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I do not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it. - Voltaire

BEHIND THE SCENES



ONE ON ONE—Junior Ryan Reczek and senior Brooke Murray are working with ACTV to promote Up 'til Dawn. Their show airs twice daily.

—photo by Emily Macel, News Editor

Security in Question

Spotlight on Safety

By MATT CARCELLA
Staff Reporter

From alcohol violations to muggings, Allegheny's Department of Security has had its hands full this year protecting the campus and community.

Security has responded to calls, alarms and have averted would-be security threats. Although the majority of these situations are typical to colleges like Allegheny, some are more serious and create a sense of alarm among students.

"I do feel that Allegheny is a safe place. I don't feel threatened here but because of what has happened recently, it doesn't seem that security is taking much action to maintain the safe atmosphere. When I walk back to Ravine by myself at night, I feel a little more paranoid than I did before," said first-year student and Ravine Hall resident Amy Rachkowski.

This academic year has created a feeling of paranoia for many students. In late November, a student was mugged in parking lot one (between Ravine and Edwards Halls) as he walked home. In December, computer equipment totaling $11,000 was stolen from a lab in Quigley Hall. Just a few weeks ago, a Security officer discovered a man sitting in the infamous parking lot one, in a car that turned out to have been stolen, with a sawed-off shotgun on the passenger seat. The suspect drove off and was later arrested in New York on suspicion of several armed robberies. He was identified as a former Allegheny student, Brandon R. Kennedy.

Meadville is a relatively quiet and safe town, so why are Allegheny students thinking twice about walking at night, checking their doors and windows habitually and glancing around suspiciously at the slightest sound?

According to Director of Security Hal Tubbs, the increase in security issues this year is of a "mixed bag" variety." While some types of incidents have increased, others aren't occurring as frequently," he said.

Tubbs is no stranger to law enforcement or security. Having worked for 28 years with the City of Meadville Police Department, Tubbs was promoted

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Meal Plans in Hot Seat

By REEVE WOOD
Staff Reporter

With the Allegheny meal plans under constant scrutiny from student customers, several inconsistencies have come to light concerning the policies of Sodexho Marriott, contracted by Allegheny to provide dining services to the college community (refer to chart on page 8).

Frequent points of inquiry by students include the disparity between the prices at McKinley's and Brooks or Schultz, why some meal plans are cheaper per-meal than others, and why students aren't allowed the same amount of cash equivalency for all meals at McKinley's.

The first issue to address is where the money goes. The total amount paid by students on the seven meal plans comes to $1,860,810. Some students assume that the money they pay for their meal plan with goes exclusively to Sodexho.

In reality, Sodexho gives the College a list of meal plans and prices to approve and the College then adds on a fee on top of Sodexho's proposal. This override is used by the College for the upkeep of the dining facilities and kitchens, as well as residence and lecture halls, utilities, security and insurance.

Sodexho General Manager Jeff Lee was unable to provide the exact amount Allegheny added to the Sodexho plans because it would violate a "confidential contract between Sodexho and Allegheny."

"You might be surprised at how much of the meal plan cost is made up of the override," Lee said, "but Allegheny's override is the lowest in my district. The school is very fair, they don't just charge for nothing in the override." Lee has worked at four schools, including Westminster and Case-Western Reserve, and said Allegheny's override is lower than any of those schools.

Another question frequently asked by students is why, when meals at Brooks or Schultz are priced between six and seven dollars, they're only allowed between $3.15 and $4.95 at McKinley's.

Lee said the pricing of meals is based on comparisons with the local Meadville market. "For the prices at Brooks and Schultz we look at the prices in local all-you-can-eat establishments, such as Ponderosa and Hoss's. For McKinley's, we look at Pizza Hut, McDonalds, Burger King, Taco Bell and places like that," he said. Lee also said the prices listed are for people paying in cash, and don't necessarily have to do with the meal plan.

Regarding the value difference between McKinley's and the other dining halls, Lee said, "With McKinley's, you have to look at the fact that we keep it open from 7:15 a.m. to as late as 3 a.m., whereas the other dining halls are only open for meals. That means we have the expense of operating that facility all day."

In response to the differing amounts of meals at McKinley's ($3.15 for breakfast, $4.15 for lunch, and $4.95 for dinner), Lee admitted that students were receiving a "better financial value for dinner," but that they are "trading off convenience, and trading off options" by eating breakfast and lunch at McKinley's.

Students have also wondered what happens to munch money that is not used up by the end of the year. Meal plans A and B come with $250 and $150 in munch money respectively. Munch money can be used to supplement the meal plan at

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Services for Chuck Mahoney

The Campus staff wishes to offer its sincerest condolences to the friends and family of Chuck Mahoney, class of 2003, who died Monday evening.

Visiting hours were held yesterday (Wednesday, Feb. 13) from 7 to 9 p.m. and will also be held today (Thursday, Feb. 14) from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hayden-Taucher Funeral Home in Burgettstown, Pa.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow (Friday, Feb. 15) at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Burgettstown. Buses will leave from the top of Brooks Walk at 8:30 a.m., provided by Student Activities (332-2754).

A memorial service will be held Friday, Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m. in Ford Chapel.

Students seeking support may contact the Counseling Center (332-4368), Residence Life (332-3865), the Dean of Students Office (332-4356) or Religious Life (332-2800).

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THE CAMPUS Asks...

"Do you feel safe on campus?"

—compiled by Nory Sams, Photography Editor



"Yes, I do. I feel very comfortable with the campus security and know that I can always call them, and also residence life helps to make this place safe."

—Anita Bolla '03

"Yes, definitely. I can walk around late at night without feeling threatened."

—Laurie Streble '03





"For the most part. Nothing really happens around here and campus security is always there."

—Lindsay Fair '04

"Sure, with the expert security system we have here."

—Jeremy Bruckart '04



CRIME BLOTTER

•Sometime between Jan. 2 and Feb. 5 a theft is suspected to have occurred. A box of personal property that had been stored under a computer desk was reported. The amount of the loss was not reported. Security has no suspects.

•On Feb. 5 at 10:30 a.m. an automobile accident occurred on Park Ave in the vicinity of the Science building. A truck delivering merchandise to the Science building misjudged the distance to the driveway entrance and backed into a brick wall that was in place to protect gas and electrical connections.

•On Feb. 7 at 12:45 a.m. an underage drinking incident occurred in Crawford Hall. Security cited three students for underage drinking. This matter has been referred to Residence Life.

•Sometime between Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 9 at 8:30 p.m. a theft occurred at Brooks Dining Hall. An ID-card scanner was stolen. Any person with information is requested to contact Security.

•On Feb. 8 at 9:15 p.m. a harassment incident occurred on Highland Ave. Three students were verbally harassed by three male youths in a green Buick-type sedan with a Pennsylvania license plate. This incident is currently under investigation.

•Sometime between Feb. 8 at 12 a.m. and Feb. 9 at 12 p.m. a theft occurred from a college-owned off-campus house. Cash was stolen from a student's wallet. Security is currently investigating this matter.

•On Feb. 9 at 12:03 a.m. a fire alarm incident occurred in College Court. Security responded to a fire alarm this believed to have been set off by marijuana smoke. The smoke alarm in the room was also found to be damaged. This matter has been referred to Residence Life.

•On Feb. 9 at 10:45 p.m. a marijuana incident occurred in Crawford Hall. Security responded to a report of the odor of an illegal substance and referred the student involved to Residence Life.

•On Feb.10 at 12:50 a.m. an underage drinking incident occurred. A non-student visiting campus and an Allegheny College host were cited by Security for underage drinking. The Allegheny Student will be referred to Residence Life.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

•Students wishing to take courses at another school during the summer should have the courses approved for transfer credit prior to taking them. Please use the following guidelines:
1. Obtain a course description of the course you plan to take
2. Obtain a transfer credit approval form from the Dean of the College office, Bentley 117
3. Take the description and approval form to the chairperson of the department, into which you want to transfer the course, for his/her signature and authorization
4. Take the approval form to your advisor for his/her signature
5. Return the completed form to the Dean of the College office, Bentley 117

•Award-winning pianist Alec Chien will give a solo recital in honor of Dr. Pete Scibetta of Erie, Pa., on Friday, February 15 at 8 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium. A 1952 graduate of Allegheny, Scibetta is an avid classical piano connoisseur who has given many years of dedicated service as an Allegheny trustee. The concert program will include performances of the works of Schumann, Zemlinsky, Strauss and Schubert. For more information, contact the Allegheny music department at (814) 332-3356. Or learn more here.

•The Association of the Advancement of Black Culture will sponsor the annual Ebony Ball on Saturday, February 16 at 9 p.m. in Brooks Dining Hall. Join us for this all-campus, semi-formal event! This is a Black Heritage Month event.

•Terrence Mitchell, associate dean of students/residential college, will present "Grandmother's Kitchen," a Southern cooking class, on Sunday, February 17 at 4 p.m. in Schultz Dining Hall. Sponsored by the Office of Diversity Affairs, this is a Black Heritage Month event.

•The Humanities Lecture Series has announced its campus lectures for the Spring semester. The Series will begin on Monday, February 18 with a lecture by Ishita Sinha Roy, assistant professor of communication arts/theatre, titled "Specular Geographies: Mapping Nationalism in the Global Village." The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Moore Lounge in Pelletier Library. The Humanities Lecture Series will continue on Monday, March 25 with a lecture by Ann Kleinschmidt titled "Civic Science in the Genetic Age," and on Monday, April 22 with a lecture by Christine James titled "Stem Cell Research: Ethics and Reason."

•The art galleries of Allegheny College will present three new exhibits - including a live drawing exhibit - from Tuesday, February 19 through Tuesday, March 26. On exhibit will be "8-Hour Drawings, IV," "Bonnie Ford Woit: Paintings" and "Robert Beckman: The Map Room." In conjunction with the opening of the exhibits, artists Barbara Bernstein, Adrienne Heinrich and John Lysak will present informal talks about the process and imagery of their works in "8-Hour Drawings, IV" on Tuesday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the art galleries.

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READ Program Combats Illiteracy

By KATE SCEIFORD
Staff Reporter

A survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Education concluded that 94 million Americans are in serious risk of illiteracy. In Crawford County alone, 600 adults never went further than the fifth grade, and 30 percent of adults in the county never graduated from high school. This leaves 12,000 adults hindered by the demands of a literate society.

Through the Crawford County READ program, Allegheny students are reaching out to help decrease these illiteracy numbers and to build a stronger community.

The READ program matches students and volunteers with residents in the community who want and need help, and the students work one-on-one with community members to improve their basic reading and writing abilities.

Junior Michelle Sacco became involved with the program this semester because she wanted to get involved in community service and was interested in helping someone perform life's necessities, like reading.

"I really don't know how to teach correctly, but being able to show them [the tutees] just one thing that they could take with them that would change their whole lives feels pretty wonderful to me," she said.

Apparently, reading is something that many people take for granted. Learning the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic may come naturally for some, but not everyone has the same privileges.

Some people just happen to fall through the cracks of the education system. Jen Young, a Meadville resident, is being tutored by an Allegheny student this semester. Her mother and father dropped out of high school, and she is going back to receive her GED. Jen needs to learn the basics of reading and writing in order to perform well on the test, and her tutor offers the one-on-one attention needed for Young to feel confident about her abilities.

Adults who can't read aren't able to carry out the everyday responsibilities of life as easily as those who can read. Some parents can't write notes to their child's teacher, or read to their child. This affects the child's learning experience and often causes the chain of illiteracy to continue.

Adults who can't read also tend to avoid writing. They can't get a job, because they can't fill out the application, they can't balance a checkbook, and some are unable to look up names in a phone book.

Leslie Kreider, another Meadville resident,. was tutored by Allegheny students through the READ program for a couple of years. He said the program has helped change his life and that he can really tell he is making progress. His short term goals include working on reading and counting. Kreider said that in the long run, he hopes to regain control of his finances with the help of the program.

Students seem to get just as much out of the READ program as their tutees. Kelly Mravintz, a junior, said the program has helped her understand literacy and the stereotypes surrounding it. "People are just overlooked, nobody wants to take the time and patience to sit down with them and help," she said.

Mravintz got involved with the program because she wanted to give back to the community. "The first day I was nervous because I didn't know what to expect, but now I've discovered what it's all about," she said. Mravintz also added that because of the program, she is now interested in volunteering in her hometown.

Junior Dave Seeley worked as a tutor his sophomore year. "I got frustrated when it seemed like we were making little progress, but whenever I would walk into CHAPS [the building Seeley tutored in] everyone would yell my name like I was one of the guys. I really liked it," he said. Seeley also said that the experience was very rewarding because he liked making others feel good about themselves.

The main challenge to the program is the lack of self-esteem among those who seek help, as well as the evident lack of commitment among some tutors.

"Everyone needs someone to believe in them and encourage them to reach their potential. That's what we do. We teach people how to learn," said Lisa Schmalzried, director of the READ program since 1997. This is why commitment seems to be so important on the part of the tutor.

Ultimately, Allegheny students interested in making a difference have the opportunity, through the READ program, to spread awareness about illiteracy in the Meadville community.

"People should volunteer to help because it not only makes you feel a lot better, it makes the person you're tutoring feel better because you are taking your time to spend with them," Sacco said.

Anyone interested in becoming a tutor should contact Lisa Schmalzried at 337-7323 or stop by the Crawford County READ Program at 966 Park Ave in Meadville.

Seminars Debatable Part of Curriculum

By EMILY MACEL
News Editor

In hopes to show what a true liberal arts education represents, Allegheny continues to broaden its students' horizons with a seminar system of studies. For students and professors alike, these seminars serve a multitude of tasks: adjusting students to college, developing speaking skills and enhancing writing skills. Allegheny's seminar system has left many professors and students with mixed reviews - grateful for the communication skills they enhance, but bothered by the labor they demand.

The seminar system is nothing new. First-year seminars have been around since 1990, and a sophomore writing course called Liberal Studies Writing (LSW) was implemented in the mid-1980s. Junior seminars and senior comprehensive projects (comps) have been around for nearly 50 years. Though the system was raising communication awareness, in 1999 the standard seminar curriculum changed. First-year and sophomore seminars (FSs), took over the role of both first year seminars and LSWs and established a three-semester program with FS 101, FS 102, and FS 201.

The reasoning behind the reformed curriculum was to create a system that would, step by step, give students a strong background in writing and speaking. The Inside Allegheny web page (http://inside.allegheny.edu) has numerous resources explaining seminars for both faculty and students. One such link under the Teaching Resources section explains, "The FS courses prepare students to communicate effectively complex technical ideas and arguments to a variety of audiences in written and spoken form."

Each FS course aims to establish a different stage of learning. FS 101 focuses on oral and written communication skills, emphasizing description, summary and critical thinking. FS 102 develops persuasive arguments in written and oral presentations. The FS 201 course is for sophomores, which explores communication in a disciplinary context, investigating how the context changes the nature of argument and standards of evidence. This seminar hopes to branch students into their junior seminar and senior projects by specifying to the students' field of study and in many cases counting towards the chosen major or minor.

Anthony Fleury, associate professor of communication arts and director of speech for the FS system, held workshops for the faculty to explain and help to accustom professors to the program. From his experiences as both a seminar teacher and an instructor to professors, Fleury has found the seminars to be a useful tool and an added bonus of the education provided. "I think it's fantastic. This program is one of the things that attracted me to this college. The sequence is exciting for faculty and students. It connects with the mission of a liberal arts college," he said. "The self development that happens through life encourages people to continue to experiment in speaking and writing."

The FS program attracts not only Fleury, but also gains a great deal of attention from incoming first-year students. During the summer before their freshman year, incoming first-years receive information from Dean of the College Lloyd Michaels. The booklet contains information outlining the program: "The first seminar, therefore, will serve as a vehicle for beginning your relationship with Allegheny. In it, your instructor will attempt to get to know you, to give you sound advice, to identify resources you may have overlooked, and to help you to chart your future," Michaels said.

As explained, first seminar instructors also act as the students' advisers and become crucial aids during college adjustments and student class registration. First-year Ashley Dreibelbis has Professor Tomas Nonnenmacher as her adviser this year. "He always said his door was open. If I wrote him e-mails with questions he would give me an answer or tell me to stop by. He scheduled a few sessions where we met with him one on one. He really helped a lot," she said.

Advisers go about the college acclimation process with different approaches. Many spend time both inside of class and outside of

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Pride Alliance Presents...

the 2nd Annual Lesbian and Gay Film Series

"Get Real"

Tuesday, Feb. 19 • Quigley Auditorium • 7 p.m.

This tenderly romantic film tells the story of Steve, a young man in a British prep school, as he struggles with coming out and falling in love with the class jock, John...who, amazingly, falls in love with him as well.

"Before Night Falls"

Monday, Feb. 25 • Quigley Auditorium • 7 p.m.

An episodic look at the life of Cuban poet and novelist, Reinaldo Arenas (1943-1990) whose writing and homosexuality get him into trouble; he spends two years in prison, writing letters for other inmates and smuggling out a novel. When asked why he writes, he replies cheerfully, "Revenge."

Upcoming films: "Aimee and Jaguar," March 26 • "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," April 11

March Upholds Tradition of Community Service

By ABBY COLLIER
Editor-in-Chief

Allegheny will continue its annual dedication to service next month with the March Month of Service, a tradition brought about six years ago by alum and former Lambda Sigma member Ryan DiSantis '99.

According to the MMS committee's statement of purpose, they intend to "raise awareness of community service opportunities in the Meadville area by uniting campus organizations with community service sites and to provide high quality service opportunities to unaffiliated students looking to become involved."

This year, for efficiency, the MMS committee has reevaluated not only its own structure, but also its overall intentions. Streamlined to eight students as opposed to last year's 20, the committee consists of sophomores Karen Hoerst and Dave Devenney, juniors Kim Jacob and Jen Hannon and seniors Nina Carpico, Heather Chapman, Andrea Dedent and President Jeff Miller.

Rather than tackling the Allegheny community at large and limiting involvement to service events on campus, the committee now encourages student groups to volunteer in the Meadville community, especially for All Service Day on March 9.

"We [the committee] are doing what we can and are trying to work with other groups instead of doing everything ourselves," Carpico said. Like Carpico, Dedent mentioned ways in which the committee has reprioritized. "We have really tried to plan events that will be well attended and not just to have an event for the sake of filling up the calendar," she said.

According to Miller, although the MMS committee does not have the resources to recruit students unaffiliated with groups on campus, anyone is welcome to get involved. In particular, Miller said, the committee is targeting Residence Life because RAs are required to complete a community service project this semester.

"A lot of RAs are excited about MMS helping them do service on their floors," said Assistant Director of Community Service Brooke Martin.

"By becoming integrated in the community we are showing the people of Meadville that we aren't just partyers or stupid kids who don't care."

—Kim Jacob, '03

Also, as Martin explained, the College has over 40 Americorps Bonner Leaders and Peer Project Leaders in contact with about 25 local agencies promoting service. The MMS committee attempts to put students in touch with these agencies throughout the month, which include: Adult Basic Education, Active Aging, America Reads, Bethesda Children's Home, Beverly Healthcare, Big Brothers and Sisters, Boy Scouts of America, Center for Family Services, Cordia Commons, Crawford County READ Program, Elm Street Housing Development, Fairview/Fairmont Outreach, French Creek Rails-To-Trails, Friends of Youth, Gill Village Housing Development, Girl Scouts, Head Start, Hillside Home, Humane Society, Hunger and Homelessness Issues Committee, Meadville Housing Authority, Meals-on-Wheels, Neason Hill Tutoring Program, Tamarack Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Thurston House, Wesbury United Methodist Community, Women's Services, YMCA and YWCA.

Many of the MMS committee members, because of their own involvement in such organizations, relayed how service benefits their lives. "I think service is important because it allows people to give back to others what they have been given," Jacob said. "Some people are lucky in life and others need help. By performing community service you are able to help someone who is in need at that moment."

Hoerst agreed. "You get to know yourself better, you get to know your community better, and you are more invested in your community," she said. "It's a chance to broaden our Allegheny bubble to include people besides our peers."

Aside from personal benefits, Jacob and Hoerst also explained how service can strengthen the relationship between the College and the community. "By becoming integrated in the community we are showing the people of Meadville that we aren't just partyers or stupid kids who don't care," Jacob said. "We are letting them know that we do care and we are taking steps to try and help as well."

According to Hoerst, "Something that I think many college students don't realize is that they are a part of the Meadville community too. We are going to be here for four years. We should work to make it a place we are happy to call home," she said.

From Miller's standpoint, service offers a whole new perspective on life. "By doing service, you're working with a wide range of people. It really gives you an idea of where people from all walks of life are coming from," he said. "I think working in different areas with different people gives you perspective."

Like Miller, Martin sees the value of gaining a new outlook through service. "Service gives you a different perspective on your own life and makes you aware of the needs of other people. I think Meadville has a lot to offer. You can learn more about the resources of the community," she said.

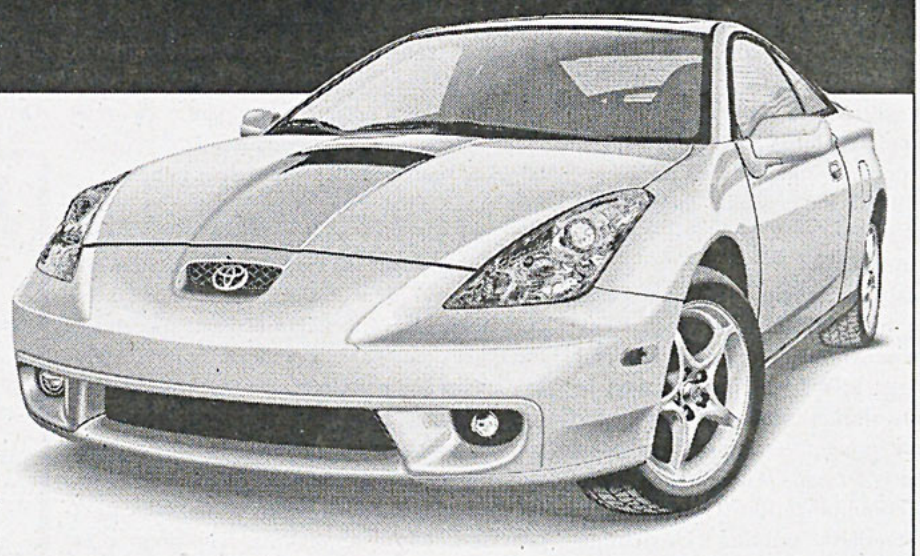
Specifically, Martin mentioned MMS's annual Carnival, where around 20 student organizations rally together to provide free food, games and prizes for between 200 and 300 children in Meadville, a popular event that she called the "mainstay" of MMS since its inception. This year, the Carnival will take place on April 6 either inside or outside of the Campus Center, depending on the weather.

"It's really fun to do something that's fun for the participants and also for the kids," Miller said.

For more information regarding MMS events or how to get involved, contact Jeff Miller at millerj3@allegheny.edu.

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The Inside Story



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PERSPECTIVES

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EDITORIAL

March Month of Service: Student Volunteers Take Action

The annual March Month of Service will offer a plethora of community service opportunities for Allegheny students, reinforcing the College's commitment to volunteer work both on and off campus.

MMS will highlight the over 40 AmeriCorps Bonner and Peer Project Leaders serving as liaisons between Allegheny and approximately 25 organizations in the Meadville community. These students work with children, youth and the elderly, facing everyday issues such as hunger and homelessness, illiteracy and domestic violence.

Their dedication not only encourages personal growth, but also strengthens relations between the College and its surrounding community, breaking down stereotypes and building lasting friendships.

Through their involvement in MMS, Bonner and Peer Project Leaders, along with other student volunteers, will inevitably attract unfamiliar students to the cause.

MMS will end with the popular Carnival, where approximately 20 student organizations volunteer their time for between 200 and 300 children from the area. This event provides free food, games and prizes for the children and gives students an opportunity to share their talents with the community.

Also in March, fittingly, is SAMS, a fundraiser organized by the Greek community to raise money for multiple sclerosis, and all student groups are welcome to participate. This fundraiser, known as a karaoke event, promotes awareness of a prominent, debilitating disease and annually brings students together for an important cause.

Lastly, March offers several Alternative Spring Break trips. At the end of the month, groups of 12 to 15 students will volunteer their time and travel to Buffalo, N.Y., Chattanooga, Tenn., Greensboro, N.C., Detroit and St. Louis to work with food banks, shelters, children and members of the local communities. Such invaluable learning experiences inevitably impact those involved by exposing them to different environments and lifestyles.

The Campus commends Allegheny for its constant dedication to service and would like to congratulate student volunteers for their significant commitments, both on campus and in the Meadville community. Keep up the good work.

All editorials represent the majority opinion of the Editorial Board.

The Campus welcomes all reader response. We reserve the right to reject letters of a purely promotional nature, as well as letters which do not meet our standards of integrity, accuracy and decency. We also reserve the right to edit letters for space requirements. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor, editorial columns and editorial cartoons do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Campus*. The deadline for submission of letters is 5 p.m. the Monday before publication. Letters must be typed, signed and sent to Box 12, with a phone number included for verification. Any letter that cannot be verified will not be printed.

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Developments in Afghanistan Discouraging

With the Taliban toppled, Northern Alliance forces empowered, the Al Qaeda network still very much in business, and thousands of prisoners in Cuba being denied the fair treatment guaranteed by international law, a central question still remains: How do we deal with these pesky terrorists? As I stated in a letter to *The Campus* last semester titled "Fighting a New War with an Old Solution," we cannot expect to defeat the tactic of terrorism with the institution of war. The fall of the Taliban was to be expected. They were a nation state, and, as such, were defeated with various multi-million dollar weapons of devastation. The fact still remains, however, that no matter how much flag waving and shouts of "Victory!" we see coming out of Washington these days, the war on terrorism is far from over. Indeed, the direction of the war thus far has led to a near complete failure in obtaining our objectives.

Blair Anundson

Has the "War on Terror" yielded as few civilian casualties as possible? The number of civilian casualties has certainly been high, with 3,767 killed during the first eight weeks of the war. One reason civilian casualties have been so high is that military garrisons and other facilities constructed by the Soviets during the 80s were placed in urban areas so that they could protect them from the rural, CIA backed mujaheddin. The Taliban inherited these facilities from the Soviets when they took control of Afghanistan, so the unusually high number of civilian deaths is the result of the Taliban using the population as human shields.

According to Marc W. Herold, professor of economics and women's studies at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics, in his study of civilian casualties in Afghanistan, "The critical element remains the very low value put upon Afghan civilian lives by U.S military planners and the political elite." When the farming village of Chowkar-Karez was strafed by AC-130 gunships on Oct. 22 and 23 killing at least 93 civilians, a Pentagon official was quoted as saying, "The people there are dead because we wanted them dead." On Oct. 31, 15 civilians died in an attack on a Red Crescent Hospital in Kandahar. The Pentagon, unhappy with their erroneous reports that the strike missed both the hospital and another nearby Red Crescent building, stated that "it was a legitimate terrorist target, intentionally struck." Not that this is the first time the U.S. military has hit innocent people on purpose, but you would think that the whole "War on People Who Kill Innocent People" thing would cool their trigger fingers a bit.

While it is nearly impossible to conduct a war where there are no civilian casualties, it is important that civilians be taken into account. Stephen R. Shalom in his essay "Confronting Terrorism and War," makes an excellent distinction between a war where civilian deaths are taken into account and the war in Afghanistan, stating "International law and human rights organizations recognize that if in the course of attacking an enemy military base of 100,000 soldiers, one civilian nearby is killed, this is unfortunate, but legally and ethically permissible. But to attack a small military base and kill many civilians would not be permissible."

Has the "War on Terror" improved the human rights situation in Afghanistan and ended the possibility of humanitarian crises? I'll use the example of the Northern Alliance forces to flesh out the current human rights situation. Last October, the global human rights organization, Amnesty International, reported that when the tribes of the Northern Alliance were in control of the city of Kabul from 1992 to 1996, they committed numerous human rights violations. These atrocities included extra-judicial executions and torture, rape, the long-term detention of prisoners of conscience and genocide against minority tribes.

Recent reports indicate that Northern Alliance forces haven't cleaned up any. An article in *The Guardian* from last December indicates that robberies, extortion, and murder were the norm for the first few months the Northern Alliance controlled Kabul. In addition, torture, the execution of POWs, and other atrocities have consistently been used by many of the Northern Alliance tribes.

In regards to the humanitarian crises, the results thus far have been better than anticipated, but still intolerable. A statement released by the Institute for Public Accuracy by James Jennings, president of the humanitarian aid organization Conscience International, stated, "World Food Program emergency deliveries, using local Afghan employees, have largely replaced the needed grain tonnage lost or delayed by the war. But merely restoring capacity destroyed by the war hardly constitutes a victory, because the time lost in fighting hunger and malnutrition cannot easily be made up." Jennings went on to say, "Longer-term worries include the fact that people have eaten their seed grain, the irrigation system remains devastated, and farmers failed to plant winter wheat during October and November because of the war and bombing campaign."

Jennings continued, "I still expect preventable deaths to be very high, perhaps in the lower range predicted earlier, but a deadline of next spring is artificial. I don't think the higher numbers will be reached this winter, but even the lowest previous estimate of up to 1 million deaths is bad enough. What we are likely to see over time is a continuum, a slow ticking of the clock extending far beyond May, with death for many of the most vulnerable, especially children, as a result. Severe malnutrition already exists among a significant percentage of the population."

In addition, the fall of the Taliban has not improved the movement and dispersal of aid. Reports in the *New York Times* indicate that Northern Alliance warlords have been taking much of the food for their own uses and inhibiting the movement of convoys from food warehouses to the famine stricken rural villages where aid is sorely needed.

Finally, have we removed a terror-supporting regime from power and damaged Al Qaeda's ability to carry out their murderous acts? Well, the Taliban is out of power, which, again, was to be expected. Great. So what?

As I mentioned before, the warlords in control of Afghanistan now are as bad as the Taliban. Also, when the Taliban was removed from power, a good deal of the stability in Afghanistan went with it. This problem of instability is growing worse, with tribal tensions heating up daily. As recently as Jan. 31, the city of Gardez was the scene of a firefight that killed 50 people. Trash talking between warlords is at an all time high and troops are being massed to protect various fiefdoms throughout

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Combating Male Jockocracy

May 5, 1970 — Gloria Steinem, the feminist crusader herself, spoke at Allegheny. She was invited to speak by the campus Women's Liberation Movement group, later named Women's Equality. It was the very inequalities that women athletes experienced at Allegheny that Steinem boldly addressed. Neither these women's athletic merit nor their determination was unequal to their male counterparts' merit. However, Steinem acknowledged the blatant and oppressive male "jockocracy" which so prevailed at Allegheny.

Kendra Stanton

If Steinem were to return for a lap around the Wise Center track, she would surely be dismayed to discover this still-thriving male jockocracy.

This past weekend, Allegheny welcomed dozens of athletic recruits to campus. Student-athlete hosts received an itinerary of events to which they could take their recruits. The Men's Basketball game was especially encouraged Saturday evening. Promotions such as a free DVD player enticed well over 100 students to attend, some with their recruits. Although the men's team posts a record of 11-11, their event was promoted with all the glitter and glamour of a championship team.

Allegheny's women's team, which played that same Saturday at home, however, was barely recognized by its own athletic department. The Allegheny Women's Basketball team boasts a record of 13-9, was picked to be the second best team in Division III NCAC by Division III women's coaches and includes players from last year's team that gained national recognition in the NCAC Tournament Semifinals last year. Yet, their game this past Saturday was not decorated with the same kind of fan incentives, much less advertised to the campus community.

This is all according to Allegheny's women athletes — the very same women who gave up their Saturday a week ago to help facilitate Women in Sports Day: Allegheny's annual celebration of women in sports. Girl Scouts from the area attended this event en masse, learning about the importance of women's place in collegiate athletics and beyond. The hypocrisy is almost overwhelming. But this is only the beginning.

According to the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act, Allegheny is required to report all of its " numbers," that is, everything from the cost of operating the football team to how much the softball coach earned to how much money was spent on swimming recruitment last year. This information is accessible to the Allegheny community through Allegheny's Athletic department. When examining the numbers, there are blatant disparities in what is spent on men's teams compared with what is allocated to women's teams. For example, football, which accrued $43,345 in operating expenses in the 2000 season, has no women's sports equivalent. Although this is the case for most colleges, it is still an exorbitant amount of money dispensed to a sport that generates very little direct revenue for Allegheny, with no female sport receiving nearly as much money to operate.

Although Allegheny maintains 10 men's teams and 10 women's teams, the sub-statistics do not correlate. The earnest effort to establish a women's rowing team, for example, has largely been in vain. Receiving very little help from ASG and minimal attention from the Athletic Department, this club sport has had little success in even securing a boat, not to mention a trailer in which to store the vehicle. The women who have spearheaded this endeavor have been told to contact alumni for support.

The tragedy is though that thousands of dollars are poured into football uniforms that never touch the field. Yet, a women's club sport looking for a couple thousand dollars to secure a boat to be used by all of its team members is a seeming impossibility.

Additionally, a women's rowing team would surely enrich the pool of women athletes from places all across the United States where rowing is popular, just as women's lacrosse and women's rugby attract women to Allegheny from as far as California and Minnesota. Student tourguides admit that prospective students inquire year after year about a women's rowing team. Allegheny is clearly depriving itself of this opportunity to enhance the student interest bank, as well as its diverse student body.

Despite the depressing numbers, Allegheny is fortunate to have Maureen Hager as the interim athletic director. Hager is truly an asset to Allegheny's athletic program. Her sensitivity to the needs of both men and women athletes is acute. She prides herself on an open-door policy to athletes, coaches, students and even the occasional snooping student reporter. It is unfortunate that Allegheny will not be able to retain her as head of the Athletic department. Hopefully Allegheny will realize its grave responsibility to improve programs for women athletes as it considers its candidates for the director of athletics position at Allegheny.

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Earth Matters: Addressing Environmental Problems

"Global cooling?" "Indigenous peoples of the Alaskan Coastal Plain want oil exploration." "The Bush Energy plan will promote domestic safety through decreased dependence on foreign oil."

Curt Stumpf

These are just a few of the headlines that I have seen within the last few months regarding global climate change and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. With controversial topics such as these, which involve economic gains for certain parts of big business, the amount of misinformation far exceeds that of sound science. So how do we find out what is really going on with the global climate and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge?

Normally, this question would be hard to answer. However, within the next two weeks, Allegheny will host two separate speakers on these critical environmental topics.

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Activist Jeff Barrie will be presenting "The Last Great Wilderness Show," a multi-media presentation illustrating the threats that face the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, on Wednesday, Feb. 20, in Quigley Hall, room 101, at 7:30 p.m. Understanding the political influence and desire of large oil corporations to drill for oil within the Refuge, wildlife photographer Lenny Kohm created the "The Last Great Wilderness Show" in 1987. For the last 14 years, this interactive program, which illustrates the wildlife and spectacular beauty of the Refuge, has been touring the United States.

The Refuge is currently threatened by the Bush Energy Bill, which calls for increased domestic oil production, including drilling in the fragile and pristine Alaskan Coastal Plain. Though the need for more domestic energy production is apparent, Bush is missing a prime moment to increase the use of renewables and push for greater energy conservation measures. Conservation advocates point out that simply maintaining tire pressure and increasing fuel efficiency in our current SUV crazed culture, could reduce oil needs significantly more than extracting oil from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Jeff Barrie has been touring with the Last Great Wilderness Show since 2000, and will be more than happy to answer questions and criticisms regarding this topic. Admission is free and open to all members of the public. A guest from the Gwich'in nation will also be available to talk with individuals and answer questions. The Gwich'in are Alaskan indigenous peoples who rely on the Caribou as a source of food, and are against any drilling in the Refuge.

Global Climate Change: On Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Ford Chapel, Dr. Eric Barron will speak on the topic of global climate change.

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Turning on Pat Schroeder's Brain

My last semester at Allegheny found me in an introductory political science class reading *24 Years of House Work And the Place is Still a Mess* by former congresswoman Pat Schroeder. Schroeder promised to give the reader an idea of what is was like to be inside Congress during the last quarter century, and I must admit that she pulled it off, albeit through repeated instances of painting herself as the greatest thing since sliced bread. She embarked on lengthy speeches on the virtues of her work and demonized anything slightly conservative.

Jason Peck

Schroeder asserted that the pro-life movement was founded because people were scared of having women in control, that no one in the pro-life camp wanted the facts, and most offensive of all, in the conservative agenda, when a woman becomes pregnant, she should turn off her brain. I couldn't possibly address every detail in this tiny column, but I regret not accepting the teacher's challenge to participate and tackling these issues in class last semester.

Why do the pro-lifers equate a fetus with a child? Because it's all a matter of life processes. The heart is settled into a rhythmic pattern and is pumping its own blood by the 31st day. Movement is usually first recorded at 36 days, and the baby is capable of both sight and smell by day 48. At the sixth week, brain waves can be detected, and the brain itself is developed by the eighth week. That is also the week the woman finds out she is pregnant. In American hospitals, death is signaled by the cessation of brain waves. In some other countries, death is signaled by the cessation of the heart. A fetus has both. One common technique for aborting babies is through suction, whereby the baby is literally torn apart until the head is crushed with forceps. Another procedure involves injecting an extremely powerful salt solution into the fluid surrounding the baby, the equivalent of throwing a child into an acid bath. The abortion pill starves the unborn child. A fourth technique involves tearing a baby apart with sharp metal forceps. The last, partial-birth abortion, deserves its own paragraph entirely.

Most of the pro-choice movement condemns the pro-lifers for even mentioning the gory details of these operations, claiming were just trying to raise emotional issues. Try placing the last two paragraphs together. The fetus is subjected to a death that can be best described as cruel and unusual. In addition, the baby already has a brain, with it comes a nervous system. The nervous system is what makes the human body feel pain. Where are the human rights concerns now? The law convicts people on a regular basis for mistreatment to animals. Are they more important? I find it rather interesting that Schroeder never mentions such details. Maybe she wasn't interested in the facts.

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Going Against the Trends While Showing Someone You Care

Valentine's Day. Gaudy red boxes of chocolates donned with lacy ribbons and bows. Valentine cards printed with your favorite cartoon characters. Mushy Hallmark greetings boasting lovey, dovey messages appropriate for everyone and their mother. Roses, carnations and random floral bouquets. Candy hearts containing messages such as, "I'm yours," "Be mine" and "Love you." Stuffed animals desperately clutching hearts that sing silly songs, do random dances and include messages "from the heart."

Heather Chapman

All of these things are available and can be yours if your significant other buys into this holiday that has become so over-commercialized.

Okay, so I seem a little bit bitter. Maybe I am, but not for reasons that people might think. I have a significant other. He remembers the holidays and does his "duty" as the fiancé appropriately. He's good, what can I say?

So what causes this bitterness? The fact that Valentine's Day is so over-commercialized and sets up certain expectations is what upsets me. Whatever happened to the old-fashioned lace doilies with the red and pink heart valentines? These valentines were homemade with a hand-written poem/message on them made uniquely for that special someone. Nowadays if a child wants to take homemade valentine cards to school for his/her friends he/she could face ridicule because homemade to children isn't nearly as good as Rugrats, Scooby Doo, Space Ranger, or Pokemon. As cool as I admit these cards can be, it is disappointing to me that the homemade valentine is no longer widely accepted.

Valentine's Day also has a certain way of upholding society's expectation that everyone should meet someone, fall in love, get married and have babies. For some people it just doesn't happen this way for various different reasons. This doesn't mean there is something wrong with them, but Valentine's Day has a way of making them feel like it.

God-forbid you are homosexual on Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is all about heterosexual images. Images of men and women kissing and men bringing women flowers and chocolates. This does not mean that homosexuals can't celebrate Valentine's Day — it just means that the day sends strong vibes of heterosexual expectations. For instance, when I went shopping the other day I saw lists suggesting what men and women should get their significant others for Valentine's Day. These lists were extremely heterosexually driven. According to the lists, men should remember flowers, candy, cards, and stuffed animals and women should remember food for Valentine's Day gifts. These gift suggestion lists imply that every man who comes to that store will be buying a gift for his wife/girlfriend and all women will be making purchases for their husband/boyfriend. Sorry, but it isn't always that way.

The other day in one of my classes we were talking about what it means to be a conformist and alternatively what it means to be a non-conformist. Most of the people in the class seemed to feel they fell into the conformist category because they generally go along with society's expectations for them.

Non-conformists are people who challenge the system and try to make changes they see might be fit. Being a non-conformist means that you don't do everything that everyone does just because it is the "thing to do."

Being a non-conformist isn't easy, but it doesn't mean that you have to be a non-conformist in everything either. Pick your battles. That is what I do. I'm happy to conform to the ideas of others in some cases, while in other cases I prefer not to conform.

Valentine's Day happens to be my latest battle. Instead of going out and buying the traditional Valentine's Day gifts, I prefer to do something a little different. This year I am making my gift for my fiancé — something I know he'll like simply because I put my time and thought into it.

That is what Valentine's Day should be about anyhow — showing the person you love, no matter their sex, how much you love them. Losing the expectation for lavish gifts and not conforming to the commercialization of Valentine's Day would allow people to focus on the point of Valentine's Day: our love for friends, family and each other. So, take a moment to cut a heart out of paper, jot down a few words to someone important to you, and send it their way. You never know whose day you might brighten.

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Second on the agenda is the partial birth issue. Schroeder falls into the usual pro-choice category, arguing that the only reason someone would get a partial-birth is because there is something wrong with the baby. The plain truth is that Schroeder is only marginally correct. Abortion clinics define danger to life with cases like "lethal fetal abnormalities," "gross fetal abnormalities" or "risk to maternal life," including "psychotic/suicidal behavior."

However, Planned Parenthood clinics also offers the procedure after 20 weeks for women who fall into five additional categories: (1) "minor or doubtful fetal abnormalities," (2) women "who do not know they are pregnant," perhaps due to amenorrhea [irregular menstruation] "in women who are very active, such as athletes or those under extreme forms of stress, i.e. exam stress, relationship breakup" and (3) "major changes in socio-economic circumstances. The most common example of this is a planned or wanted pregnancy followed by the sudden death or desertion of the partner who is in all probability the bread winner." That's just when there is something wrong.

Testifying before Congress, abortion doctor Dr. Martin Haskell admitted that a mere 20 percent of partial-birth abortions were done for health reasons, the other 80 percent being purely elective. While I think that the already well-known partial birth procedure needs no explanation, one question does. Why couldn't the mothers have opted for adoption?

To make matters worse, the legalization of abortion makes it increase at an exponential rate. The pre-Roe v. Wade days had an estimated 100,000 illegal abortions a year, and post-Roe v. Wade finds 750,000, and after that were hitting the millions mark. The great boom in teen pregnancies, which Schroeder never seems to stop talking about, occurred in the years following Roe v. Wade, apparently after abortion provided a way out.

By far the most ridiculous action by Schroeder is her efforts to portray the pro-choice movement as an anti-woman movement. The head of the National Right to Life Committee is a woman. The Roman Catholic Church, an outspoken opponent of abortion, more than likely contains women. The pro-life movement has women filling many of its most prominent ranks. Are they then traitors to their gender? I'd rather think they saw the other side of the issue.

I regret not bringing this up in class when I had the chance. But I hope that people will be reading.

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the country. Indeed, the current situation reminds many Afghans of the brutal 15-year civil war that was waged between Soviet and U.S. backed forces.

What have we gained from this? A couple thousand Taliban and Al Qaeda fighters have been captured, few of whom are members of either groups hierarchy. (It should also be noted that Al Qaeda is believed to have around 60,000 members in countries around the globe.) As Michael Albert and Stephen Shalom stated in an article published in Z-Mag, "If bin Laden is indeed the evil genius responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks, is it credible that he and his top aides would be so bumbling as to wait around for the U.S. military to exterminate them? We know they have already abandoned their training camps. They may have relocated themselves to some unknown caves in the Afghan mountains, they may have moved into various Afghan villages, blending in with the population, or they may even have left the country entirely."

Due to the global and clandestine nature of these forces, it seems far more effective to improve the pathetic quality of U.S. intelligence in regards to Islamic fundamentalism and Middle Eastern affairs. Indeed, if any more Al Qaeda or Taliban members are caught it will be through improved intelligence and special forces operations, not a bombing campaign and a land invasion.

Once more, I'll end this article defending the Peaceful Justice movement. Some have made claims that we oppose the war out of some perverse reverence for the power of "the enemy." This is absolutely ridiculous. Much of the Peaceful Justice movement grew out of the growing Global Justice movement, which includes environmentalists, labor unions, human rights advocates, animal rights groups, anarchists, and various other anti-authoritarian types. It seems rather ridiculous to label this group as being cowed by authority.

Indeed, we are questioning this war and this administration at every turn, which is more than I can say for the war hawks. In fact, I can't say that this war, this administration, or the oh-so-patriotic war hawks have done much for democracy, freedom, or truth in the months since Sept. 11. As Noam Chomsky stated in his latest book, 911, truth is bound to be swallowed up in the bloody maw of history and drowned out by cries of "Victory!" Amen, Noam. Shout it from the rooftops.

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"What Change is in Store for the World and Pennsylvania? " will cover current research in climate change an its impending consequences for our world. Barron, a professor from Penn State University, is one of the leading experts in the field of global climate change and was most recently the head author of the National Academy of Sciences report to President Bush. As you might recall, Bush pushed this report aside, noting that global climate change is not important — maybe Dr. Barron will have something to say about that.

The theory of global climate change has been controversial politically, but has received nearly complete scientific consensus. As other nations around the world commit to carbon dioxide cutbacks, the United States continues to plow forward, full steam ahead. Accurate measures of carbon dioxide levels show that they are increasing. However, there has been a great deal of skepticism surrounding computer climate models, which contain a certain level of error.

Furthermore, predicting the climate and the earth's natural cooling and warming patterns is difficult to do. Based on what we do know, and following a common sense "precautionary principle," we should be addressing the problems of global climate change, and our own ways of reducing possible impacts. Instead, we continue to use up more fossil fuels, and preach ideals of sustainability to the third world. This is not a Republican or Democratic issue. It is not a United States against the world issue. Rather, it is an issue of whether we as humans are altering our planet's climate, and what these alterations will mean in the future.

These two presentations provide the opportunity for each and every member of the Meadville Community to gain sound information about these two topics. Take time out from the never-ending propaganda of the Bush administration and big energy corporations and learn the facts regarding the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and global climate change.

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SAFETY

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to Chief of Police in 1990 and held that position until his hiring as director of security.

According to the APB College Community Crime Check, Allegheny scored a five in safety on a ten-point scale. When compared to the national average of campus crime, the College remains in the average range.

The crime check rating is determined by the frequency of crime on campus compared to the national average of that same crime.

The Allegheny security staff — consisting of one safety officer, six security officers, four dispatch personnel and one director — handles alarms on campus, issues parking violations, evaluates safety of buildings, performs on campus escort services, patrols the campus and responds to calls.

The safety officer deals with the safety of the buildings and grounds. As a sworn officer, he is able to issue citations for various violations. The six security officers cover various patrol shifts on an around-the-clock basis.

During the daylight hours, two officers are on duty to patrol, respond to alarms and issue parking violations. At night, however, there is usually only one officer on duty to patrol the Allegheny campus.

In 1997, the security department suffered cutbacks in their budget. At one time the department had around 27 people on the staff. Today, there are 13. These 13 people, working in pairs during the day and usually alone at night, have to patrol and secure the 72-acre central campus and the 182-acre outdoor recreational complex on North Main.

In light of the recent mugging and the Brandon Kennedy sighting, the area near parking lot one adjacent to Ravine Hall, Edwards Hall and the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house is becoming an increasingly dangerous location on campus.

According to Tubbs, "We [security] are very sensitive to patrolling that area."

In addition to on-campus patrols, the Meadville city police are also conducting increased patrols of that area.

Tubbs also added, "Work is being done with contractors now to revamp the lighting situation near Ravine Hall."

Senior Mike McCorvey, the RD of Ravine, said that the residence halls are as safe as the staff can make them. He encouraged the residents to take ownership of the buildings, as they are their homes for the time being.

"This is your space. Lock your doors, don't leave doors propped open and be aware of who lives around you and who is in the dorm," McCorvey said.

The resident staff in Ravine Hall is looking forward to changing the outdoor lights and also adding touch lights for the interior halls that are dark during quiet hours.

Both Tubbs and McCorvey agree that students need to take some precautions when walking around campus and be proactive in preventing potentially devastating security issues.

"Students should carry something to make noise with — an old school thought that can really help. Always have your wits about you; know what is going on around you," Tubbs said. "Stay away from drug use and lots of alcohol that can impair your ability to know your surroundings. Know where the call boxes are. There is one in the Ravine lot, one at Senior Circle, the west side of Reis Hall, and one near the tennis courts. Most importantly, use a buddy system if possible," he added.

By following these suggestions and working with security, the Allegheny community may prevent a serious security issue from happening in the future.

MEAL PLANS

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McKinley's and can also be used at the C-store. Any unused munch money is not refunded at the end of the year.

"The chance that any munch money is left over is very low," said Associate Dean of Students Terrence Mitchell. "Most students just blow it all at the C-store at the end of the semester, but if they don't that money does go to the College, not Sodexho."

So, where does Sodexho make its money? According to Mitchell, "The Sodexho people are great people, but they also need to make a profit." To answer this question at least partially, one needs to examine the average cost of meals for each plan. Factor into these costs the fact that Sodexho has already allowed for students missing 35 to 38 percent of their meals (this number, Lee said, was formulated by tracking students' eating habits).

Take, for example, plan C, which is 20 meals a week for $1,315. Over the course of a 15-week semester, a student will be able to eat 300 meals. This makes each meal worth $4.38 to the student (regardless of the College's cut). If a student misses 35 percent of his or her meals (105 meals), leaving 195 meals eaten, the value of each meal goes up to $6.74. According to Lee, "Any student who eats more than 65 percent of their meals is cutting into my bottom line, but that's a good thing. It means we're doing a good job."

Of course, the College will have its fair share of the override, but this, combined with the lower meal values for McKinley's breakfasts and lunches and other built-in profit, accounts for much of Sodexho's earnings.

While Sodexho seems to have a good system for making a profit through dining services at Allegheny, meeting the wishes of the student body is what keeps them in business, as Lee emphasized.

"We are constantly looking for feedback from students, we want them to tell us what they want," he said. Lee, in referring to the latest batch of surveys given to Allegheny students, said, "This group isn't into brand names as much as national trends, like Asian cuisine. Wellness and nutrition are also very important to them, and so we're trying to incorporate that into all of our services."

Another testament to the influence that the student body has over Sodexho's policies can be seen in what Lee calls "a new pricing structure at the C-store, where we will meet or beat prices at Country Fair." The change was in response to a comparison of prices previously published in *The Campus*.

Sodexho's contract is up in 2004 and Lee was unable to give specifics concerning its renewal because of ongoing talks on the matter, but he hinted at the future. "The school has involved us in the plans for the new Campus Center, and we'll have a much bigger presence than there is now," he said.

Main Meal Plans, Prices, Numbers of Students That Use Them* and Approx. Cost Per Meal◊

Plan and No. of Meals	Cost	No. of Students on Plan	Cost Per Meal
Plan A) 20/week + $250 munch	$1,552.50	46 students	$4.34
Plan B) 17/week + $150 munch	$1,395	270 students	$4.88
Plan C) 20/week	$1,315	618 students	$4.38
Plan D) 14/week	$1,210	219 students	$5.76
Plan E) 10/week	$1,075	115 students	$7.17
Plan F) Any 200 meals	$1,315	122 students	$6.58
Plan G) Any 40 meals	$270	189 students	$6.75

*33 students are on a fraternity house meal plan and 298 students do not have meal plans.
◊Cost of meal formulated by dividing cost of meal plan by the product of the number of meals per week x 15 weeks in the semester. The munch amount has been subtracted from plans A and B.

SEMINARS

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class to help first-year students adjust. This presents a problem with the system: some students are getting more attention than others and in the long run are more prepared for the years ahead. This issue has professors torn between teaching their course's subject and spending more time with first-year orientation.

"I feel like it's a little family. I am actually sad that we have to be separated. I have gained a lot from that class."

—Ashley Dreibelbis, '05

Dance Professor Jan Hyatt teaches two different seminars. Her first seminar, the Immigrant Experience, does not deal within her expertise in dance. "I think that the first-term seminar is a really splendid form for allowing faculty to go beyond their discipline," she said. The seminars vary greatly in subjects, allowing students to study outside of their potential major, but inside of their other interests.

Linda Shafer, assistant professor of political science, has come in contact with these difficulties in her seminar. "Following the theme is nearly impossible, because what appears to be more pressing than the theme is how to succeed," she said. Shafer spends much of her in-class time working with students on skills such as using the library, citing sources within a paper, sending and receiving attachments and scheduling with Web Advisor. Because of the need to help her students, she felt she had inadequate time to teach the subject and feels Allegheny should "drop the themes and stick with a skill guide to college."

Jeff Cross, professor of psychology, teaches both an FS101 seminar and an FS 201 seminar. "The FS is a real challenge because there are so many different objectives of the course. It's difficult to inject meaningful blocks of content into the course, but I think that the idea of working on writing and speaking skills is very important," he said.

Some students feel their advisers have neglected them and that they are now at a disadvantage. Sophomore Jackie Guerriero had numerous negative experiences with her first seminar adviser. "We didn't learn how to use any on-campus resources. Our FS professor told us to go to the library and do research and to ask the people at the information desk for help," she said.

Other students, like junior biology major Sam Urick, had a different experience. "I enjoyed my first seminar because I felt that it helped me to drastically improve my public speaking skills and my ability to be able to synthesize material from several sources into one coherent paper," he said. Although he felt the course was advantageous, he still admits that having two first-year seminars seems redundant and time consuming.

"As a first-year student it was somewhat of a comfort knowing that all the students in the class were in the same position I was, but as far as learning anything profound that will forever change my life, I didn't," said first-year Kristin Chulack. "The seminars are helpful for public speaking purposes, however, I don't think they are really useful for anything else."

Although her experience, as she said, was nothing profound, Chulack brought up another benefit: student bonding time. Other first-year students felt this way as well. Last semester, Dreibelbis said, "I feel like it's a little family. I am actually sad that we have to be separated. I have gained a lot of friends from that class."

Associate Dean of the College Richard Holmgren said that this four-year program elevates language and communication in an interdisciplinary context. "I think that it is important for students in all disciplines to learn to communicate," he said. He explained that most liberal arts schools have a seminar system, but some are not as academic as Allegheny's.

Although Fleury admits the system could be better, "this is only because I think changes need to occur through public discussion and discourse. What seminars could and should be will continue to emerge."

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Chien to Perform Recital for Trustee

By JENNA NIGRO
Staff Reporter

Alec Chien will perform a solo recital this Friday Feb. 15 honoring Trustee Dr. M. Peter Scibetta. The concert will also provide data for an interdisciplinary class Chien is helping teach that connects music and neuroscience.

Scibetta graduated from Allegheny College in 1954. After receiving his M.D., he began to improve cancer care in his hometown of Erie. He formed the Regional Cancer Center and served as CEO for 14 years before retiring in 2000.

Scibetta is an involved member of his community, serving as a board member for many organizations. He is interested in classical music, especially piano. As Allegheny College is in the process of honoring all its trustees, the concert seemed to be a good way to honor Scibetta, who has always been "supportive of music," Chien said.

The concert will also be useful in collecting data to investigate music and brainwaves. This investigation is part of a class Chien teaches with Professor Alexander Dale and Jeffrey Cross called "Neuroscience of Music Comprehension." This is the second offering of the course, which is funded through grants from the Keck Foundation.

Students are required to complete lab reports and share their reactions to music. Chien said that student response to music came in different forms. Some can see colors; others write their feelings in poems. However, the class also serves as a place for the researchers to collect data.

Non-musical students and students who are musicians show different brainwave patterns in response to aspects of music such harmony, theme, and rhythm. These are measured through the use of electrode monitors glued to students' heads. The EEGs can then be studied by the students and professors.

The data investigates differences between responses to live and recorded music, chamber music as opposed to other forms, and other aspects. Familiarity with the music and mood can also change people's reactions. "There are so many facets," Chien said.

During the concert, some of the students in the class will be hooked up to equipment in order to collect more data. A chamber music performance in which similar data collection will occur is to be held in April, Chien said.

Chien said that he was "trying to teach kids to listen. Music just happens to be the language right now." Listening is a discipline he added. Chien also said we must have "a quiet heart to listen to ourselves and others." You are active when you are listening, Chien said, and people need to actively respond.

The program on Friday consists of four selections. First, Chien will play Schumann's Fantasy Op. 17, a piece the composer wrote out of longing for his girlfriend who had just moved away forever. Angry passages full of "schizophrenic passion" alternate with dreamy segments, Chien said. Next is Alexander Zemlinsky's Country Dance, Op. 1, which shows the composers admiration for Schubert. Strauss's Piano Pieces, Op. 5, Nos. 3 & 4, shows the Schumann influence. Passion and tenderness coexist in this piece. Last on the program is Schubert's "Wanderer Fantasy," Op. 15. Four contrasting movements characterize this song, Chien explained.

This is the first time Chien has played a concert at Allegheny College in two years. He said signs of arthritis have caused him to be more careful not to overexert himself. "I've learned to live with the limit,"he said.

Alec Chien has won a number of international piano competitions and has performed around the world. He was Grand Prize Winner of the 1986 Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition and has toured with many symphonies, yet is still active in spreading his love of music in Meadville, performing and lecturing to students in area schools. He lives in Meadville with his wife and three daughters.

For more information about the concert contact the music department at 332-3356.

PIANO MAN



WARMING UP—This Friday Professor of Music Alec Chien will perfom a solo recital for Allegheny Trustee Dr. M. Peter Scibetta.

—photo courtesy of Bill Owens

Students Team Up Against Multiple Sclerosis

By ABBY COLLIER
Editor-in-Chief

The Greek community plans to raise money for multiple sclerosis again this year with its annual fundraiser, Students Against Multiple Sclerosis, in the Campus Center on Wednesday, March 6 at 6 p.m.

SAMS, sponsored by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils, is known as a karaoke event, although the participants have already prepared the songs they will perform.

"It's fun, most of all," said the Vice President of IFC and Theta Chi member Art Craig. "We run it like 'Say What Karaoke.'" Also, Craig said this year sophomore and Theta Chi member Dave Durst will be a DJ for the event.

In "Say What Karaoke," a program on MTV, different amateur musical acts compete against one another with both prepared songs and improvisation in front of celebrity judges. With SAMS, similarly, between 10 and 15 student groups pick songs and choreograph dances. They perform in front of a panel of five judges, which consists of faculty and staff members.

According to Assistant Director of Student Activities and Greek Advisor Keri Fadden, the panel gives awards for creativity and choreography. "The Campus Center is packed," she said of the event, which usually draws an audience of around 200 students. "They [the participants] are trying to make it funny. It's supposed to be light-hearted."

SAMS, she added, raises around $2,000 annually and presents a check to a local MS representative that night. The event, which raises money with the $25 entrance fee, also holds a change drive on Feb. 25 in the Campus Center. The group that raises the most change is then recognized.

"I think we need to get students more aware of the cause," said Vice President of Public Relations Meredith Beusching, a member of Alpha Chi Omega. "I've learned more about the disease and how it's debilitating and the repercussions of it."

Fadden explained how MS is a disease without a cure that degenerates the nerves and affects all ages. According to the National MS Society's web site (www.nationalmssociety.org); MS is "a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms may be mild such as numbness in the limbs or severe — paralysis or loss of vision." The site describes such symptoms as "fatigue, tingling, numbness, painful sensations, blurred or double vision, muscle weakness, impaired balance, spasticity, tremor, changes in bladder, bowel, and sexual function, cognitive changes such as forgetfulness or difficulty concentrating, speech

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International Film Festival Debuts at Academy Theatre

By NICOLE GERAGHTY
Weekend Editor

Allegheny's annual International Film Festival premiered the Japanese action/fantasy film titled "Monoke Hime" ("Princess Monoke") last Wednesday, Feb. 6. The festival, which will run throughout February, is sponsored by the Academy Theatre, the department of modern and classical languages and Gator Activities Programming (GAP).

The second installment of the festival is an Italian comedy titled "Pane e Tulipane" ("Bread and Tulips"). This film showed on Feb. 13 at the Academy Theatre and is an award-winning comedy about a housewife who tries to reinvent herself.

"We try to feature languages that students are learning here on campus," said Assistant Professor of Modern Languages Barbara Riess, who is responsible for choosing the films. "I inherited this program from a colleague of mine, but I'm also a scholar of film." This is her third year working with this event.

For ideas, Riess turns to her fellow faculty members, as they have often spent time abroad in the countries from which the films originate. "I like to get an idea of what they like, and what is popular in the country that [he/she] spent time in," she said.

Riess also stated that the film climate is not always the same. Although they would like to feature films in German, French, Russian, and Spanish, these are not always available. This Wednesday's viewing is an Italian film, but the main actor is German so perhaps that will appeal to two different types of audiences.

Riess would also like to stress the fact all students are encouraged to attend. She feels that the movies she picks are not just for students who attend language classes. "As for content, the History and Political science departments are well served by the movies we pick. There is also a budding Asian studies minor we're trying to supports," she said.

Next Wednesday, Feb. 20, the Academy will feature "Yerma". This film, directed by Pilar Tovar, is an adaptation of a play of the same name by Garcia Lorca. Set in rural Spain it follows a young woman on a religious pilgrimage. This particular film might appeal to theater students because the Playshop Theatre is presenting Lorca's "Blood Wedding" later in the month.

For the last installment of the film festival the Academy Theatre will present France's "Le gout des autres" ("A Taste of the Others"). This French comedy was directed by Agnes Jaoui and was nominated for an Oscar in the Best Foreign film category. This story concerns a married businessman who attends the theaters and falls head over heals in love with the leading lady. He pursues her and in doing so brings together an unlikely group of people. "Hollywood is so predictable," Riess said. "You know the bad guy is going to lose. International film doesn't worry about the spectator leaving the theater happy."

Showings are each Wednesday at 8 p.m. and tickets are $5. Students can take a schedule provided by GAP to and from the theatre. "Gap has been instrumental in providing transportation for students, " Riess said. Riess also wanted to thank Professor Goldstein who is the liaison for the Academy Theatre.

Still, numbers in attendance at these showings aren't as high as Riess would like to see. "I think it's really important that students know that 60 percent of their competitors are going to have knowledge of cultural experience. We'd like to bring that here," she said.

Silver Jews Return with Fourth Album

By DON THOMAS
Staff Reporter

Song writers who employ acoustic guitar in their music are usually understood as having something profound to say, some obstacle they have to overcome or something of that sort. Calling this music "confessional" is a label that gets attached to artists quite often.

However The Silver Jews instead produce well crafted, delicate songs that are created for the sake of being creative. You cannot even throw a rock without hitting someone who is complaining about something, but when music like this comes out its rather refreshing to listen to.

Music Review

An oddly named band, The Silver Jews, are out with their fourth full length album titled Bright Flight off of Drag City Records. The band which has been primarily a side project for front man D.C. Berman is known for their stripped down lo-fi sound with albums comprising of short melodic songs. Berman used to be in the band Pavement, but since that band dissolved not too long ago, it's quite possible that The Silver Jews will become a full time project.

Bright Flight, appears to be a natural progression from their former albums. It's slightly more and more dynamic in both song structure and lyrics. They have always been known for their strange lyrics, and this new album is no exception. Berman has always written very abstract lyrics, however, his words are somewhat more focused with this new release, with themes ranging from God to the state of Tennessee.

The man who once wrote songs about renting hotel rooms is now on a few tracks writing songs about love. Berman has not digressed all that much though, the words are still odd even to the point of absurdity but the band still pulls it off rather well.

The album opens with Berman's voice singing, "When God was young, he made the wind and the sun/ Since then, it has been a slow education." What the hell? I don't really know what he is singing about but the acoustic guitar behind it sounds good as he strums a few open chords. Each song follows the standard guitars, bass, and drums, and I could not help but notice how simple everything sounds—nothing feels contrived, which is definitely a good thing, especially now when everything seems very overproduced.

Some of the songs remind me of The Beatles, while other songs remind me of the band Sebadoh. Vocals throughout the album border on the fence of being sung and being spoken and were probably recorded at a higher volume then the instruments.

The music accompanies Berman's voice quite well. On the song entitled Transylvania Blues, the listener is treated to a more driving song then the other ones on the album, opening with an organ and electric guitar. The drums kick in carrying the song and Berman's vocals soon follow creating a song that could possibly be a hit. The song breaks down in the middle for an upbeat piano solo which complements the music nicely. Its definitely the high point of the album.

Its always taken me a few listens to a Silver Jews album, but the music does eventually grow on you. Some songs resemble country songs that I am not a fan of, but they do have a unique feel to them and still contain the band's trademark sound. The album consists of 10 tracks that run a total of only 30 minutes so it's rather short, but its definitely worth listening to.

WARC will soon put the album in rotation so if you are curious at all as to what they sound like give the radio station a call at 332-5275.

ALLEGHENY STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS — VOTE!

When: Thursday and Friday, Feb. 21 and 22
Where: Campus Center lobby from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Voting will also be available online!
Watch out for an e-mail with details.

Students of all classes can vote. All you need is your Allegheny ID.

ASG: Vote. Make a Difference.

Ebony Ball

This Saturday

Brooks Dining Hall , 9 p.m.

Mad About Meadville:
Check Out the Comic Book Store

By NICOLE GERAGHTY
Weekend Editor

Junior Tom Pennachio just can't wait to get his hands on Harry Potter collectibles. "Ever since the Harry Potter series hit the bookshelves, I've been eagerly awaiting the film," said Pennachio, who has seen the movie four times. Now he is building up his collection of Harry Potter collectible cards thanks to Fantasy Cards & Comics located at 340 North St. in Meadvile.

Fantasy Cards & Comics has resided in Meadville for the past 10 years, and they sell everything from collectible cards, to miniatures, to role playing materials and a small, yet eclectic collection of novels. They even have a selection of used music and sports cards. "The sports cards are prime, " said senior Jeremy Noonan.

James Morgan, the manager of the establishment, is confident in his background with this type of material. "I've been involved in gaming and fantasy for most of my life," he said. "It gives me an opportunity to work with something that I'm passionate and knowledgeable about and share it with customers."

In addition to the recent Harry Potter craze, Fantasy Cards & Comics also sells Lord of the Rings memorabilia,. According to Morgan "If you miss the movie, you're making a huge mistake. Everyone I know saw it."



FANTASY WORLD- Check out the comic book shop at 340 North St. in Meadville. They offer a wide variety of cards and comics.

—photo by Nicole Geraghty, Weekend Editor

Morgan admits that business can sometimes be slow, but there has been a recent surge in the past two years with the forming of ARGO, Allegheny's Role-playing and Gaming Organization. He also said that the age range of the customers is unbelievable. "We get people in here as young as eight and as old as 40."

Brandon Doughty, 13, is a regular at the comic shop. "I get to meet up with other people who play cards and role-playing games," Doughty said. His friend Mike McGinnity, 14, agreed. "It's fun to play with the miniatures," he said.

Morgan demonstrates games for free, so customers can be sure they want to purchase them. There are also tables available for playing at any time, except for during league tournaments. Their hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 724-2194.

Women Challenge Harassment in 'Red Room' Hall Program

By KARA MEAD
Staff Reporter

Thirteen women, primarily residents of third Walker, gathered in the Burgundy lounge of Brooks Hall on Feb. 5 for a hall program, all wearing the color red.

Participants were greeted by a large red sign that said "The Red Room." Upon entering the lounge, they found red chairs placed in an oval around the room and a table decorated with two vases of red roses, red sherbet and fruit punch.

"My job is not to pressure the student to press charges, it is to equip them with the knowledge to make an informed decision."

—Dr. Rhonda Matthews

So, what was this meeting? An early Valentine's Day party, perhaps? Not exactly. It was all part of a program started by the College's Sexual Harassment Officer Rhonda Matthews, called "Behind the Red Door," to stop sexual harassment, sexual assault and rape.

Matthews, who is also the College's director of diversity affairs and a visiting associate professor of sociology, said her idea for the program sprung from a national print media campaign called "The Red Zone" that had similar objectives. However, Matthews said she disagreed with the way the posters listed numerous "Do's" and "Don'ts" on preventing rape and sexual assault.

"They were presented in such a way that they instilled fear in women. Not only that, but it gave women a false sense of security that if they followed these rules then nothing would happen. If you walk on a lighted sidewalk, you won't be grabbed. That's simply not the case, and it also conveyed a message that women are responsible for the behavior of others, which is also untrue," Matthews said.

With the music of female hip hop artist India Arie playing in the background, the women in the Red Room spent most of the meeting talking over what they thought power encompassed and how they could attain it. They also actively participated in defining terms such as sexual harassment, sexual assault and rape, as well as their differences. To go along with this activity, Matthews reviewed the College's definitions as stated in the school's handbook.

Other issues discussed included the socialization of women, gender issues on campus, what patterns or themes were apparent in the women's personal experiences in dating, and how they apply to power. Matthews highlighted the negative stereotypes and encouraged the women to pursue the power to break them.

The evening also focused on what steps women should take if a person, or someone they know, is ever raped. The most important part of this process, according to Matthews, is for the victim to seek out help, even if she decides not to take any legal action.

"I'm always available to talk to. My job is not to pressure the student to press charges, it is to equip them with the knowledge to make an informed decision. Whatever that decision is though, is totally up to the student," Matthews said.

Matthews urges any student needing assistance with any matter dealing with sexual assault, sexual harassment or rape to either contact her, a member of residence life. For 24-hour assistance, students can contact Women's Services in Meadville at 724-4637.

Before the end of the program, each woman in the audience was given a red note card and told to write something they had learned that night or an inspirational phrase. Each woman was then given one of the cards to take home, as well as handouts on sexual assault, and a red rose. All seemed quite pleased by the experience.

"It was very informative and helped me to realize the history behind a lot of my actions and the actions of other women. It worked to convey the message that we don't have to fit a stereotype, and it's nice to have that encouragement," Hecker said.

Julie Skivers, an RA on third Walker, and Holly Miller, an RA on ground Walker, who arranged to have the program presented, were also happy with the results.

"I had Rhonda in sociology, and during RA training others raved about the program. I think it went really well," Miller said.

To schedule this program for other groups, contact Rhonda Matthews in the Diversity Affairs office at 332-3332.

Gift Giving this Valentine's Day

By ERIC PATTERSON
Staff Reporter

Once again its the time of year when Cupid, that naked guy with wings, sharpens his arrows and perfects his aim in an attempt to match lucky people with one another to form a new couple. It's Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is a holiday that is easy to forget at Allegheny. The new semester is fresh and students are trying to adjust to their new classes and the arctic blast, which is customary around this time.

So now the day has come when you can unabashedly display the feelings you hold for a loved one. Unfortunately, shopping was not penciled into the planner quite soon enough. And what to get them? Should you go with the traditional flowers and chocolate? Or should you go for individuality in a gift? It seems that Allegheny students have very different ideas as to what they want for Valentine's Day.

Junior Brea Whitehair prefers the classics. She is partial to the flowers and candy that have become the customary gifts from a man to a woman. "There is no quicker way to my heart than some good chocolate, chocolate covered strawberries in particular." If it is pink and there are hearts on it, Whitehair said she would be more than willing to accept it. "I'm not sure why," she said, "I just like the really pink stuff girls can get on Valentine's Day. It's really the only time of year when you can get pink pajamas covered in hearts."

It seems, though, that Whitehair may represent the small percentage of people who still enjoy the traditional gifts. Some women seem to think that men have an easy job buying their girlfriend a present. A man can get a girl flowers and jewelry without putting very much thought into the gift. On the other hand, a girl has no such option. Because of this, some women would like a more creative gift from her boyfriend in an attempt to level the playing field.

Junior Erica Shadle, Whitehair's roommate, is one of these people. "I'd like something I could remember my valentine by. Not necessarily jewelry, but more than the usual 'guy-gets-girl' gifts of flowers and candy," she said. A unique gift, but also one that will stand the test of time, seems to be what Shadle is looking forward to receiving this Valentine's Day. So it appears that women are not as easy to buy for as first thought.

The women on campus do not seem to be the only ones that are more concerned with the memories rather than the material. Apparently, this trend continues past the boundary of sex.

According to junior Michael Mong, "This year for Valentine's Day I really don't want any material gift. What I'd really like is for a romantic weekend with my valentine, such as staying at a ski resort." Mong said he makes a conscious effort not to conform to the usual Valentine's Day with his girlfriend. "Anything to steer away from the traditional dinner/movie thing," he said. Mong appears to represent the percentage of guys on campus that do not get caught up with the materialism of Valentine's Day.

The same cannot be said for juniors Kevin Morrissey and Ray Tricomi. They think that the quickest path to the heart is an expensive

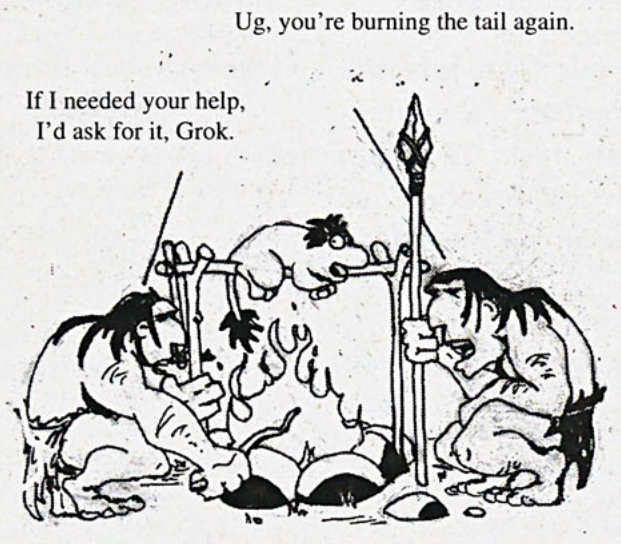
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Weekend Where@bouts

Bands: Further Seems Forever, Recover, Pop Unkown, A Week in July
When: Friday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.
Where: Club Laga
How Much: $8 adv/ $10 door
Misc: all ages

Bands: Gov't Mule
When: Wednesday, Feb. 20
Where: "M", formerly Metropole
Misc: (421) 261 4152

COMPLETE CONFUSION
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100% False: The "cave Fraggle" formed a large part of the Neanderthal diet

UNPLEASANT THOUGHTS

—a column by Matt Meehan

From time to time, strange things happen to people. These events can occur in our own lives, or in those of people we know. And although we have many ways of dealing with them, we can never adjust our reactions to mask the fact that we, as a society, watch entirely too much television. Thus, when we realize we're in love with the same member of the opposite sex as one of our close friends, we take note of how similar the scenario is to the most recent episode of "Friends". Or, when our responsibilities put us in a position where we must make difficult decisions, in consultation with our colleagues and advisers, we fancy ourselves playing the Fake President of the United States, a la Martin Sheen on "The West Wing".

Molly Shannon's popular Saturday Night Live character, Mary Catherine Gallagher, has a seemingly endless reservoir of made-for-TV movies that she calls upon for inspiration in her most trying, embarrassing, and important moments. And as much as we'd like to believe that we're more complex than a sketch comedy character in a plaid skirt and cardigan sweater, the sad truth is that we are not.

But what I'm most concerned with is the way that we explain the more curious, sordid, and sometimes downright naughty messes that we often find ourselves in. Today's standard prime-time fare just doesn't grapple with the hard-hitting issues that programs have dealt with in the past. Not that my memory is in the greatest of shape after the feel-good Clinton era and my four years at Allegheny, or that I watch as much television as I used to, but aside from Seventh Heaven, I see very little from the once popular sit-com meets PSA genre.

Remember when, back before she was a stripper (I'm sorry, a "showgirl"), Jessica Spano of "Saved by the Bell" got hooked on speed pills? Remember when Alex P. Keaton did the same, so he could stay up all night exalting and glorifying the altar of Reaganomics? These programs typically relied on sex jokes and goofy characters to please their viewers and corporate sponsors but at times transcended all of this to teach relevant moral truths. Sad as it is, and despite the Republicans' 12 year hegemony in Washington, the nation's moral compass never functioned for more than a half-hour at a time.

Which brings me to the next pop-culture allegory for the common substance abuse problem: the after-school special. To the students at this college, this term should mean nothing to us, because they stopped making them before most of us even knew what school was. Yet whenever one of our friends is plagued by a stalker problem (or perhaps is someone else's stalker problem) we say "gee, this is just like an after-school special". My question is, how the hell would you know if you've probably never even seen one?

Oh, sure, we've seen clips from them on talk shows. Actors who have long since established themselves were often given their big break by the Disney/ABC conglomerate that put these programs together. Kids would come home from school, arrange a flotilla of fattening snacks on a TV tray (most likely depicting Pac-Man or the cast of "Welcome Back, Kotter") and watch a young Jodie Foster crash through a plate-glass window after taking too many hits of acid, or a young Emilio Estevez smoking pot in his room, listening to an Iron Maiden rip-off band while his little brother's nose gushes blood in the driveway. Between scenes and commercials, experts would dispense nuggets of wisdom about what to do if one of your friends was becoming a speed freak or a vegan. The youth of America would watch, learn, and grow fatter, and television would come off as the best babysitter imaginable because, far short of running up the phone bill, it would tackle issues that parents were afraid to touch.

But then, things changed. Ratings' trends increasingly moved away from social relevance toward a new breed of after-school television entertainment. Ultra-violent fare, such as G.I. Joe, ran its course, as did shows based on characters from feature-length Disney films such as "The Jungle Book." It all culminated with what we have today, an endless barrage of cartoons known to give Japanese children the funky shakes, starring the super-cute Pokemon and their ultra-confusing cousins, the Digimon. Kids flocked in hordes to the altar of the Power Rangers, and parents acquiesced in buying their beloved the entire set of action figures. This was, after all, far easier than sitting with them and trying to understand the frenetic motion of pastel-colored ninja fighters from space. Or something like that. But my point is that these fast-paced, brightly colored programs do nothing to inspire the critical thought necessary to extend the human attention span beyond the 10 minutes necessary to make it to the next commercial, thus making relevant social and political issues the most unwelcome of visitors.

So the question now is, "Where has all the educational programming gone?" To me, it seems the after-school special has been replaced by what we know as the Lifetime "Original Movie." I like to think of these masterpieces as the "after-school special deluxe" because, in addition to tackling tough issues like teen pregnancy and irradiated vegetables, a surprising number of them feature Shelley Long or Tori Spelling. This can only help ratings, because as I mentioned above, we watch entirely too much prime-time television. Thus, when we're surfing channels, we can all keep it locked on lifetime for the sake of that lady who used to be on "Cheers", and America's favorite sweetheart, Donna Martin.

So perhaps it is premature to conclude that socially relevant programming is dead. The facts seem to suggest that it has just moved on to a different, more ratings-friendly venue. And the target audience has perhaps grown older, as the programming now comes on later at night. Nonetheless, the vast wonderland of television continues to take on modern social problems in a sappy, overhanded and emotionally manipulative manner, and this can be nothing but a good thing. Someday, my conclusion that television will lead to the devolution of our species will be fully supported by the evidence. So America, keep on clicking.

Today's Horoscopes— Information courtesy of www.excite.com

Aries (March 21 - April 19): Keep in mind that while you're looking over someone else's shoulder, someone else might be looking over yours. It's extremely important for you to keep your hands clean in case you raise an issue, Aries. Innocence is a major component of dignity. If someone thinks that calling you 'dreamer' is an insult, ask if you can make his or her own record public. It isn't enough for you to know what you're capable of -- the whole world should be paying attention.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Don't expect the people you run across today to be able to read your mind. The only way for you to get what you want is to ask for it outright and realistically. In order for you to get all of your tasks accomplished, you must distill all of those wild possibilities into a finite set of workable options, Taurus. If you're approaching outside sources, your friends are behind you all the way, but the responsibility of asking for what you want is still all yours.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): Whatever happened to that carefree attitude everyone admired about you in days past? Maybe you're too controlling for your own good at the moment. Try to keep in mind that clarity is something that comes from the outside. If you don't find a way to come down from the clouds and pay attention to the slower ways of earth and water, you could find yourself alone and misunderstood. After you make the necessary changes, you'll be wondering why it took so long to understand.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): You have access to a lot of positive energy, but you might have a difficult time harnessing all of it in order to do something constructive with it. Someone should be paying you to let your mind wander, because that's what it will do for the next few days. Creative development sprouts from this phase, with an emphasis on exploring the unknown. Create a new art form or work on one that already exists, like sculpture or collage. And remember, it's never too early to start planning your Spring garden.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): No matter how comfortable you feel in present company, this isn't a good time to divulge too much personal information, Leo. Observe what's going on if you must, but find a better

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SPORTS *Scores, Schedules, News, Features*

Steelers Heading to College

By KATIE LEHRIAN
Staff Reporter

Volunteers from the Pittsburgh Steelers' Footballers Basketball team will challenge the Allegheny College faculty, administration and staff on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. in the Wise Sport and Fitness Center.

Up 'til Dawn (UTD), an on-campus organization that annually raises money for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, is planning the fundraiser. St. Jude's, a research and treatment center, deals primarily with pediatric cancer.

"We hope to involve the community and the College in this event," said junior Anna Lingeris, executive director of fundraising for UTD. "We really think our organization could benefit from the involvement of the community."

Lingeris said approximately 10 players and administration staff from the Steelers will attend the game. "We won't know exactly who is coming until the day before the game, but the players come from a list of 20 to 25 recognizable first or second string players," she added.

"The Steelers usually only play games at high schools, but I worked with the manager to organize it for the college level," Lingeris said. "We really want to excite the Meadville and Allegheny communities."

Applications for players and cheerleaders were due by Feb. 11. The UTD executive board will choose at random one applicant per department, selecting a team of around 20 players.

"We want to get as many people involved as possible," Lingeris said. "Only 24 hours after we distributed the applications, I already had received five back."

Because the UTD staff also wants to involve the community, it has recruited Chamber of Commerce affiliate Charley Anderson, who will announce, and George Schroeder, who will referee.

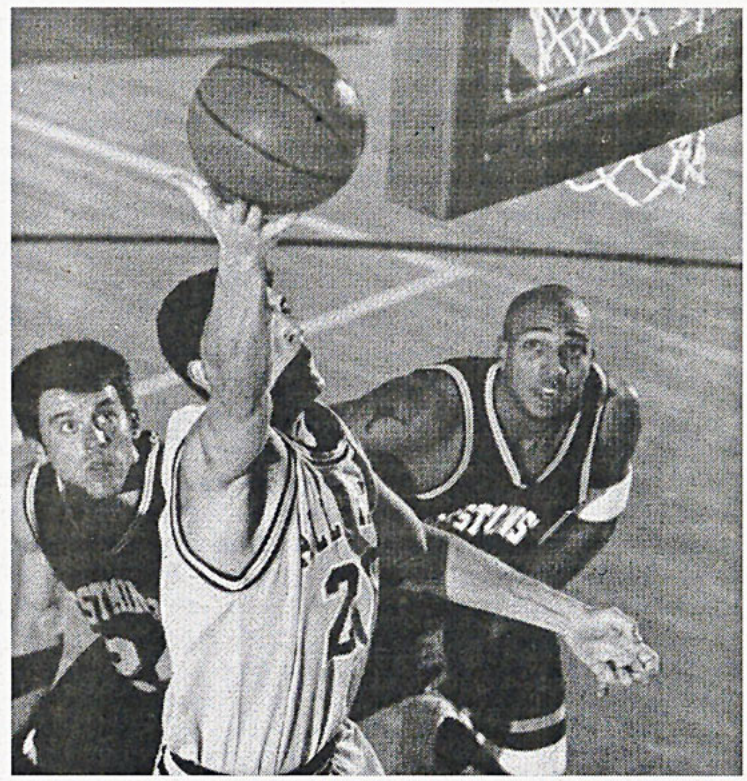
A raffle during the game will include dinner with the Steelers' players and Steelers' memorabilia. An autograph session will also take place during half time.

Proceeds from the concession stand will be split between the Allegheny softball team, who will staff the stand, and UTD.

"Fundraising is difficult on a college campus so we hope to involve the Meadville community in this event," Lingeris said. "We want the Steelers to know that they are supporting a worthwhile and important event."

Tickets are $6 and are available during lunch and dinner at both McKinley's and Brooks Dining Halls and during lunch only at the Post Office. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Office of Student Activities at 332-2754.

LEADING THE WAY



GATORS HONORED—Junior Nick Catanzarite was one of three Gators named Player of the Week. See page 15 for details.

—photo courtesy of Office of Student Activities

Allegheny Men's Lacrosse Anxious for Season

By LAUREN MCCATTY
Staff Reporter

What is it going to take in order for the men's lacrosse club team to become a varsity sport here at Allegheny? According to the Director of Athletics Rick Creehan, there is going to have to be an increase in the level of enthusiasm and desire shown by students, not to mention the addition of a women's team to the program.

To coincide with gender equity, it is preferred by the College to have an equal amount of men's sports teams as there are women's. In the past, the women's varsity lacrosse team was added in the place of a men's wrestling team, resulting in the 10 men, 10 women athletic program. "This setup is my first choice. I would be opposed to adding another men's team without a women's. However, I would not be opposed to the other way around," Creehan said.

Approximately one year ago an idea called New Initiative was introduced. This proposed that a women's golf team would be added along with the men's lacrosse team. Creehan predicted that these two programs will be seen at Allegheny some time within the next three years.

Such a hopeful outlook is not unreasonable considering that Allegheny is one of few schools in the NCAC without a men's lacrosse team. Another key factor is that women's golf is the number one emerging sport in the United States at the Division III level.

Again, it is the lack of need or demand by the students to establish a women's golf team here at Allegheny. However, Creehan suspects that with the increasing rate of high schools across the Pennsylvania and Ohio area that are incorporating golf into their programs, the demand for such a sport will increase within the next couple of years.

But what about the "lack of desire" or support for the initiation of a varsity men's lacrosse team? The Athletic department recognizes that there is indeed a want for this sport, however, simply having a club team is apparently not enough. "There has been sporadic interest in the past, but nothing too intense or ongoing," Creehan says.

Men's lacrosse team captain Alex Cashman-Rolls, a senior, explained that the lack of intense action for the making of a varsity team is not due to lack of excitement his team has for the sport, but rather to sport's lack of popularity. "Lacrosse is not big in western Pennsylvania, so we have a problem finding players on this campus. Some that do end up coming have little to no experience, other have shown up and quit or just half-ass it," he said.

However, all outlooks are not bad. A majority of the new players are first-years and seem to play with much experience and desire, as seen by their team captain. Although Cashman-Rolls will be graduating this May, he expects the team to continue to improve and become more serious. Within this year alone there has been a promising change from the past years. "We are definitely showing more of an interest. We had a fall season this year and players are taking the practices more seriously."

First-year Kevin Obersheimer speaks for the team on this issue. "We would all like to see the team turn varsity, but there hasn't been much talking about what can be done." For the most part, the lack of interest can be credited to the lack of knowledge throughout the campus about the team. "We just need to get the word out," Obersheimer said.

Still, there are inconveniences that this team must deal with in order to play through their planned season. Because the organization has not reached varsity level, it's more common for games to be cancelled due to weather and poor field conditions.

As Cashman-Rolls said, only one of the scheduled games was played last year. The team holds more hope for this year's season, which has six scheduled games. Cashman-Rolls holds reasonable goals for the team, keeping in mind that they are a growing team and that it will take times and dedication to the program in order for the team to build itself. "I would like to see us go out there and improve our record to 50 percent wins," he said.

The men's team also holds high hopes for support by fellow students. Chances of this happening would be greatly increased if the team was able to host a game at Allegheny. "It would be great to get fans to come to the games, but we are not permitted to play on the varsity field. Our field is what we call the auxiliary rugby field or the football parking lot, so most of our games were away last year," Cashman-Rolls said.

Allegheny men's lacrosse has two scheduled home games for this upcoming season. The team will take on Indiana University of Pennsylvania on Sunday, Apr. 7 (time TBA) and again on Saturday, Apr. 13 against West Virginia University at 3 p.m.

Cashman-Rolls urged all to come out for the game. "We always tell people what and exciting and fast paced game lacrosse is, and how much hitting there is, just like hockey. I've found that such a description gets people to come out to the games," he said.

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Allegheny Ski Club Ready to Hit the Slopes

By CAM TERWILLIGER
Staff Reporter

Though the recent weather seems more like April than February since snow has melted and come back numerous times, first-year students Alex Mericli and Jon Cilley are still working to bring the Allegheny College Ski Club life.

Earlier this year, Mericli had been watching for fliers advertising an Allegheny skiing and snowboarding organization, but was unable to find any. After a while, he began to wonder if one even existed. The club existed in past years by name only. No skiing trips were actually being organized until this semester when Mericli and his friend Cilley stepped up to get the club rolling.

Cilley said the idea to start the club took shape over this past winter break when Mericli sent him an instant message about it. After returning from break, Cilley and Mericli began to work towards getting official recognition from the Allegheny Student Government (ASG) for the club.

On Jan. 29 the club had already come before ASG and was recognized as a possibility. Once a club is approved by ASG, it has the ability to petition for college funds in order to run. Also, and perhaps more importantly, ASG approval would allow the Ski Club access to Allegheny's motor vehicle pool. The ability to use the College's vans would more easily facilitate the transportation of club members and equipment than using cars owned by individual members of the club. Both Mericli and Cilley seemed confident that they would receive ASG's vote of approval because of the number of students interested in the club.

So far, response to the idea has been very positive. Over 60 people have already contacted Meicili to join the club. Among them was Communication Arts and Theater Professor Robert Macdougall. After noticing that the email address of Macdougall was that of a faculty member, Mericli and Cilley asked him about serving as the club's faculty advisor. Macdougall readily agreed and has since assisted Mericli and Cilley in obtaining official status from ASG.

In the near future, the club intends to facilitate biweekly trips to Peek 'n Peak, Holiday Valley and Seven Springs, which are all within a few hours of the campus. Group rates on passes and rentals can also be obtained at each of these resorts. The club provides a far more inexpensive way for the Allegheny skier or snowboarder to ride, especially if he or she plans to do it on a regular basis.

According to Mericli and Cilley, the club's activities will be run in a fairly informal manner. There will be no induction or mandatory attendance to participate. All you need to do is notify Mericli or Cilley via e-mail, providing them your name, e-mail address and phone number. Afterwards, they will contact interested students once a trip is planned. In the words of Mericli and Cilley, "If you want in, you're in. All we ask is that you like to ski or snowboard or want to learn how."

Coming from New Hampshire, Cilley said he has "a different perspective" about what the skiing experience is all about. With this in mind, Cilley and Mericli are planning to coordinate a skiing and snowboarding excursion to a more remote, larger resort, in New England or possibly in the western United States at some point in the future. Though Cilley says it is too late in the season for a trip to happen this year, it's a definite possibility for future years, most likely during winter break.

Cilley and Mericli admit that the lack of snow this year has definitely been "a drain on the moral" on Allegheny's skiers and snowboarders, but they maintain that there is still snow on the slopes of ski resorts and they are determined to ride on it. If you would like to join the Allegheny College Ski Club or you have any questions contact Cilley <cillej> at 332-2105 or Mericli <mericla> at 332-2107.

Oh Lord: Gators Top Kenyon in Home Finale

By JASON STRONZ
Sports Editor

The Allegheny men's basketball team kept their playoff hopes alive with a 73-63 NCAC win over Kenyon. A 12-3 run to end the game secured the victory, bringing the Gators back the .500 mark on the season (11-11, 6-8 NCAC).

Allegheny and the Lords played a tight first half until the 4:21 mark when junior Nick Catanzarite's 3-point field goal put the Gators up seven. The two teams then traded baskets up until the end of the half with Allegheny in front 44-34. Catanzarite led the Gators with 13 points in the half. First-year Matt Majzlik added six points and four rebounds.

The Allegheny attack slowed at the start of the second half, and the Lords' sophomore Andy Flores connected on two free throws to close the Gator lead to 53-52. A steal and break away lay-up by first-year Aaron Sutton gave Kenyon their first lead since the 11:52 mark in the first half when they were up 15-12. The 54-53 lead would also be their last of the game.

Consecutive lay-ups by Majzlik and Catanzarite sparked the Gators. Junior Ryan Meerstein found his shot, connecting on two three-point field goals that put Allegheny out of Kenyon's reach. The second of the two put the Gators up 64-60 with 3:52 remaining in the game. The spurt wore out Kenyon's defense and allowed the Gators to widen the lead in what was a 61-60 game.

Catanzarite led Allegheny with 19 points, and Meerstein chipped in with 16. Majzlik added 10 points and six rebounds in the win.

Sutton paced the Lords with a sgame-high 21 points and Flores and senior Brian Sutton each had 12, respectively.

The game, the home season finale for the Gators, was the last for Allegheny senior center Damon Clayton and Student Assistant Coach Scott Cooper. Clayton finished the game with six points in 11 minutes of action.

Cooper played his first three years at the College under Ness before taking his current position due to injury. Clayton has also been limited due to injuries over the psat two seasons.

Notes: *The Campus* Sports Editors would like to apologize for the error in last week's basketball story. The Gators lost at home to the College of Wooster 91-63, not 88-66 as it was published. In addition, Catanzarite did not score 24 points, but did share the team-high (13) with Meerstein.

The Gators finish the regular season with visits to Oberlin and Denison. With wins Allegheny has an opportunity to finish fourth in the conference.

If you would like to write for the Sports Section of *The Campus*, e-mail <stronzj> or <kleinl> for details.

LAST WEEK IN SPORTS

Friday 2/8

Men's Indoor Track — 3rd of 4 at Baldwin-Wallace Meet
Women's Indoor Track — 2nd of 4 at Baldwin-Wallace Meet

Saturday 2/9

Men's Basketball – at Allegheny 73, Kenyon 63
Women's Basketball – at Allegheny 71, Denison 67

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Thursday 2/14 to Saturday 2/16

Men's and Women's Swimming – at NCAC Championships in Canton, Ohio

Saturday 2/16

Men's Basketball – at Denison 3:00
Women's Basketball — at Ohio Wesleyan 1:00
Men's Tennis — vs. Penn State - Behrend at Westwood 1:00
Men's Tennis — vs. Mercyhurst at Westwood 3:00

Tuesday 2/19 to Saturday 2/23

Men's and Women's Basketball — NCAC Tournament

Our nation has endured one of its most difficult hours over the past five months. Since Sept. 11, everything about our world has changed. The role of sport has changed tremendously as well. An issue that seemed to be life and death before that fateful day became a part of the healing process. The patriotic backdrop of the World Series and Super Bowl XXXVI bore witness to two of the most dramatic finishes in each sport's history. With every day, and every game, the return to "normalcy" has increased. Last Friday, however, the 19th Winter Olympics opened in Salt Lake City. It would be the crescendo for a resilient nation. The Olympics provide, for two weeks, at least, a release for a nation suddenly plunged into the depths of war.

The opening ceremonies began with one of the most moving moments I can remember in my 21 years. A silent procession of American athletes brought the tattered World Trade Center flag into Rice-Eccles Stadium. The crowd of more than 50,000 stood as one in silence. Watching it on television sent chills down my spine. The overwhelming mix of sadness and patriotism was palpable in the crisp February air. To me, it was a defining moment, one that made me as proud as ever to call myself an American.

One of the major questions that surrounded the Olympics was who would light the Olympic flame. In the waning moments of the ceremonies, 1980 U.S. ice hockey captain Mike Eruzione rose to the top of the steps. Then, as a tribute to his gold medal squad, he waved all of his teammates into the spotlight to officially begin the Games. It was a fitting conclusion to the ceremonies. This group of gold-medalists etched their place in American history 22 years ago when they defeated the heavily-favored Soviets in Lake Placid, NY. Their role was much the same as our athletes serve today. Back then, we were in the midst of the Cold War. Their "Miracle on Ice" let Americans feel for one night as if nothing could stop us and anything was possible.

In Our Eyes

Lou Klein

Now that the Games are underway, we are seeing the true definition of sport. There are no disputes about overpaid players or labor negotiations. In its place is good old-fashioned competition in the spirit of goodwill and peace. For two weeks, Shaq and Kobe are pushed to the back pages by a speedskater named Derek and a skier named Picabo. Baseball's ongoing labor woes are secondary headlines, while an American sweep of the halfpipe competition is the top story. The Olympics are about athletes who aren't representatives of their respective cities; rather, they represent each and every one of us as Americans. As they skate, we cheer. As we hear our national anthem blare over the sound system when one of our own strikes gold, we feel proud.

Most importantly, however, the Olympics serve as an example of what is truly good in this world. Sure it has become more commercialized over the years, but when else can you get more excited watching luge or ski jumping? The Olympics create a world where we don't have to worry about Osama bin Laden and his heinous cohorts. There's no talk of anthrax, just talk of pride and patriotism.

Midway through the first week of competition, America leads the way in the medal count. The U.S. team has only won the medal count once, in 1932. Where? In Lake Placid, where that rag-tag bunch of teenagers made us believe in miracles 48 years later.

We know that what happened on Sept. 11 can never be erased. The pain we feel from that day will last us a lifetime. When we cheer the men and women representing our country, though, we feel proud, and we feel as if we can overcome anything the world throws at us again.

OLYMPIC MEDAL COUNT

(entering yesterday's competition)

Nation	*Gold-Silver-Bronze-Total*
United States	3-4-2-9
Austria	1-1-5-7
Norway	3-3-0-6
Germany	2-3-1-6
Russia	1-2-2-5

Toughest Sport on Ice Looks to Join Varsity Ranks at Allegheny

By IAN GAINOR
Staff Reporter

The Allegheny hockey team has made the playoffs every year since 1994, and has even won the Western Pennsylvania Collegiate Hockey Association (WPCHA) in 1998. But what separates the hockey program from the rest of the other Allegheny programs? The fact that it is a club team instead of a varsity sport.

Because of their club team status, the hockey team does not get many of the benefits other sports teams do. The hockey team doesn't have the resources to recruit and the players have to pay for their own uniforms and equipment. Even though the team has appeared in the Meadville Tribune three times this season already, the team continues to not see much money from the school.

Allegheny does give some money to the club, but it does not go very far. Since the team is not completely affiliated with the school, the team must pay for their own; coach, rink time, transportation, and even the league they play in. "We would be a lot better if we could practice more than twice a week," sophomore Will McMahon said. "The teams we play get to practice everyday which makes it hard to compete."

Not only does the team have to pay for rink time at the MARC (Meadville's skating rink), the team also has to rent vans from the school to get to and from practice and games. "I know a lot of guys on the team that are strapped for cash, but we love to play," McMahon said.

The players on the team have many financial obligations. All the players must have all of their own pads, sticks and skates to play, and the first year players must pay $150.00 to play the game that they love. The returning players must pay $100.00.

The players also take a large risk when they step on the ice, because since they are not NCAA, the team does not get any special insurance. If a player is injured, it is up to the player and the family to take care of the financial obligations. This year alone there have been several injuries. One player tore his anterior cruciate ligament in one of the first games, while another player injured his shoulder, which hurts their chances this year in being a top contender.

The Allegheny club hockey team plays a challenging schedule. With big schools in their conference, such as Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, Youngstown State, University of Pittsburgh and Penn State Main, it makes it hard to compete at that top level every year with little money and no recruitment.

Even though the hockey team is a club team, it doesn't seem to matter to the Allegheny student body. "I love the fans, they get rowdy," McMahon said. The hockey team has quite a following here at Allegheny, averaging an audience of 40 to 70 people at every home game. Jason Abbot, senior captain of the team said there were 66 people cheering on their fellow Gators at the last game.

"I love going to cheer on my friends in their hockey games, I'd probably go even if I didn't even have any friends on the team," sophomore Andrea Szabo said. Szabo tries to attend every hockey game, but says she usually makes about every other home game. "Hockey is a big sport where I come from, I think it's great that these guys go out there and do their thing, even though they are not considered a varsity sport," said sophomore Ian Fisher.

Although the players and fans want their hockey team recognized as a varsity sport, it's not easy. According to Abbot, there are many things people don't know about what needs to happen for them to become varsity athletics. Title IX of the NCAA rules states that for every male sports team a college has, there must be a women's sports team, and an equal amount of men's and women's sports. "The girl's club lacrosse team will soon become a varsity sport, which means there will be an opening for a men's sport, but it is likely that it will go to the male lacrosse team," Abbot said.

Even if a women's team is added to Allegheny's sports program, there is still one more obstacle in the way of the hockey team's goal. The NCAA made a new rule two years ago. In order for a hockey team to be varsity athletics, there must be a rink on the campus for them to practice and play their games. Allegheny is not ready to take such an action. "We are seen as a student run club with no viability," Abbot said.

Abbot has tried to help the hockey team become a varsity sport and maybe get some more money from the College, but to no avail. Abbot brought a petition in to the Athletic Department and sat down with Maureen Hager of the Athletics Committee, but no conclusion has been made.

Since Abbot is a senior this year, he is thinking about taking over the coaching job for the team. "We don't get to recruit, so our first-years that come in aren't the best. This year's class struggles skating backwards, which hurts the team," Abbot said. "Unless the school does something, the next three years could be the last of Allegheny club hockey."

For more information about Allegheny club hockey, visit www.wpcha.com.

The Campus would like to congratulate the following players for their selection as North Coast Athletic Conference Players of the Week:

Nick Catanzarite, junior, Men's Basketball

Jessica Kankoski, sophomore, Women's Basketball

Jen Surace, junior, Women's Indoor Track

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HOROSCOPES

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time for listening to or sharing secrets. Keeping the conversation within an obvious safety zone should help safeguard you from spilling the beans. Fire energy doesn't play well right now in your neighborhood. Other people might be willing to cut you some slack, but your conscience may not forgive a mistake.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Avoid being the messenger with bad news at all costs, Virgo. Do you really have to burst the bubble of someone who's walking on air? If you insist on taking aim at the people around you with your criticism and petty comments, your motives as a doomsayer will almost assuredly be called into question. Live and let live for another few days, when it will be obvious to all how right you are. For now, keeping out of other people's business is the right thing to do.

Libra (September 23 - October 22): Do your best to stay focused on the task at hand. You are tempted to scatter your thoughts across the board, but a concentrated effort is what's called for. A healthy curiosity is more of a curse than a blessing right now. Chances are good that you're waiting for something that has little chance of happening anyway, Libra. Stick with the tried and true, even if it doesn't match your definition of excitement.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): If you had your way, you would love to concentrate your time and efforts on creative endeavors right now. Music, art and romance all pose welcome challenges that you're quick to answer. Larger than life is just about your size these days, and you willingly accept whatever the Universe offers up. Sporting types may be tempted to bet favorably on your ultimate success, but don't be surprised if other people don't have quite as much confidence in you as you have in yourself.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Cooperation is overrated now. Working as part of a team might not always be possible, but luckily you should have all of the resources you need in order to pull off a solo mission. Others may be against you, but never fear -- time is certainly on your side, Sagittarius. Attempt to explore a wide range on as tight a budget as possible. Jot down revelations and personal symbols in a place where you'll find them again.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): The Goat might not get along with everyone, but you certainly have your favorites at the moment. The Water Signs are happy to include you in their projects, parties and outings, and you are perfectly happy to be in their company. Writers and musicians find visual ways to communicate through their media, and technical people find their niche as well. Clear your social calendar, Capricorn -- it looks like all types of relationships in your life benefit from this influx of positive energy.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): This isn't a good time to make hasty decisions, Aquarius. It might be a good idea to file that love letter instead of discarding it -- you may want just one more look at it sometime in the future. As the hours of the day slowly tick away, Aquarius becomes more certain about what he or she expects not only from themselves, but also from others. It's okay to make demands and to have high expectations -- just be sure that you can afford them.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): Your enemies are no longer in sight, and your friends come out in droves to support you. Anyone who is able to understand what you're all about today is sure to love you. Pisces, as author of the rules currently in use, can change them at will. To quote a Chinese proverb, 'There is great chaos under heaven, and the situation is excellent.' You thrive on a busy schedule filled with challenges and the inevitable success that comes with meeting them.

STUDENTS

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and swallowing problems and mood swings."

Like Buesching, Craig stressed the importance of getting more students involved in SAMS. "It gets limited to the Greek community. We're trying to expand to get more people to participate," he said. "Anyone who wants to put a team together is welcome to participate."

Last year, Fadden said groups like Orchesis and Habitat for Humanity also got involved in SAMS. "

Students wanted to take emphasis off of Greek students and make it for students in general," she said.

"We hope to raise awareness," Fadden added. "They [students] get the sense of coming together as a community for a reason. The more we can do the better."

For more information or to participate in SAMS, e-mail Art Craig at craiga@allegheny or Meredith Buesching at bueschm@allegheny.edu.

VALENTINE

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gift. Tricomi would like to receive a James Bond video game for his Playstation 2. Morrissey, however, wants something more extravagant than a $50 video game. "My perfect Valentine's Day gift is two-fold. First, I would like a girlfriend looking to spend about $550. Then, I would like that girlfriend to buy me an autographed Mario Lemieux team Canada jersey."

Morrissey also wanted to mention that the jersey does cost $550 and can be purchased at mariolemieux.com.

Clearly, there is no surefire gift to give on Valentine's Day. The best advice is to do your research early and try to discover whether your boyfriend would like a $550 hockey jersey or your girlfriend would like pink pajama pants with purple hearts.

Sometimes, it seems that the best Valentine's Day gifts don't have a price tag. Some students pointed out the overriding feature of most gifts that Allegheny students wanted: they just want to be together.

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Personals

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Julie it's your birthday! Happy 21st to ya!

Ricki it might be time to get that checked out.

Can nick get a napkin?

I hope Eddie visits this weekend!

Movies at the Meadville Cinemas

Big Fat Liar (PG)
Everyday, 7:10, 9:20
Sat., Sun.,.2:10, 4:25

Collateral Damage
(PG-13)
Everyday, 7:15, 9:35
Sat., Sun., 2:00, 4:30

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