college, once they have a job, or once they have a family.

Historical precedents ignored, looking at the radicals from the 1963 movement at Berkeley shows that we remember their actions of seven years ago, but where are these people now? The few who couldn't cut it in the existing society joined the revolutionary dreamland of the academia, teaching where other frustrated revolutionaries have been before. An argument stating that the revolutions extends throughout the life of an individual is extremely doubtful; to say that those of today's revolutionary movements will continue the battles, lacks any support.

All those struggling for a better society would be well off to realize that there are only two truly revolutionary beliefs that can be held common by all movements believing in progressive change, and these beliefs are not usually held by individuals in the movements. First is the belief that history can be shaped by man and that societies are not static, and the second, that man is not intrinsically evil or prone to accept evil as a fact of existence.

When movements see through the confusing false images and accept the realities of their existence, the struggle toward freedom will be advanced one crucial step.

In the middle

Armies of the afternoon

Michael McGough

I can now say proudly, if anyone asks, that yes, I was in Washington. This column is to be a potpurri of Washington observations - necessarily, since my notes from the trip are crumples and unreadable generally.

My first observation would be that the climax of last weekend's demonstration in the Ellipse and around the Washington Monument came when the park area filled. All of the proceedings from there on were anticlimactic, especially the speeches, which were so much nonsense as to make you discard you "Power to the People" posters and sign on with the silent majority.

What was important about last weekend was that nearly 300,000 people (the newspapers' crowd estimates were absurdly off the mark) came to protest the widening of a useless, bloody - and thus immoral - war, a war which should have been ended years ago. They were there also to say by their presence that the government was unresponsive and irresponsible.

Fortunately, the crowd made these points by their presence. Unfortunately, the same crowd was the captive audience for an afternoon of sheer pap, which proved my suspicions that the demonstration would be used as a catch-all for all the "relevant causes, Black Panthers, old-line Socialists, women's lib, welfare rights, and God knows what else. The personification of this hanging-on was Jane Fonda, certainly the most fatuous late-night talk show liberal, who, in addition to her appearances with dissatisfied GIs, Indians, and on Johnny Carson, can claim a kind of familial attachment to the Movement, as the blood sister of Peter "Easy Rider" Fonda.

It should be made clear somewhere that the thousands in the Ellipse only seldom applauded to battle cries from the speakers, who included none of the Senators or Congressmen who have by their actions taken the lead against the war recently. (Indeed, one of the pamphlets passed around, an old-line 1930's-style Marxist thing, called Goodell and Kennedy tools of the ruling class, and Fulbright a racist fascist.)

The speakers said we should remember that we were here not only to protest the Cambodian invasion or the Vietnam War, but to announce our intention to restructure "capitalist, racist" America in an alliance with duped factory workers (but not, we gather, the New York city construction workers). The news media, we were told, had distorted last week's actions by claiming the student strike was a protest against the war - rather than a radical, truly revolutionary, rejection of American institutions wholesale. After bumper-sticker and peace button venders had been collecting money for about three hours, we were told that half of the funds collected by the Mobe would go to Black Panthers, the other to resisting servicemen.

I, of course, had given nothing - no ideological bias; my stinginess transcends politics - but I wondered if any of those who had felt even slightly abused, knowing that whoever was "in charge" of the revolution was using the money paid for Sister Corita "peace" posters to free Huey Newton or whoever. Shades of Leonard Bernstein.

So much for the speeches (the program read like the "Best of the Cause-of-the-Month Club").

Still, despite the rhetoric (which one Allegheny delegate astutely characterized as "pure shit") the demonstration showed what the demonstrators wanted to show - that we should get out of Vietnam fast.

Next week: Have a Groovy Experience With Jesus

Letter

Open letter defends petition

To the Editor:

An open letter to the people of Allegheny.

Tuesday, May 12th at 4:30 there was a meeting of people interested in the "Allegheny Students Petition." The meeting briefly explained the petition and its basic intentions. A copy of the petition and two signature sheets were given out. One sign up sheet was for the people interested in canvassing in the Meadville Community and the other was for the Petition itself.

What we are attempting to do is, through legislation, provide an option for young men now leaving the country because they think this war is wrong. Because they do not want to fight in such a war they are forced to leave the country or go to jail. Many of these young people have much to offer America. But because they feel that this is an unfair war and they refuse to fight in it, they must leave America, we feel it is, at least, an undeclared war, however right or wrong, good or bad, necessary or unnecessary. If an Army is necessary then it is necessary to have, along with those who want to join, people of high qualification as well. I feel that the draft can, to a large extent do this. When the draft begins to be used to make young men go into an undeclared war such as Vietnam and Cambodia, when the draft begins to force young Americans to leave America, when things become so bad that all options to the draft and military are taken away, it is time to stop. At this point the people must begin to act. "The Allegheny Student's Petition" is an attempt at positive and constructive actions, through established channels by Americans, with Americans for Americans. We feel the need to be counted other than by the census bureau. We feel the need to be counted, to be heard, to affect the course of our existence. "The Allegheny Student's Petition" is our attempt to be counted, to be heard. Many of the young people dying in this war are our friends and family. These people are fighting in a war that they don't like and have no other choice other than fighting it.

Some have the choice of leaving the country, but what kind of choice is that? We will do all in our power to help and protect America, but when America is wrong we want to be able to express this as we feel it, without being exiled. I am Black, and there are many of my Black brothers in exile because of this war. They are in exile because they have no other option. We can give them an option, both Blacks and Whites. We can give Americans an option.

Through the "Allegheny Student's Petition" we are saying to the leaders, to the legislators, to the people: give young Americans an option. Give all Americans an option.

Many people misunderstand this Petition. This will not hamper the security of our country. When there is a need for the draft it will be there. When a man feels a war is unjust he should have an option to fighting. There should be some control to our involvement in an undeclared war. What we are saying is give us that control, give us that option. This is what the "Allegheny Student's Petition" is about.

Joseph McKnight
May 13, 1970

News Shorts

WOMEN COUNSELORS

Women Student Counselors for the college year 1970-71 are: Wendy Born, Jennifer King, Barbara Larson, Suellen Lawrence, Phyllis Lundy, Ann McKeating, Barbara McMillan, Lillian Morgan, Lucinda Scott, Mary-Blair Matejczyk.

Chapel Service will not be held at Bousson this Sunday as scheduled. Instead the service will center on the theme "Out Front": a report on the Ecumenical Institute.

ATTENTION STRIKE PARTICIPANTS:

It is vital that people active in Washington know what is going on, who is coming in/out, where they can stay, etc. This will be especially true during the next few weekends and this summer. Although right now a great deal of this communication may be handled by American U. or New Mobe, our own coordination here and in D.C. is essential. Ginnie-Rae Rosvold will serve as coordinator: call 926-6662 (leave a message; sympathetic parents) or 270-5188 when you get to D.C. Call ext. 267 here at Allegheny College. Take down this number. Call.

Weather permitting, WARC will be broadcasting from the front lawn of the CU this Saturday to help raise funds for the Strike and the Kirkpatric Proposal. Brucie D. will go from noon - ? Stop by and listen to WARC, 90.3 Rock FM love-on the lawn - this Saturday.

CHANGE IN PLANS

The Strike Committee and ACE have decided to schedule another Meadville Cooperation Day this term. Students interested in working downtown should go to the Park House between 1 pm and 3 pm Saturday.

National ASG takes poll; seeks college Cambodia views

By BRUCE LOVELETT

Allegheny students today participated in a national student referendum on the invasion of Cambodia.

The referendum was called a week ago Thursday, by Duane Draper, President of the Association of Student Governments of the United States. Draper announced the referendum at a news conference in Washington.

"I wish to summon all students to discard our individual penchant for ideological independence and to submit the great immediate issue of our day to a democratic and unquestionable verdict by the students."

Although Draper announced that copies of the official referendum ballot and instructions for executing the vote were "Air mailed to every Student Body President and student newspaper editor in America," as of Wednesday night, neither ASG President Steve Dale nor the Campus had received these materials. Allegheny was only informed of the National Referendum Day by notes taken at Draper's press conference.

In his statement to the press, Draper proclaimed, "Students dedicated to social progress cannot establish their own priorities let alone those of society. Students so skeptical of the functioning of American democracy have yet to establish their own. Perhaps no group in society so passionately craves institutional change yet remains too pathetically organized to produce it."

"The time has come for American students to rise above the labels imposed on them by both the self-styled student spokesmen and national political leaders. No longer can students be merely spoken for or spoken of," he declared.

The Association of Student Governments was founded in 1964 as a non-political service organization for student governments. It was formed in reaction to the growing political activism of the National Student Association, and receives substantial support from major corporations, including the Sheraton Hotel, which hosted Thursday's news conference. The Association claims less than 350 member schools as compared with over 600 who belong to NSA. Allegheny was one of the schools which fled the NSA and joined ASG during the 1967-68 school year.

At the news conference, one reporter asked a question about the value of such a student referendum. Draper responded that he thought that the student referendum might be more effective as a demonstration of student sentiment than protests and strikes. Draper was also asked about the wording of the referendum question. He explained that the nature of the wording - the use of the phrase "dispatch United States ground troops to Cambodia" - was the result of a desire to conduct the referendum in a "fashion of total fairness." He said "The question has been worded in a fair and unbiased fashion."

When asked about the participation of schools on strike in the referendum, Draper responded that he expected "Almost all schools will be back in session before the vote."

National ASG is expected to release the nationwide results of the referendum sometime next week.

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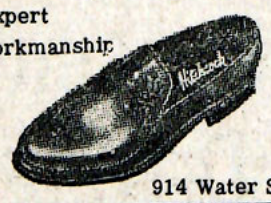
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Modelle blanks Thiel on five hits; Gators tie for PAC second at 9-4

By TODD FULMER

Freshman Mike Modelle hurled a five-hit shutout against Thiel Tuesday, as Allegheny won its tenth game in fourteen starts.

Modelle issued one walk and threw only 88 pitches in gaining his sixth victory and third shutout. The only man to reach third was Dana Fulton who singled, and advanced on an error and groundout in the ninth. The Tomcats threatened in the third when a hit batsman and a walk placed runners at first and third, but a doubleplay ended the inning.

The Gators supported Modelle with four runs, three of them scoring in the third inning. Mike Creenan singled and moved to second on a passed ball before George Falkenstern doubled him in. Falkenstern advanced to third on another passed ball. Mike Keister singled Falkenstern home, with Dale Hahn, who had been hit with a pitch, going to third. Ron Levea walked to fill the bases and John Howald singled Hahn home.

Allegheny scored again in the fourth. John Wittenmyer, hit by a pitch, stole second. Levea also was struck by a Dave Walos pitch. Howald walked to load the bases before Steve Lanier scored Wittenmyer with a sacrifice fly to left.

Keister, Falkenstern and Howald collected two hits apiece. The Gators let many scoring opportunities slipby, leaving 12 men on base, seven of them in the first three innings.

Allegheny now sports a 9-4 league mark. The Gators are tied for second in the Presidents' Athletic Conference with Washington and Jefferson. Bethany remains in the top spot, with a 12-2 record as it went into a game with Case Wednesday.

Thinclads end season, drop dual meet

By JACK McCAIN

Allegheny's cindermen closed out an unspectacular season with a feat that they had yet to record - losing two meets instead of just one in a single day. In a double dual meet at Grove City, City tallied 108 points to the Gator's 37 and Hiram amassed 89 to Allegheny's 47.

Ken Heckart continued to erase the old standards in the triple jump. His leap of 46' 1" on his last jump of the day and the season established a new Allegheny record. Ken's accomplishments over the course of the season also included the setting of the triple jump track record at Case as well as the Presidents' Athletic Conference Championship mark.

In the long jump Heckart covered 21' 4 1/2" for a first against Grove City and a third against Hiram. Doug Olsen hurled the discus 133' 9 1/2", good for a first against both Grove City and Hiram.

The Gators did slightly better against Hiram, taking six firsts, compared to the three against Grove City. The mile relay team of Rick Tulley, Rick Princic, Bob Benz, and Russ King, operating without regular anchorman Greg Peoples, won in competition with Hiram in a time of 3:40.7.

Tim Nichols placed third in the 440 intermediate hurdles against Grove City, but his time was good for a first with Hiram. Ben Burtt, the PAC pole vault champion, went 13' for five points against Hiram. Wayne Watts threw the shot 43' 7 1/2" in picking up first place points versus the Ohio school.

Although Allegheny's season record came to a dismal one win and eight losses, and a next-to-last place finish in the PAC Championship, a host of freshman talent that now has a year's experience bodes better for next year. Coach Sam Timer had hoped that quarter miler Greg Peoples would be able to break the 50 second barrier in the 440, that 880 man Russ King would run the half in a time under two minutes, and that three mile man Keith Steiner would get his time below 16 minutes. Though none of these men reached their goals this spring, they still have three more years to work on them.

National, American leagues provide economic contrast

By DAVID GALLOP

Oblivious to the political issues and social ills of the day, the two major professional baseball leagues, the American and National, continue an existence reminiscent of the complacent 1950s.

As the college youths speak out against the Vietnam conflict and the Cambodian involvement, and poor Americans, both White and Black, cry for a better standard of living, the baseball world remains an ironic contrast.

It seems that the Major League Baseball Players' Association is going to declare a one-day moratorium if the club owners do not meet its demands. The proposals presented by Marvin Miller, the players' association's executive director, are, to say the least, ludicrous.

The minimum salary is now $11,000 for the nine month season. This is paid to the rookie and perenniel journeyman. With only one good season, as evidenced by Ken Harrelsen's performance in 1967, a player may quickly increase his income. Despite backbuster years in the future, the memory of the one excellent year is enough to influence future salary negotiations. There appears to be little hope that the average annual wage in the United States will increase at any significant rate. And yet the players want more; to this demand the owners have agreed. In 1972, the minimum salary will be $13,500.

The economic issue is dominant. The players want a larger share of the league playoff pools-at least 60 per cent. If a team wins the World Series, each squad member receives a tidy $15,000!

The players receive $15 a day for meal money. The players' association hopes to raise it to $17 in 1971, with a cost of living increase in the following year. Everyone knows that a major league ball player needs more than five dollars for a meal - filet mignon is more expensive these days. A large number of Americans are only earning that $15 a day, and it must go for not only food for an entire family, but is needed to cover expenses for clothing, housing, and medical care.

Such a contrast invokes a bitter complaint to the gods, Abner Doubleday included. The once proud institution of baseball hasn't a leg to stand on. With rising ticket prices, the average American is contributing to pocketbooks that have already swelled beyond necessity.

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