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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

Community Focus of Forum, College

By ERICA ERWIN
Editor-in-Chief

A forum of student leaders and a group comprised of faculty and administration are both focusing on one concept this year: community, both within the campus and between the College and the community.

The Presidents' Forum is a group of student leaders organized by Director of Diversity Affairs Rhonda Matthews to help foster community within different groups on campus. During monthly forum meetings, leaders of student organizations are encouraged to share their experiences with other leaders, and to offer help and guidance to other groups, all in the name of community-building.

"Student groups do a lot of things independently," Matthews said. "They think their interests are entirely their own, but other groups have similar interests, or they can help out in some way. We're trying to foster a sense of interconnectedness."

Matthews said the concept of community is often misunderstood, and added that communication is the key to fostering community on a campus the size of Allegheny. "That is the whole point of the forum," she said, "so people can communicate what is going on in their groups, and can ask for help from other groups."

The leaders who participate in the Forum are from diverse groups — honorary societies, sports teams, academic organizations, political organizations — but often have similar goals or interests, Matthews said. Even groups with dissimilar purposes can donate time or advice to help other groups. One group, the Equestrian Club, came to the October meeting of the President's Forum looking for people to help with their program for physically disabled children who want to learn to ride horses.

"That's a perfect example of how one group can help another, because you don't have to know how to ride horses to help, you just have to give your time," Matthews said.

Another group, the Summer Planning Workshop, is comprised of faculty and administration. The group, which met during the summer to determine the College's goals and mission, has also set community building as a priority. That group, however, is focusing on fostering community between the college and the city of Meadville.

"I think there are many colleges in small communities, and the reality is that they have to survive together," said Dean of Students Joe DiChristina. "We can never forget our roll in that relationship, whether it be donating time, whether it be financial, or giving other support."

Allegheny, DiChristina noted, has established connections within the community through such programs as the AmeriCorps Bonner Program, in which students perform community service.

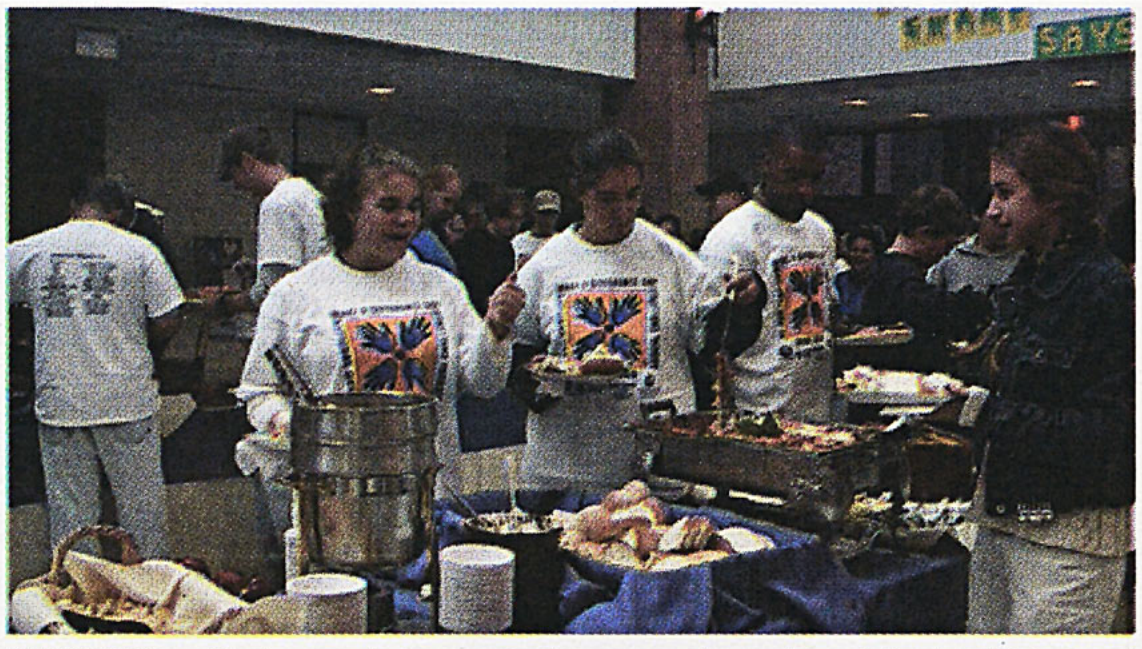
"Allegheny College and Meadville have grown together," DiChristina said. "We have to create an awareness and a sense of connectedness." He added that the perception of Allegheny College as separate from the Meadville community needs to be addressed through continued participation of students in community activities.

"Many students help support the community by working for or buying from local merchants, or participate in programs that otherwise help the community," DiChristina said.

Director of Security Hal Tubbs noted the sense of community between the College and the city during Saturday's Make a Difference Day. "The College has a long history of community service," he said. "There are a lot of ways in which community exists that are less obvious."

Relations between students and the city were at the forefront last year, when several negative incidents prompted the formation of the Neighborhood Coalition. Tubbs said he thought more meetings of the Neighborhood Coalition, comprised of students and residents, could be beneficial in maintaining community.

One idea discussed during the Summer Planning Workshop to foster community between the city and the College was the possibility of renting property downtown and converting it into a residence hall for students. That idea, which DiChristina said he favors, is still a possibility.



HELPING HAND — Allegheny students serve food to community members during the eighth annual Make a Difference Day.
—photo by Nory Sams, Assistant Photography Editor

A 'Difference' Kind of Day

By EMILY MACEL
Assistant News Editor

Nearly 1500 people within the Crawford County area came out on Saturday to make a difference within their community. A large chunk of these participants who offered their services for the day were students from Allegheny's campus. For eight years, Allegheny College has made it a tradition to participate in Make a Difference Day, a national day of community service.

Created by USA Weekend Magazine, Make A Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. Because of the Crawford County Halloween Parade, Make a Difference Day in Crawford County takes place earlier in the month.

Over 700 Allegheny students in at least 50 student organizations, including sports teams, Greek organizations and residence halls, participated. These groups made up the teams that joined with the community to reach out their services to those in need.

This year in particular there was an overwhelming need for leaf raking and yard work for the elderly. Other services ranged from roofing homes to visiting nursing homes. For some of the projects, professional contractors volunteer their services for the afternoon, free of charge, which not only benefits the person who needs the service done to their home, but also the other members involved in the project, who learn skills from these experts. Although this day of caring falls on a Saturday when there are no classes in session, some students still find it hard to participate.

Brooke Martin, director, said, "I think that Allegheny is an academically rigorous institution, so it is definitely hard to find the time, but so many students see a lot of value in correcting their community so I would say the dedication is strong."

Martin also explained how although many of the projects this year consisted of yard work, she has already heard stories of memorable experiences. Habitat for Humanity worked on an elderly woman's porch, while sisters of Alpha Chi Omega did her yard work. Once the task was done, members of the team went to the hospital to visit the woman whose home they were working on.

Eleven members of the Lambda Sigma honor society participated by helping the Tamarak Wildlife Association set up for a dinner function at the Conneaut Lake Hotel. In addition to dinner, a dance and a silent auction were scheduled, so the volunteers moved tables and chairs to arrange room for a dance floor, and unloaded the items for the auction.

In the spirit of a smaller community, hall residents came together in small groups to volunteer. Nine women from the third floor of Brooks Hall, headed by the Residence Advisor Chessy Cortese, assisted the Meadville YMCA's daycare in cleaning out their storage room. For two hours they emptied the room of old toys, boxes of out-

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THE CAMPUS Asks...

"What are you planning to do for Halloween?"

—compiled by Nory Sams, Assistant Photography Editor

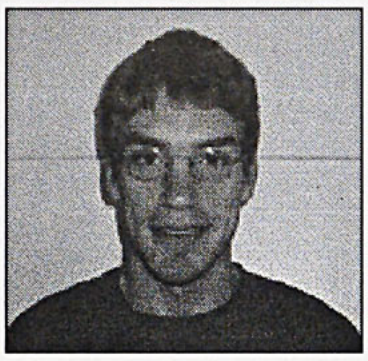


"I'm going to a Halloween party."

—Sarah Anderson, 04

"Steal candy from little kids."

—Jeff Conroy, '05





"I'm planning on taking my children out trick-or-treating through the Meadville area."

—Justin DeLeon, '03

"Sleep in a cornfield."

—Brian Zimmer, '03



CRIME BLOTTER

•On Oct. 11 at 11:50 p.m. a student was yelling obscenities while walking on North Main Street. The student furnished false information to a college official during the incident and has been referred to Residence Life for that and also for inappropriate behaviors on campus.

•On Oct. 11 at 12:25 a.m. an underage drinking incident occurred. A student was witnessed carrying a can of beer at the corner of Park Avenue and Loomis Street. This matter has been referred to Residence Life.

•On Oct. 12 at 11:45 p.m. an incident involving inappropriate conduct, underage drinking and failure to comply with college officials occurred. A student was running through Baldwin Hall banging loudly on doors. This matter has been referred to Residence Life.

•On Oct. 20 at 5:43 a.m. a criminal mischief incident was reported. A light fixture from the right side of the doors to Brooks Hall adjacent to Brooks Walk had been removed from the wall. The fixture was on the ground with the interior glass and bulb shattered. Security has no suspects.

•On Oct. 21 at 12:00 a.m. an underage drinking incident occurred. The student involved was taken to the Meadville Medical Center for treatment. The student will be referred to Residence Life.

•On Oct. 21 at 1:50 a.m. an ambulance call occurred. The ambulance was called for a student who was reported to have taken 16 aspirin and consumed alcohol. The student, who refused ambulance transportation, claimed not to have consumed any alcohol. The student was checked by ambulance personnel and was not transported.

•On Oct. 21 at 2:38 a.m. a criminal mischief incident was reported near the west side of the Campus Center. Approximately five opened bags of ice melt and miscellaneous trash were scattered on the walkway and the wooden bin housing the salt was opened. Also, a metal art sculpture and two green pipe barriers that had been dislocated were found on the lawn of Alden Hall. Security has no suspects.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

•A served candlelight dinner replicating the College's mealtime customs of the 1940s and 1950s will be served in Brooks Dining Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. Students interested in attending this event should e-mail their reservations hhc@allegheny.edu by Thursday, Nov. 1. Please include all e-mail addresses, names and student IDs (for those on a meal plan) of those attending; group reservations accepted. Please wear dresses and coats as they are part of the tradition.

•Paul Wineman, a nationally know nconsultant on negotiating, will come to Meadville on Monday, Nov. 5 to present seminars on negotiating and influencing. He will offer a special session for Allegheny students and employees on Monday, Nov. 5 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the Moore Lounge of the Pelletier Library (2nd floor). Some topics covered in the seminar may include: The Preliminaries, One-on-One Negotiation, Setting the Win-Win Scene, So Who Has the Power?, Tactics, A True Test and Taking it Back. If you wish to attend, please e-mail Pat Hood at phood@allegheny.edu by Friday, Nov. 2 at noon.

•Nominations are open for the All-USA College Academic Team, USA Today's annual recognition program for outstanding undergraduate students. Students named to the First Team will receive $2500 and will be featured in USA Today. Applicants should excel not only in scholarship but also in leadership roles on and off campus. A key element given most weight by the judges will be a student's outstanding original academic or intellectual product. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, Nov. 30.

•Edward Flower and Joel Brown will bring their unique brand of guitar-driven classical music to Ford Chapel on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the College's Centerstage Non-subscription Series. Titled Baroque and Folk, the concert will feature selections from the Baroque Era as well as the duo's critically acclaimed CD "Chords & Thyme". Described as a "celebration of melody," the Baroque and Folk program is centered on the philosophy of two guitars playing as one synthesized instrument. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Office of Events at 332-3101.

•The Academy Theatre (275 Chestnut Street, Meadville) will present The Exorcist, directed by William Friedkin, at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, following the Meadville Jaycees Halloween Parade. Admission price is $5 for adults. The Academy Theatre would like to express its thanks to the Meadville Jaycees for sponsoring this event. For additional information, contact Richard P. Overmyer at 337-8211.

•The flu vaccine has arrived at the Winslow Health Center. The Center will offer flu shots to the College community for $10 each on Tuesday, Oct. 30, Wednesday, Oct. 31, Tuesday, Nov. 6 and Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (The Health Center will be closed for general business during these times.) No appointments are necessary. Students who are ill should come in during the morning clinic hours.

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Caflisch, Schultz Halls To Get New Furniture

By SETH TURNBAUGH
Staff Reporter

This summer, Allegheny replaced the furniture in Ravine Hall. Now the College has decided to do the same for Caflisch and Schultz halls. According to Assistant Director of Residential Life Josh Nolan, these changes are a result of Allegheny's ongoing efforts to upgrade it dormitories. "Eventually, we want to completely renovate Caflisch," he said.

For now, the College will focus its attention on the new furniture. This new furniture will include desks, chairs, dressers, wardrobes, and beds. Between the two buildings, the college plans to purchase approximately 350 sets of these pieces. This purchase could cost the college anywhere from $145,000 to $180,000.

There are several reasons for the wide price range. According to Nolan, not only are there differences in the prices based on brand, there are also differences based on when the furnishings are shipped to the school. "Prices are a lot lower during the winter because there is less demand than in the summer." he said.

Sophomore John Przyborski, a resident of Caflisch, is one of these students. "I'm very excited and I want to take advantage of the opportunity because I may not live here next year," he said.

Because the purchase of furniture is a large investment, the College asked the people who live in these dorms to help in the decision making process. Allegheny did this by recently holding a "furniture fair" where four potential vendors showcased their furniture. The four companies were University Loft, New England Woodcraft, Adden, and D & T Consultants. Students were encouraged to test the items, and rank and comment on each brand. In all, 123 students, faculty, and staff completed the survey. Of the four brands tested, forty-nine percent surveyed ranked the furniture by University Loft as the best.

Despite the popularity of University Loft, the college chose New England Woodcraft as the provider. Several factors led to the decision. New England Woodcraft has supplied furniture to other colleges and universities in the local area, and the furniture is functional. The company was able to supply either five-drawer chests or two-drawer/three-drawer chests that could be put under the bed. Physical Plant also deemed the furniture from New England Woodcraft, a sustainable manufacturer, much sturdier than other brands. "The college has a ten year replacement cycle for furniture, so what we buy now has to last," Nolan said.

Allegheny also weighed the concerns some students raised about the use of imported Malaysian rubber wood in University Loft furniture. The furniture from Ravine that was replaced this past summer was not sold, according to Nolan. "Some furniture was donated, some was kept for use in the college owned houses, and the rest was left for the public to take."

According to Physical Plant and Residence Life, the funds for the new furniture will come from Physical Plant's deferred maintenance budget The cost for Caflisch and Schultz averages out to approximately $2348.26 per room. The college is also ordering 50 loft kits for use in some of the rooms.

The new furniture will be installed into Caflisch over Christmas break and into Schultz next summer. According to Residence Life, the College plans to provide storage space and movers.

Editor-in-Chief Erica Erwin contributed to this article.

Chapel Celebrates Rejuvenation of Congregation

By KENDRA STANTON
News Editor

Ford Chapel has many things to celebrate this year, according to Chaplain of the College John Patrick Colatch. Among these are its new digital organ, a 100-year anniversary, and offers to restore the stained glass windows to their original appearance. Aside from the tangible aspects, though, Colatch also celebrates a more abstract element to Ford Chapel: a reinvented congregation.

The Ecumenical Service which Colatch leads Sundays at 10:45am in Ford Chapel has evolved markedly since he arrived at Allegheny College in 1994, he said. Most notably are the attendees. In the past two years the congregation has begun to include faculty and their families as well as the students who have always attended, he said.

"When I first came, the numbers [of attendees] were low. It was mainly all students. In 1999, though, student participation reached its zenith in terms of attendance and participation," Colatch said.

In 1999, Assistant Professor of Chemistry Shawn Murphree joined the College faculty. Upon arriving at Allegheny, he and his wife Kim and their four children attended the ecumenical service on campus, not knowing that they would be the only family in attendance.

"We were so welcomed by John and the students were so friendly," Kim Murphree said. "We felt led to keep on attending." She explained that her family was motivated to continue attending the campus service for two reasons. "We wanted to give students an example that faith can carry you through life, long after college. Also, we believed that seeing professors at church helps students to see that there are Christian professors here. And that we are all joined by faith," she said.

Since the Murphrees joined the Ford Chapel congregation, other faculty and their families have also begun to attend. Associate Director of Student Activities Nancy Frambes and her family, including husband Ron Cole, assistant professor of geology, and son Zack, who is four years old, are now members.

"Last year, John had sent out an e-mail to the faculty inviting us and our families to attend the ecumenical service. Ron and I had debated whether we would join an established church, but were certain that we wanted to get Zack involved in a church. [The Ford Chapel congregation] seemed like what we were looking for," said Frambes.

Colatch explained that this diverse worship community correlates well with the congregation's roots. "When the chapel was first built 100 years ago, chapel attendance was required for Allegheny students. Members of the College community also attended; it was their congregation too," said Colatch.

In addition to new faces, other elements have been added to the Ford Chapel gathering, as well.

Kim Murphree and Beth Heuchert, former director of the English department's READ internship, have established a children's religious education program that takes place before the service. The congregation has begun to gather for refreshments in the chapel annex before the service, as well.
Colatch has begun offering a "children's message" or a mini-sermon before offering his main sermon.
Both Kim Murphree and Frambes said that their children enjoy the service amongst college students. "Zack gets out of the service about as much as a four year-old can," said Frambes.

Colatch said he wonders how this worship community will influence the faculty's children in the future. "These children will grow up in this congregation. It makes me curious as to what they look for in a worship community when they go to college" said Colatch. He emphasized that the service, including his sermon, will always be student-focused.

Junior Shannon Kelly said that the new atmosphere in Ford Chapel is positive. "The ecumenical service is not just another extension of student life," she said. "John is always telling us to reach out to our community-at-large. That is hard to do when students are confined to their own little bubble," she said. Kelly said that she is drawn back to the Ford Chapel congregation because of the "new people and new relationships" that it fosters.

Senior Brad Burroughs said he has felt especially motivated to attend the ecumenical service since the tragedies of Sept.11. "Colatch always seems to address the concerns

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Winslow on Alert for Flu Season

By AMANDA GOODWIN
Staff Reporter

Each winter, hundreds of students and administration members suffer from the flu, a highly contagious infection. It spreads easily from person to person when an infected person coughs or sneezes; no direct contact is necessary for the spread.

Allegheny College Winslow Health Center's director and RN, Susan Plunkett, recently stressed the importance of the college community (especially students) to get a flu shot. To reinforce this, the Health Center will have flu shot clinics here on campus for Allegheny students and staff.

The flu shot clinics will take place on Oct. 30 and 31, and Nov. 6 and 7, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. These days and times are strictly for the flu shots and no other patients will be taken at these times. The shot will cost $10, which is said to be cheaper than any other location in town. Forms of payment include cash and checks only. The charge may not be put on your account.

Influenza is an acute and very contagious disease marked by fever (usually of about 101 degrees), aches, prostration, nasal congestion, and respiratory inflammation. "The incubation period is about 24 hours, and you will have the symptoms usually a week and then be weak for a week after that," Plunkett said.

Flu season usually starts mid-December and lasts until the end of February. There is hope, however, in the form of the flu vaccine. The vaccine prevents influenza and is administered in the upper arm. The shot is given in early November, prior to the flu season. One vaccination is good for four months, the typical duration of the flu season.

The Food and Drug Administration and the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) have recommended that the trivalent influenza vaccine prepared for the 2001-2002 season include; Caldonia-A, Panama-A, and Victoria-B strains of the flu virus. Because the strains present each year change, the vaccine offered is updated after research is completed, to ensure protection against influenza.

It is vital for college students to be vaccinated as they live in close quarters (dormitories and houses) with a large number of other students, Plunkett said. The viruses are spread through the air, and it is more easily spread on college campuses with so many people always near one another.

Students and staff that have underlying problems such as diabetes, asthma, and anemia, to name a few are encouraged more strongly to get the vaccine.

As student Jack Lorent commented, "Why not get one? It is better to be safe than sorry. I would be so behind in my classes if I missed a week or two."

New Alarms in Brooks Fire Up Awareness

By KATIE WIDDOWSON
Staff Reporter

Brooks Hall has recently been equipped with a new fire alarm system. Allegheny's maintenance department hired contractors to install the system, which included the installation of smoke detectors in every room, this past summer.

The Brooks Complex, which consists of four different dormitories, is by far the largest residence hall on campus. Brooks, Hulings, Walker, and Walker Annex houses about 360 females ranging from freshman to seniors. The rooms vary from singles, doubles, triples, and quads. In some sections, the building is five floors high, including a basement. This complex also has a dining hall.

With the installation of the new system, Allegheny is aiming to prevent fires and promote safety by rewiring many of the residence and academic buildings. Along with Brooks, Bentley and Carnegie halls were also updated this summer.

The size and age of the Brooks complex presented particular problems during the update, said Meadville Fire Inspector Dan Shea.

The updating all of the systems, namely in residence halls, on campus stems from how common dormitory fires have been in the past few years. Shea explained that it is not only Allegheny that is taking precautions. The United States Senate is in discussion about the process of passing a law which, if enacted, will make it mandatory for all buildings to have smoke detectors in all rooms on college campuses.

"This [project] was in the capital plan for the year," said Director of Residence Life Joe Miller. "Because the maintenance department has a budget, they plan ahead of time what projects are in line. Brooks happened to be on the agenda for this past summer. Eventually, the ultimate goal is to have every building on campus be re-wired with smoke detectors in each room."

Since College Court, the apartment complex on campus, was built only five years ago, an updated system was originally installed. The Office of Security would like to add sprinklers to the complex for added safety. Ravine, another residence hall on campus, was completed in

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Dining Changes Reflect Student Input

By JENNA NIGRO
Staff Reporter

It may not be Grandma's meatloaf, but the food in Allegheny's dining halls may soon change. Sodexho, the college's food service provider, is changing aspects of the dining setup, largely in response to student feedback. Sodexho has recently asked students to complete surveys, rating all aspects of service, ranging from food choice to dining hours. The surveys of the past weeks will gauge performance and, depending on student input, may result in dining changes.

In the last three weeks, Sodexho has given two separate surveys to students, said Jeff Lee, Sodexho's senior food service director. The first, an annual customer satisfaction survey, deals with implementing improvements and making sure the quality of food service keeps improving. The survey, called a capture survey, tries to help the company better understand the tastes of the student body. The surveys are done through a company that compiles the data and sends back the results. Lee said that it "gives us an idea of what students like about what we do and what they want changed."

Although the company takes time to process the surveys, Lee said some changes will be quick in coming. "Some things can happen much quicker than students think," he said. Lee also noted that change has also come through meetings with Allegheny Student Government (ASG).

Lee said that dining services welcomes input and ideas from students through comments and food sample tests. "Were always looking for input."

Students might notice changes in the dining halls in the near future. Lee said that Schultz dining hall will have new serving lines in the dining room, which will give the hall a nicer atmosphere. Dirty dishes will be better hidden with the new layout. Lee said, "It will be a much nicer setup for us and for the students."

Schultz is a popular location for lunch, but more students go to the other dining areas for dinner, Lee said. He added that one goal was to spread out the students. The new setup will be quicker as well. "It will give us the opportunity to do things in a little different style," he said.

Other changes will be evidenced as well, he said. Chef Kimber Marnen, a new addition to the Brooks kitchen, has helped to develop new menu cycles at Brooks and Schultz. At McKinleys, the condiment station will be in a more central and accessible area, which will reduce lines and crowding, Lee said.

Some changes, also due to student input, have already been implemented. One such change is the new dining hours in McKinley's, which now offers late-night dining until 3 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Lee said a main goal was to give students what they want, within reason. "If we can do that, were all happy."

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EDITORIAL

Event Reaches Out Beyond Campus

Imagine finding out that your little sister or brother, or even your child has cancer. This might be the worst thing that could happen to a family. Fortunately there is a resource that can help you regardless of your race, religion, or financial status.

For nearly 40 years the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has been treating and researching pediatric cancer and other childhood catastrophic illnesses.

In order for such a resource to exist in its current form there must be outside sources providing funding. This is where programs such as Up 'Til Dawn come become important players in saving children with virtually incurable diseases. Up 'Til Dawn is a student-led, student-run program held on college and university campuses nationwide.

Up 'Til Dawn is a year-long fundraising effort that benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This year, for the first time in Allegheny's history, Up 'Til Dawn is coming to campus. Throughout the academic year the planning committee is scheduling events to inform students and raise enthusiasm for the final event — a night of dancing in the Wise Center.

Students on campus who became interested in organizing the event visited St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and are now working long hours to get Allegheny's student body involved. In order to reach as many students as possible, the growing organization split into committees and have been visiting groups all over Allegheny's campus.

The Campus would like to recognize and congratulate this philanthropic event and all those involved in making it a possible. Efforts like this show that Allegheny is a community service-minded campus, not just locally, but with national concerns kept in mind.

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All questions concerning the above policy should be directed to the Editor-in-Chief, Erica Erwin.

Letters to the Editor

Loss of a Constant

The season of autumn is beginning to wane as the leaves fall and we prepare to look at bare-branched trees for the next six months. The cycle of life on campus moves along somewhat predictably. We become so caught up in the day to day routine that we do not notice the coming and goings of some of the folks who make life here possible.

For years, there was a man in the campus center who could be seen setting up tables, mopping the stairs, or walking past the Walker Room, waiting to set it up for the next meeting. His name was John Ausel, and many of us came to know John because he liked to chat with folks who came by. Some may have mistaken his shyness for aloofness, but John was friendly and caring. John died last week after returning home from work. He died alone, at home. When some of us paid our respects at the funeral home, we were surprised to see among photos of grandchildren and family members a photo of Allegheny students gathered on the stairs of the campus center. John's daughter told us that he loved the students at Allegheny and never took his sick days because he wanted to be with the Allegheny community.

I have been touched by the reactions of several students when they heard of John's death. I now understand why he resisted taking those sick days, even though his health was not good for some time. At Allegheny he found a second family, though he never announced that fact to anyone but his own daughters. I write this because John touched my life, as have many members of the housekeeping staff over the years.

It is very easy to take them for granted and to not see them in the background as we go through our days. What I do notice is John's absence in the campus center. He was a constant in a place of change and movement. But there are others like him there and in all the campus buildings, people who set up for us and clean up after us. I hope we will notice each one and not take their presence for granted. They are part of our community, and we would be less without them.

JOHN PATRICK COLATCH
Chaplain/Campus Pastor

Reflections on U.S.

Anti-American feeling originates not only from our foreign policy, but also from how we are seen by a significant part of the world because of certain attitudes and postures we have as a society in relation to other societies.

First, much of the world perceives America as arrogant and inclined to bully other nations. We have a penchant for issuing ultimatums and making threats. There were several in President Bush's address to Congress on Sept. 20, to the Taliban as well as to other nations. Teddy Roosevelt's apt metaphor of "the big stick" has persisted for a century; it made its latest appearance when the aircraft carrier bearing his name was dispatched to the Middle East.

Another manifestation of our arrogance is our long-held belief that the world needs us, we don't need the world — except to buy from and sell to. Other countries toe the line, but no one tells us what to do.

Second, our belief that we're the greatest nation on earth, which we take as self-evident, gives us a smug sense of self-righteousness and a feeling of moral superiority over other peoples and cultures that impels us to propagate our values throughout the globe. So isn't it ironic that this land which the President called "the brightest beacon for freedom … in the world" actively supports regimes such as those in Egypt and Saudi Arabia that suppress the freedoms of their citizens? While we champion liberty and democracy at home, we practice a selective morality based on self-interest abroad: sometimes we thwart another people's choice (Allende), sometimes we support dictators (Pinochet, the Shah of Iran, Noriega, many others), and sometimes we bring them down (Milosevic, and Noriega, again).

A current manifestation of our attitude of self-righteousness and superiority is the sudden proliferation of the slogan "God bless America" (period!). I think that many of those [including Bush] who say this sincerely also imagine that God favors our nation over others. But God is the God of all nations and peoples, and it's presumptuous to think we can know God's mind, or to assume God blesses us in a special way.

Since we are the only current superpower, we believe we are the saviors of the world, the champions of "truth, justice, and the American way." I found it notable that nowhere in the President's address [or since] was there any call for introspection, any suggestion that we might ponder the possible consequences of our attitudes and actions toward other nations, any questioning of the root causes of terrorism. No, in his view America has no need of reflection, for we have no flaws, no shortcomings, except for a weak security system.

Third, as a society our attention has been mostly turned inward upon ourselves; we're really not much interested in getting to know people of other lands and cultures in a serious way, so we regard them with detachment and indifference. This has been more or less true throughout our history. And in the present age of an ever-increasing interdependence of nations, our horizon has continued to be defined by the limits of our borders: we're entirely absorbed in our own affairs, it's what is real for us, and it's our daily experience. The world beyond has seemed a construct, something we glimpse on TV in video bites, like sports scores or the weather. That we are woefully ignorant of that world has not bothered us in the slightest. Now our ignorance of it hampers our need to interact sensitively with it.

Bush's reference to the war on terrorism as a "crusade" [not a positive image in the Arab/Islamic world, of course] is symptomatic of this lack of sensitivity. Another example is the Pentagon's proposed naming of the campaign against the terrorists "Operation Infinite Justice." Muslim clerics pointed out that only Allah can impose infinite justice. All right, said Defense Secretary Rumsfeld, we'll change it; we don't want to create an impression that would be a misunderstanding.

Fourth, even though America has welcomed more immigrants than any other nation in history, the words "foreign," "foreigner," and "foreign language" have always had a negative resonance in American society. As a consequence, except for those who speak a heritage language such as Spanish, we are a strikingly monolingual people at all levels of our society, from the lowest to the most highly educated. In most of the world, knowledge of other languages and their cultures is a core value of education, but not in our

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Emily LaRue, Savior to Bovines

Driving along a winding country road at night is nerve-racking at the best of times, but when the possibility of running over cows is added, it becomes downright perilous. Besides the obvious damage that hitting a cow could cause to a car, there is the added aversion that I have to hitting animals with cars.

Emily LaRue

I can't say that I've seen many cows since coming to Allegheny; I suppose that they don't wander freely around campus. This was a big adjustment for me; the part of Maryland that I grew up in was largely populated by cattle farmers.

When I went home over fall break, I was reminded of not only the pungent odor cows manage to permeate the air with, but also of my brief period as a cow savior.

I can recall two separate instances where I alone managed to single handedly save the lives of our bovine friends. The first one involved a winding country road one night after summer band practice. I had just turned a fairly blind corner when, in front of my car, I saw a calf.

Have you ever seen a calf close-up? They are not nearly as little as they appear from a distance. They are cute in a way, but they are most certainly not petite, and they certainly don't smell any better close up. Well, faced with a situation of an obviously renegade calf, I did what any red blooded American would do in this situation — I swore (probably in my case a good strong "gosh darn it"). Of course, this did nothing to get rid of the roadblock, but it relieved my tension. I decided to drive up the farmer's driveway and knock on the door.

Let me say that as scary as driving on a nearly deserted road at night is, knocking on a strange door is ten times scarier. However, we, the truly dedicated saviors of four-legged livestock, understand that there are certain risks involved in protecting farm animals. Luckily, the farmer was awake and nice. I must give him credit for the fact that a 17-year-old girl knocking on his door at 9:15 at night to report that he had a run away cow did not seem to faze him at all. In fact, he merely got a flashlight and put the calf back in his little shed. I, on the other hand, had discovered a calling.

Several months later, I was driving home after school when I came across another cow in the road. This farm was farther down the road, and actually, just the previous day my mother had told me to be careful of cattle in the road at one particular curve. Since I had been warned, I was driving very slowly when I got to the curve, and there, in the middle of road, was a full-grown cow. Well, if I had been surprised at the size of a calf close-up, confronting a full-grown cow was an entirely different matter.

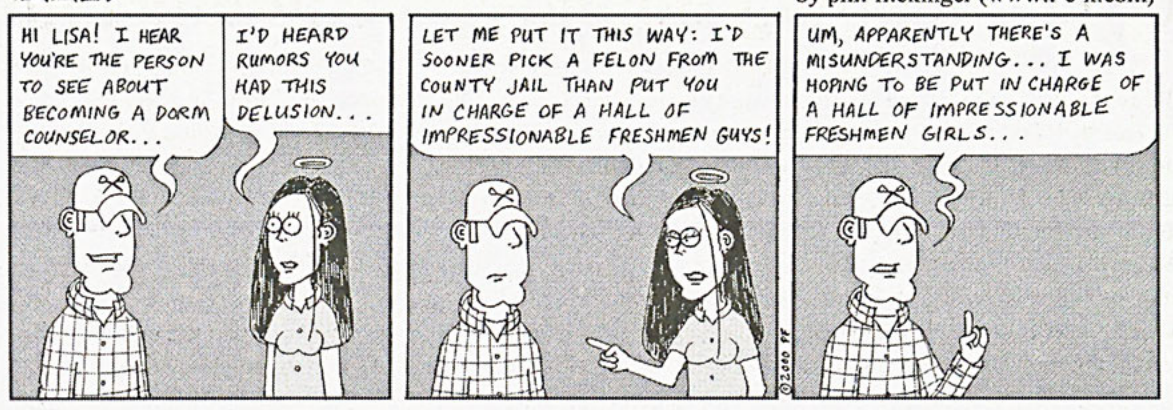
This situation was slightly more perilous (for the cow) than my previous experience. After I got out of my car to rescue the distressed animal, I remembered that in about 2 minutes three school buses would be coming down that same road. Forget what a small car could do to a cow, I didn't even want to think about what kind of damage a bus would do to a cow. Luckily, I found someone not too far away to rescue the cow. He didn't seem to alarmed when I first told him that there was a cow in the middle of the road, but when I mentioned that there buses heading for that very spot, he definitely hurried up. I never saw that cow or the farmer again, but I like to think that I made a difference that day.

The feelings of personal pride that helping cows inspired in me was repeated this past weekend during Make A Difference Day. Though my group was not put in charge of rescuing distressed cattle, cleaning a local soup kitchen made me feel just as good about myself. Whatever it is that one does to help out the community, the personal rewards are the same. Or maybe I am just drawing a comparison between the two jobs because both stank, literally.

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Earth Matters: Reduce, Reuse, then Recycle

I'm so completely overwhelmed with joy as I place my 16 ounce petroleum-based plastic cola bottle in the recycling bin on campus. Sometimes it's hard to contain myself. Accepting the collective mantra of late 80's and early 90's we have jumped on the recycling bandwagon throughout the United States.

Curt Stumpf

Allegheny College recycles. Meadville recycles. Pennsylvania recycles. What a virtual psychological orgasm of contentment, knowing that dropping that can in the bin can truly save the planet. However, according to the EPA Office of Solid Waste, we still expel over 200 million tons of municipal waste per year, which equates to over four pounds of trash per person, per day. Four pounds!

Understanding this problem of increasing waste, recycling has logical benefits such as reducing the waste stream and decreasing virgin material use. So recycling is great, right? In truth, recycling is a failure. A failure because we have accepted it as paramount, and a failure because we continue to believe it is working.

Problem one: Not everyone recycles. If I collected all the wrappers, bubble gum, and other non-recyclables found in the recycling bins, I would have to give up my job as a student and transfer myself to the lucrative landfill business. In other words, the recycling bins at this school and many other places are often full of stuff that won't recycle. Maybe beyond teaching college students Freudian psychoanalysis, cost benefit graphs, and basic rocket science, we need to explain that receptacles that say recycling are not general requests for any random crap. "Following directions is cool, now be a good little college student."

Problem two: In many cases, objects in recycle bins end up in the general waste stream. At one point last year, I brought a large bag full of paper to the campus center to place it in the recycle bin in the activities center, only to later watch the janitor place the general trash in with the recycling. Now I have a lot of faith in humankind, but for some reason I doubt he was taking that home to sort on his own.

Furthermore, the majority of the time we don't even recycle right. Correct recycling techniques include taking the metal cap rings off glass bottles, the lids off plastic bottles, and only recycling non-glossy paper. It is no wonder employees often discard the recycling with the trash, it's headed to the same place anyway.

Problem three: Our recycling frenzy has left us with an obscure and unrealistic vision of what our planet really needs, reduction and reuse. Though recycle, reduce, reuse have been coined together, somehow in our shortsighted, static infrastructure, we focused on the least beneficial of the three.

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America's Role in the Bigger Picture

I've never before encountered so much patriotism.

Since the tragic events of Sept. 11, Americans have rallied around the American flag en masse in search of hope, support and resolution, but also in affirmation of pride, freedom and power. I fear that some Americans harbor, in turn, the dangerous myth of infallibility. The pursuit of perfection weighing on our shoulders is an unrealistic burden.

Abby Collier

It seems only natural that such a tragedy would quickly humble six billion people. We're in shock, unable to absorb the magnitude of our situation. We were asleep, but now we're wide awake, and yet it all still seems like a nightmare, like a movie concocted by the media, by the images replayed over and over again in our minds: Planes crashing and exploding into the towers of the World Trade Center, men and women jumping to escape the fire, both towers collapsing, New Yorkers running and screaming, pursued by mammoth clouds of debris.

We've immediately turned to the American flag in our defense because our immunity has failed and our mortality stands at the forefront. These crimes against humanity, after all, occurred on American soil, and have questioned everything we've come to know.

But have we taken the appropriate time to mourn and comprehend, or has our arrogance interfered? Are we just more self-absorbed, focusing on moving on and picking up the pieces for the sake of our economy and emotional stability, or have we dared to turn the mirror inward?

No amount of hate will ever justify what happened on Sept. 11. No country deserves such devastation. But can we take on some responsibility by reflecting upon our own behavior first? I think we need to understand that it's okay to be humble, it's okay to be terrified, it's okay to feel utterly helpless for just a moment, at least. If we're going to be strong, let's make sure we're ready and we're sincere, and let's make sure we haven't ruled out our own mistakes.

America belongs to a much larger global network, and we continue to ostracize ourselves by hiding behind ethnocentrism. We believe, as a country, that our cultural influence has set the standards of the world through the infiltration of our language, clothes, music and movies. American hype has, in fact, saturated other cultures — but not without resentments.

I think it's unfortunate, however, if we further isolate ourselves from the rest of the world in the name of freedom when freedom isn't evenly distributed. I think it's unfortunate if we fail to see beyond our front doorsteps. We can't just look out for ourselves and allow warring nations to annihilate one another.

At the same time, I don't think we should recoil in fear. We shouldn't hesitate to live. But along with free-

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Over-Stepping Bounds — Giuliani and The Term Limit Travesty

New York mayor Rudolph "Rudy" Giuliani has decided not to pursue a third term in office. However, in light of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, he has offered to stay in office for three more months. Why? Because Giuliani says that more politicians who can "think outside the box" are needed in these current times of national tragedy.

Kristina Wells

New York has a term limits law that prohibits the mayor from serving more than two terms. According to the *New York Times*, sources close to Mayor Giuliani were saying that he was examining ways to either persuade the legislature to change or extend that law, or to have the current potential mayoral candidates endorse him to stay on the job for no more than six months after the end of his second term.

A Marist Institute for Public Opinion poll found 91 percent of New York City residents think Giuliani is doing an excellent or good job handling the aftermath of the terrorist attacks. Nevertheless, when the same poll asked New York voters whether term limits should be repealed to let Giuliani seek re-election, only 33 percent answered "yes".

Mayor Giuliani, a Republican, was offered the Conservative Party nomination for mayor, and declined, according to *New York Newsday*, because, "The city doesn't need division and litigation at this time. The city needs every effort we can make to keep it unified." He did reiterate his desire to stay in office for a transitory period of three months, in order to help the new mayor if he seeks his assistance.

Apparently, Rudy wants to be the new Franklin Delano Roosevelt. FDR saw the country through an enduring period of turmoil, sustaining multiple terms from 1933-1945. This was during the Great Depression and World War II. In reality, FDR would probably run screaming from the terrorist attack situation. Ironically, in light of recent events, FDR transformed the Monroe Doctrine from a unilateral American manifesto into a mutual reaction to aggressors.

The U.S. presidential term is bound by the Constitution to two consecutive terms, but since FDR did it before that the law actually went into effect (1951), maybe Rudy figured that he could simply leapfrog over the rule of law regarding term limitations. Well, apparently New York doesn't think that Rudy Giuliani is any FDR.

The critical difference here: The American people wanted FDR in office – they turned out to vote for him every time. New York voters do not want Rudy Giuliani, and they won't vote for him.

Despite his popularity and soaring appeal ratings after Sept. 11, Giuliani has not always hit a home run with the home crowd. His push to improve "the quality of life" for New Yorkers has been called "friendly fascism" — and that's putting it kindly. Giuliani has been ripped apart by critics on many occasions in the past eight years, including the Central Park incident of recent times, where women were attacked at the park following a rally, and there was minimal police support.

Opponents of term limitation say that it limits the choices that the voter has to choose from on any given election day. They argue that even if a candidate is doing well, and they would like him to continue, that he can't because of the term limits. However, proponents say that it protects democracy from become an oligarchy, allowing representation for all while keeping political elitism at bay. While experience in a candidate is good, career politicians are bad; these politicians are a threat to democracy and are more likely to betray and ignore their constituents if they can't be held accountable.

The beauty of elections is that if you don't like a candidate, you don't have to vote for them. Well, if you have no choice but to endorse a certain candidate, isn't that a violation of those "unalienable rights" promised to us by that Constitution? Isn't THAT disturbing?

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country [nor at Allegheny; see our Educational Objectives on page 4 of the current Catalogue]. In the fall of 1998 only 8 out of every 100 college-level students in the U. S. were enrolled in a foreign language course, and 5 of the 8 were in Spanish. What about Arabic, the fifth most-spoken language in the world, the main language of the terrorists we now recognize as our enemies, the language of the culture out of which they have emerged, the foundation language of Islam? In 1998 only one college student in every 2,650 was enrolled in an Arabic course, i.e., less than .04%.

Our intelligence agencies have a lot of expensive gadgetry, but not enough Arabic speakers to process the data. Analysis is challenging, because no plotter will say on his cell phone, "The nuclear bomb is on its way to the Superdome," but something completely ordinary like, "Miriam has left for the football game." In addition, for two decades the FBI has antagonized rather than cultivated its prime resource for Arabic-speaking agents — the American Arab community.

So finally, where does this leave us? President Bush on 10/12 directly addressed the issue of anti-Americanism: " I'm amazed. I'm amazed that there is such misunderstanding of what our country is about, that people would hate us… Like most Americans, I just can't believe it. Because I know how good we are, and we've got to do a better job of making our case…" Alas, our President believes we're hated because we're misunderstood; those other people don't know how good we are, and his solution is to make them realize it. He doesn't see in the long difficult fight ahead an opportunity for us as Americans to seek the real solution: to get beyond ourselves, to see through the eyes of those outside looking in, to understand the realities of their lives, and in so doing, to resolve to secure the blessings of political and economic liberty not only to ourselves and our posterity, but also to the desperate and hopeless in this world. On one sentiment I will agree with him: May God grant us the wisdom to do so.

[Note: Space limitations greatly shortened this letter, which is posted in original form with additional documentation on my faculty home page.]

LOUIS WAGNER
Modern & Classical Languages

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dom comes the responsibility of restraint and respect. When can we pull back on the reins of a media virtually out of control, and a popular culture mercilessly exploiting sex, drugs and greed, without inhibiting our "rights" and the self expression that defines us as a nation? Restraint must come from within.

In light of our own loss, we should remember those who have suffered and continue to suffer at the hands of the Taliban regime, and, in turn, we should rethink our own master plan as a nation. This is the perfect opportunity for us to put our foot down and revert to a moral high ground. We know now not to take our liberty for granted, and we should exercise it to its full capacity to initiate and embrace change, not only in the name of our own country, but in the names of those who cannot speak for themselves.

I wish we would take a deeper look beyond the surface. Nationality has fooled America by providing a false sense of comfort and encouraging complacency. We should try to understand where hate formulates, as well as our role in its inception, and what we can do to stop it. In doing so, we don't justify these horrible acts of terrorism, but we do learn from them.

Step into the shoes of an Afghan woman. She can't go out in public without a male relative. She can't go to work or to school. She doesn't have any medical care. She can't talk, laugh or shake hands in public. Her windows must be painted so she cannot be seen inside her own home. She can't listen to music, watch television or read. She's starving to death. She lives in silence.

Only then can we understand and appreciate the true meaning of patriotism and the choices we make as Americans. Perhaps, as we learn of these atrocities, we begin to understand. But then and only then will we think twice before demonstrating what we have in the midst of those who have nothing, women who can't even show their faces in public without being beaten, stoned or shot, but women who undoubtedly deserve the very freedoms we enjoy everyday.

Let's not celebrate our own rights without first remembering who we are and where we fall in the scheme of things. We're human. We suffered a crime against all of humanity. Let's not seclude our pain or objectify it as distinctly American. Let's not bear the aftermath alone.

Abby Collier is Weekend Editor of The Campus.

EARTH *from page 6*

Obviously, problems like these sometimes seem unimportant to us, especially when we as a college community are so removed from waste disposal. It seems every waste receptacle has magic trash disappearance abilities. We place it the designated area, it disappears, and for our next magical trick… But facts and figures outside our little Allegheny bliss bubble show a very different scenario — one of contaminated, overfilled, landfills and pollutant friendly incinerators.

Let's think about this for a minute. We take a multitude of substances, turn them into a big waste soup, and lock them away in "safely contained landfills" to fester and decompose. Why did landfills account for 290 sites on the Superfund National Priority List in the late 80's? Interesting point, Superfund sites are not "super-fun", they are the most environmentally contaminated sites classified by the EPA. Even the newest clay capped/ lined landfills contain noxious gases, and have the ability to contaminate groundwater.

How about burning our waste? I'm sure this idea is highly recommended by anyone living close to an established incinerator. Take some waste, burn it down, get some toxic gases and hazardous ash, and look for some place to distribute the toxic byproducts. Again, we fail to accept the truth of the matter, that we must change our social confines to reduce waste accruement.

Realizing that complete elimination of all waste is impossible, our alternatives are reducing, reusing, and recycling. Reduction is by far the best of the three, because material use is avoided, cost minimized, and waste removal lessened. Reuse is the second best technique, and allows for an excuse to have a complete cyclone of a house. Example:

Student 1: "Dude, your house is a mess."
Student 2: "Yeah, we reuse everything."
Student 1: "Um, cool."

Though we are inundated with the idea of recycling and subconsciously believe its inherent benefits, recycling itself needs to be redefined and used not as the focus of waste reduction. Reduction and reuse are much more viable for an ever increasing population and decreasing abilities for waste disposal. Until we accept this, we'll continue to fulfill our role as the military, economic, and trash superpower of the world.

Curt Stumpf is a columnist for The Campus.

This Halloween, Meet Montgomery's Casper

By BRETT TWILLA
Staff Reporter

As Halloween approaches, many Alleghenians may be telling ghost stories or making plans to visit haunted houses, but what most do not know is that Allegheny College has the makings of its own ghost story with the halls and walls of Montgomery Gym.

Montgomery Gym was built in 1896 on the piece of land that originally housed Culver dormitory. The dormitory burned to the ground in 1882. Montgomery Gym served as Allegheny's first athletic facility, and is now the official home of the college's dance program. It is also, alumna Shannon Rhodes said, the residence of "a ghost who is a real fan of dance."

Dance Program Coordinator Jan Hyatt, was reluctant to say if a ghost lived in Montgomery Gym. "I don't really know what a ghost is and I don't know how to describe a ghost," she said. But what she did say was that "It is a very friendly space, and that the energy in this building is very comfortable...Whether you want to say that is because there is a friendly ghost here in Montgomery or not, I can't tell you," she added, "but I know that the students have talked to me about feeling a presence here."

Rhodes, a class of 2000 graduate who was a dance student at Allegheny, worked as an intern in the Gym until May 2001 and said she has seen the ghost more than once. It was in the spring of 2000 when Rhodes first met the ghost.

Rhodes was in the performance space on the first floor of the gym, working on a piece she had due in class the next week, when she felt some one enter the room. "I felt somebody come into the room," she said, "and I turned to see who it was because I figured it was probably another dancer…"

What Rhodes saw was not a fellow dancer, but the ghostly figure of a middle aged man. "It's kind of strange to say I saw him," she said, "because what I saw was more shadowy, but the perception I got of what I saw was very distinct. I knew that he had a plaid shirt on, and I know the plaid had some pink and some blue in it. He was going bald, and was a little overweight...but it was not a clear picture like I would see you now. It was more of a brief glimpse of a very shadowy figure."

Two weeks later she was standing in the doorway of Montgomery's upstairs room for a techniques class when she said she heard somebody knocking on Jan Hyatt's office door, located only a few feet from the classroom. "I looked out in the hallway and there wasn't anybody there," she said. "Then I felt somebody walk behind me, between me and the doorway, and obviously nobody did that because I would have known, but it really felt like somebody walked by, it was kind of like a cold breeze that went by."

If Rhodes was the only one who saw the ghost, it may be easy for a skeptic to say it was only her imagination. She wasn't, however. When asked if she had seen or heard the ghost, student Regina McGuigan replied, "Oh yes, it played the piano for us." According to both Rhodes and McGuigan, they were sitting with another student in the room on the first floor of the gym during a dress rehearsal, and throughout the entire night, they could here the piano upstairs being played, a couple of keys at a time.

"We thought, well let's be logical about this, maybe its a chipmunk just hitting a couple of keys," Rhodes said. She and McGuigan went to investigate, trying to recreate the sound they heard and decided she said that "there was no way a chipmunk could have hit those keys in succession."

"Something was playing that piano while no-one was sitting there throughout the entire night," McGuigan concluded.

According to Rhodes, she and two other students with whom she worked last summer, were "very aware of the spirits we had here. We'd come in on different times and say this happened to me, or this happened to me, and [they] got the same feeling too, that there was definitely a spirit and it was definitely male."

Rhodes said they would feel the ghost more strongly whenever there was a dance performance, or even when they were playing video tapes of dances that they were categorizing, Shannon said, and "We just kind of adjusted and made this part of our daily routine, and we'd go and talk to the ghost, and invite him in to hang out with us," she added.

So if you feel a ghostly presence when your dancing, or hear a piano playing when there's no one at the keys, don't be alarmed. It may just be the friendly, piano playing, dance loving ghost of Montgomery Gym.

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that I've been considering in my head all week. Also, his focus on social justice is very important to me," he said.

"John's focus on social justice is very appealing to me. I attribute being a Christian as being socially just, and John makes us look at things more globally," said Frambes.

Still, some students have found the Ford Chapel congregation doesn't fit their needs. One student who attended the service twice was disenchanted by the sermons. She said found them to be "very wishy-washy. They didn't mention anything about Jesus or the Bible," she said.

Another student who served as a deacon for the Ford Chapel congregation explained why she chose to attend a different church the next year. "I wasn't being spiritually fed at the ecumenical service. Being spiritually fed to me means hearing a challenging truth and letting God work through that," she said. She also cited having different theological views from Colatch's as another reason she chose to worship elsewhere.

"We are still an ecumenical faith community; we are not a free-standing church," Colatch said. "That is not our goal. The hallmark of this congregation is that we house a lot of people with different faith traditions and beliefs. We are a progressive and moving congregation."

As for the future of the congregation, Colatch has two clear goals. "I am hoping that out of this congregation we will start working for change in the community," namely for social justice in the Meadville community and beyond, he said. Colatch said that the congregation's weekly monetary collection has been directed toward Sept. 11 relief funds including United Way.

"I would also like to have more students share their musical talents. I'll do whatever I can to accommodate this," said Colatch. "I don't know where we're going, but I'm happy."



MINI MINISTRY — Chaplin of the College John Patrick Colatch ministers to children during the "Children's Moment" before the ecumenical mass.
—photo by Kendra Stanton, News Editor

MADD

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dated forms and broken furniture.

Other residents from Brooks Hall paired up with residents from Schultz Hall and with sisters of Alpha Chi Omega to clean and sort through boxes as the Salvation Army downtown.

Community is the spirit of Make a Difference Day, and this year Meadville residents didn't disappoint. More than 700 community volunteers, including members of the Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, participated.

Staff Reporters Jennifer Taormina, Leigh Seserko and Emily LaRue contributed to this article.

ALARMS

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the summer of 2000.

Seventy-three percent of the college's student population lives on-campus or in college-owned houses. The safety of these students, and of the students who come from off-campus to use the academic buildings is a priority. Maintenance does routine weekly checks of fire alarms in each building to be sure they work. Security does regular checks as well. When they are in residence halls it is usually to do these random checks. They check the smoke detectors, exit lights, fire doors, hose cabinets, extinguishers, and boiler rooms.

Any student living in the dorms can relate to the experience of waking up to the fire alarm. Evacuating the building at odd times of the night can be a lot to ask college students to do, especially when they know the alarm is usually just "due to someone burning popcorn or someone pulling the fire alarm," Resident Advisor Lisa Hanson said. "I think that we have too many false alarms so people don't take them seriously enough. I hope that it doesn't take a real fire for people to understand the importance of exiting the building."

Drills are organized by Security and Residence Life at least once per semester. The drills serve to familiarize students with an escape route.

Student Rebecca Gebhardt, who lived in Brooks two years ago, said she saw no problems with the old alarms. She thought they got the job done. Walker Annex resident Sarah Viselli, however, said she thought having smoke detectors in every room was more effective. "I think a lot more people respond to them. They are very loud and it is now impossible to ignore them."

The dormitory rules state that there is to be no burning of candles, incense, or smoking of any kind, and the smoke detectors are sure to prevent these from happening in the privacy of students' rooms.

Freshman have nothing to compare the new system against but many agree that the system is effective.

Poet Conquers Violence

By ABBY COLLIER
Weekend Editor

Her eyes have seen. Her ears have heard. And her body *remembers*.

"I think it's the writing that saved me," said Dora McQuaid, poet, activist and instructor of Speech Communications at Penn State University. "I was in a very abusive relationship. I had no means to remove myself. The relationship unraveled me."

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, McQuaid read poetry from her self-published collection, *The Scorched Earth*, for members of the Allegheny community Tuesday night in Ford Chapel. A candlelight vigil and book signing followed.

Jane Buchanan, an affiliate of Women's Services, invited McQuaid to share her story in Meadville as a survivor of domestic violence. She first heard McQuaid speak at the 25th Anniversary Conference of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV). "I just thought she was fantastic," said Buchanan. The conference took place on March 21 at State College — three years to the day when McQuaid had first met her abuser.

As described on its web site, the PCADV stands as the first statewide coalition in the United States to combat domestic violence by providing community-based support programs (http://www.pcadv.org/). Since the PCADV's establishment in 1976, women's advocacy groups have lobbied for legal protections against domestic violence, which — as McQuaid emphasized — knows no heterosexual bounds.

According to the National Violence Against Women Survey of 16,000 men and women conducted in June of 2000, 11 percent of women and 15 percent of men involved in same sex relationships suffered some sort of abuse.

"The relationship unraveled me."

—Dora McQuaid, poet

"The statistics are terrifying," said McQuaid. In Pennsylvania alone in the year 2000, she revealed how115 people died as a result of domestic violence, which means every three days someone is murdered, including men, women and children. In one of four households, she added, some kind of violence takes place.

McQuaid described her past experience as the "classic pattern of relationship violence." In this situation, McQuaid explained how the abuser would "employ a number of techniques" to retain control and, ultimately, limit her resources.

These techniques include posing "the threat of physical violence or actual violence," causing public embarrassment and limiting the victim's access to money, as well as isolating the victim from his or her friends, family and workplace.

Oftentimes, McQuaid said, physical abuse can also lead to some form of sexual abuse. The interconnection between sex, violence and love, she said, establishes control and power. Abusers, at the same time, are almost always afraid of losing their victim. "Abuse has nothing to do with love, quite frankly," she said.

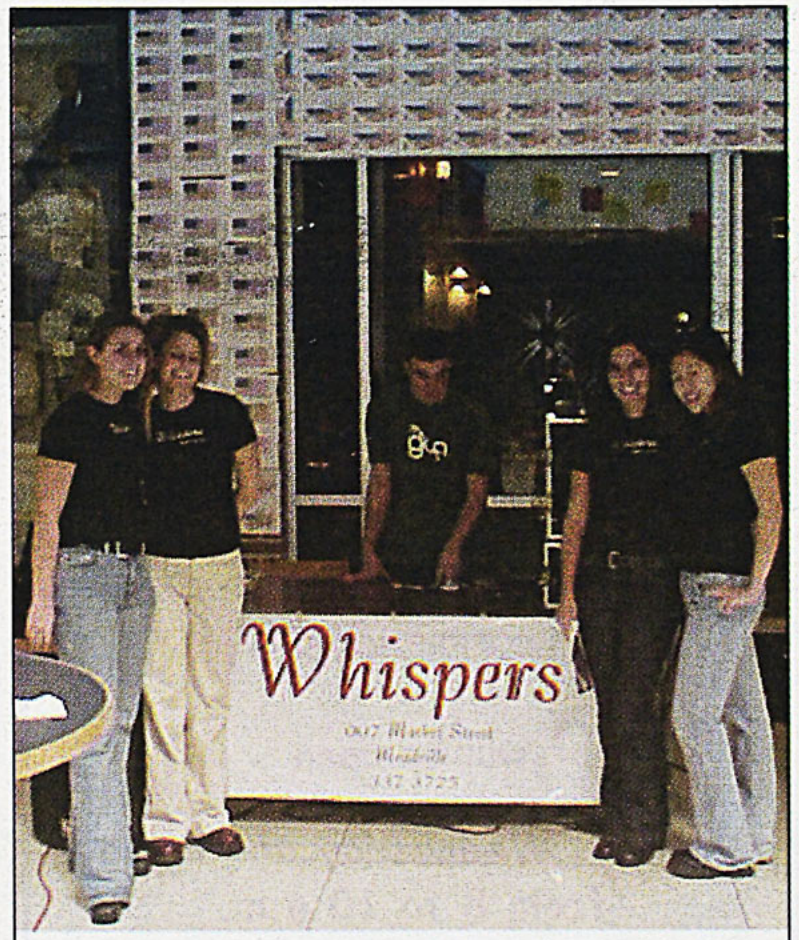
McQuaid, who started writing poetry as early as age five, used the written word as a vehicle for her thoughts during her own abusive relationship. "It was the only way I could hear my own voice," she said. After she "very quickly became entrenched in a circle of violence," McQuaid endured a night of "extreme violence," where she recalled reaching her breaking point. She attempted to stay overnight at a woman's shelter, but the shelter was full.

She then came across *Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches* by Audre Lorde, specifically an essay entitled "The Transformation of Silence into Language and Action." Lorde, after discovering she had breast cancer, wanted to remain silent to avoid embarrassment, shame and pain, but came to a stark realization: "Your silence will not protect you."

"It was like I had been electrified when I read that," McQuaid said. The next day, she wrote Lorde's phrase down on notecards and distributed them throughout her home, ultimately putting herself in danger, but also coming to terms with her situation. "I was able to see desperation, possibility and hope," she said.

Now, McQuaid uses her voice to help those in abusive relationships who cannot speak for themselves. She explained how she wanted to stay alive to provide an outlet for

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—From left, Kristie Price, Jessie Schindelar, Matt Dickey, Terra Caputo and Kana Lee. These Allegheny students recently joined the Whispers nightclub crew on Market St. in Meadville and rocked the Campus Center Wednesday afternoon to get the word out.

—photo by Abby Collier, Weekend Editor

Shen and Bones Returns with Original Performance

By BRIANNA PIKE
Assistant Weekend Editor

The Shen and Bones dance troupe recently performed in the Montgomery Performance Space at Allegheny after a two-year absence this past Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

The nationally renowned group combines dance, poetry, dialogue and live music to create a unique effect in their performances. The company is under the artistic direction of Lani Fand Weissbach.

In May of 1999, the company made its first Meadville appearance with a concert titled "Reflections of Eve." For this particular performance, a combination of four Allegheny students, alumni and Weissbach presented a one-hour program. "We seek to share our unique blend of dance, improvisation, voice, text, sound and music with open-minded audiences everywhere," said Weissbach, according to an Allegheny news release.

The Shen and Bones program includes an abstract form of Japanese dance called Butoh, which Weissbach first studied 10 years ago with Iona Pear Dance Theater Director Cheryl Flaharty. Weissbach joined Shen and Bones in 1999 as a principal dancer and has orchestrated her original choreography for various exhibitions since 1990.

According to *The Bone Floor's* web site, "Weissbach's interest is to take the performer and the viewer on a poetic journey; one which bypasses the intellectual, rational mind and directly penetrates the working of the subconscious. She encourages her audiences to freely interpret the work and to derive any philosophical or allegorical meaning they wish."

As described on the web site of *The Bone Floor* (http://www.damnetwork.com/bonefloor/bonefloor.html — a multimedia production composed of three different pieces of theater art on display at the Erie Art Museum Annex), Weissbach received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Hawaii and her master of fine arts degree from Arizona State University.

The performances by the company involved simple costumes, consisting of red scarves and flesh colored body suites. Performers entertained with interpretive dance, ranging from slow and deliberate to fast and more frantic movements. The pace of the performance was varied, but succeeded in keeping the audience's attention.

Changes in volume and intensity of music also helped to convey what the performers were enacting on stage. The mood of each piece varied from weird and scary to funny and less intense.

The dancers who took part in the shows on Oct. 12 and 13 are from Erie and Ashtabula, Ohio. There was also a guest performer from the Meadville area. The Shen and Bones company has performed at a number of different venues in Northwest Pennsylvania, including the Erie Art Museum Annex, the Roadhouse Theater, the Urraro Gallery and the Papermoon Restaurant.

Weekend Editor Abby Collier contributed to this article.

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Pedro the Lion Is King of Jade Tree's Jungle

By DAVE KIERSKI
Weekend Reporter

Well, it's a sad day. I have no new cds to review. I don't know if it's because I 'm lazy; maybe I just haven't looked hard enough. But I'd like to think, and I do sincerely believe this, that there is absolutely no good music available right now to review. And I don't want to review bad music. Who wants to read a 500 to700 word piece that essentially badmouths an album? I think it's a waste of time, and I don't want to waste your time. I want to give you good music.

Fortunately, we are saved this week by a label, Jade Tree Records. Jade Tree is the label that carries such fantastic indie bands as the Promise Ring, New End Original, Milemarker, and Pedro the Lion. Jade Tree released Pedro the Lion's most recent record, *Winners Never Quit*, and now they are re-releasing his first two cds, *It's Hard to Find a Friend*, Pedro's debut cd, and its followup ep, *The Only Reason I Feel Secure*. These two were originally released on the now-defunct Made in Mexico Records. These two cds are phenomenal, and props go to Jade Tree for making them readily available to us greedy music fans. I would even go as far to say that they are crucial additions to any indie rock fan's collection.

Music Review

Pedro the Lion is, for all intents and purposes, David Bazan, a sleepy-looking, meek man with a smooth, gentle voice and a penchant for writing superb songs. He makes me think of California. Bazan is helped on the two cds in question by a rotating cast of musicians. But its Bazan who writes the songs, does the singing, and plays everything but bass.

Pedro the Lion originally released *It's Hard to Find a Friend* in 1998. It contains 12 near-perfect tales of love, heartbreak and doubt. Bazan is a Christian, and he deals honestly and openly with his relationship with God, and also with his demons. The overall mood is melancholy, with Bazan moping through subdued guitar, minimalist drumming, and stellar bass played by Unwed Sailor's Jonathan Ford.

Highlights of the album are the acoustic "The Longer I Lay Here," a touching, haunting number about the curse of laziness, "Big Trucks," a rocking, upbeat number about being on the receiving end of anger that has "single" written all over it. Sample lyrics: "There's real people in the big big trucks / that you flick off when they get in your road." These are sung over a jaunty, melodic guitar line that'll have you bobbing your head like the fool you are. "The Longest Winter" is heartbreaking and beautiful. "When They Really Get to Know You They'll Run" is another rocker about — get this — girls shaving their legs. The album's closer, "Promise," is one song among many where Bazan deals with his doubt, a doubt every Christian has but is afraid to express. There is not a bad song from beginning to end on this record.

"The Only Reason I Feel Secure" is no different. It opens with "Criticism as Inspiration," a song about the kicks someone gets when they put another person down, with the lyrics "It makes me feel so good / to always tell you when you're wrong" that we can all take to heart. "Invention," a beautiful, sprawling number, is comforting in its hopeful poetry. "Letter from a Concerned Follower" is a tongue-in-cheek number about the self-superiority and egotism of man. The ep proper ends with "Be Thou My Vision," a traditional hymn that is beautiful with just Bazan's voice and guitar and an unexpected burst of psychedelia at the end. Then we are treated to three bonus tracks: acoustic versions of "Big Trucks" and "Invention" and "Diamond Ring," a clever story about the human race's rejection of God.

Both of these cds are wonderful; they manage both to be calming and uplifting at the same time. I suggest you take advantage of Jade Tree's decision and get yourself some Pedro the Lion.

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Barrymore Touches Hearts in 'Riding in Cars With Boys'

BY MARK KLAMAN
Weekend Reporter

In the previews for *Riding in Cars With Boys*, I got the impression that it was a movie about the trials and tribulations of dating and unexpected pregnancy. I mean, not that I can relate to unexpected pregnancy — but the pitfalls of dating, I can. The movie deals with human emotion in one of the most realistic ways I have ever seen portrayed on film.

Riding in Cars With Boys is mostly shot in flashbacks of what appears to be a couple, played by Drew Barrymore and Adam Garcia (the bar-stripping Australian boyfriend from *Coyote Ugly*). The movie centers around Barrymore, as Beverly, and her two friends, played by Brittany Murphy (from *Girl, Interrupted*) and Sara Gilbert (from the television sitcom *Roseanne*).

Movie Review

As the movie progresses, the audience learns that fifteen-year-old Beverly is pregnant after having sex in the front seat of a car with a boy she just met. Faye gets pregnant as well. During that time in the 60's, pregnant girls were expected to get married. The friends are each other's outlet and release from the life they could have had.

From this point on, the movie focuses on Beverly, who is forced to drop out of high school and sacrifices college and her dream of being a writer in order to raise her child. She also has to worry about being a continuous disappointment to her parents. Of course, to make things worse, the alcoholic, drug-addicted man she married eventually leaves for the sake of his family, but is played brilliantly by Steve Zahn (from *That Thing You Do*).

The audience can see Beverly as an unwilling participant in her life. Her original role was as a complacent mother meeting the necessary needs of her son. She eventually becomes an independent woman, ready to let go of the pregnancy in her life that she seemed to regret, but an accident that actually saved her in the long run.

Overall, Barrymore gave a humorous and endearing performance, yet it was not one of her best. I think this may be due in part to her being overshadowed by the amazing Brittany Murphy, who I found myself hoping to be on the screen more than Barrymore.

Sara Gilbert, there when she needed to be, represented what Beverly and Faye did not have. However, I think that Gilbert's talent was incredibly underused. The choice of Lorraine Bracco and James Woods as Beverly's parents was genius. They both brought such incredible depth to their characters and influenced so much of how the audience perceived the character of Beverly.

When one goes into see this movie, they are going to walk out with something they never expected. The movie touches on every possible feeling that kids, young adults and parents have at some point in their life — feelings of despair, loneliness, fear, excitement, regret, love, loss, disappointment and the overwhelming theme of sacrifice. Sacrificing for people that you love so much that it hurts when you have to go away and sacrificing your own dreams so someone can have theirs.

In all honesty, this movie is going to make you laugh, cry, analyze your own life, your own choices and want to call your parents and thank them in appreciation.

Mad About Meadville:

In Phase Makes An Impression

By ABBY COLLIER
Weekend Editor

Every business has a past. For In Phase, that past started out in Meadville — but under another name. The trendy, meditative enterprise has since gone through several "phases" since its original debut.

Amber Crystal, a store owned and operated in the downtown area by former Meadville resident Gerry Cruicshank, started the initial "phase." Cruicshank then partnered up with Meadville resident Alan Moss, whose family lumber business had recently closed. By 1983, the duo moved to San Diego, Calif., and opened Truly a Treat in Carlsbad, about 40 miles to the north.

Cruicshank and Moss lived in California for about two years, but landlord troubles sent them back to Meadville, where they still owned property. They reopened Truly a Treat in the downtown mall, but encountered yet another dilemma — another store in Oakland (near Pittsburgh) operating under the same name had qualms about sharing identities. To settle the debate, the pair renamed their store "In Phase" in 1985, and it stuck.

The shop specializes in unique gifts, including silver jewelry, incense, candles, cards and stationary, tapestries, pewter figurines, and posters. "Gerry had a lot of knowledge about things like that," said Moss, who began to learn more about the business after taking over when Cruicshank moved back to California.

Now, Moss works with a small staff of three employees. To keep up with the market, he visits other stores in northwest Pennsylvania and also attends gift shows in New York each year.

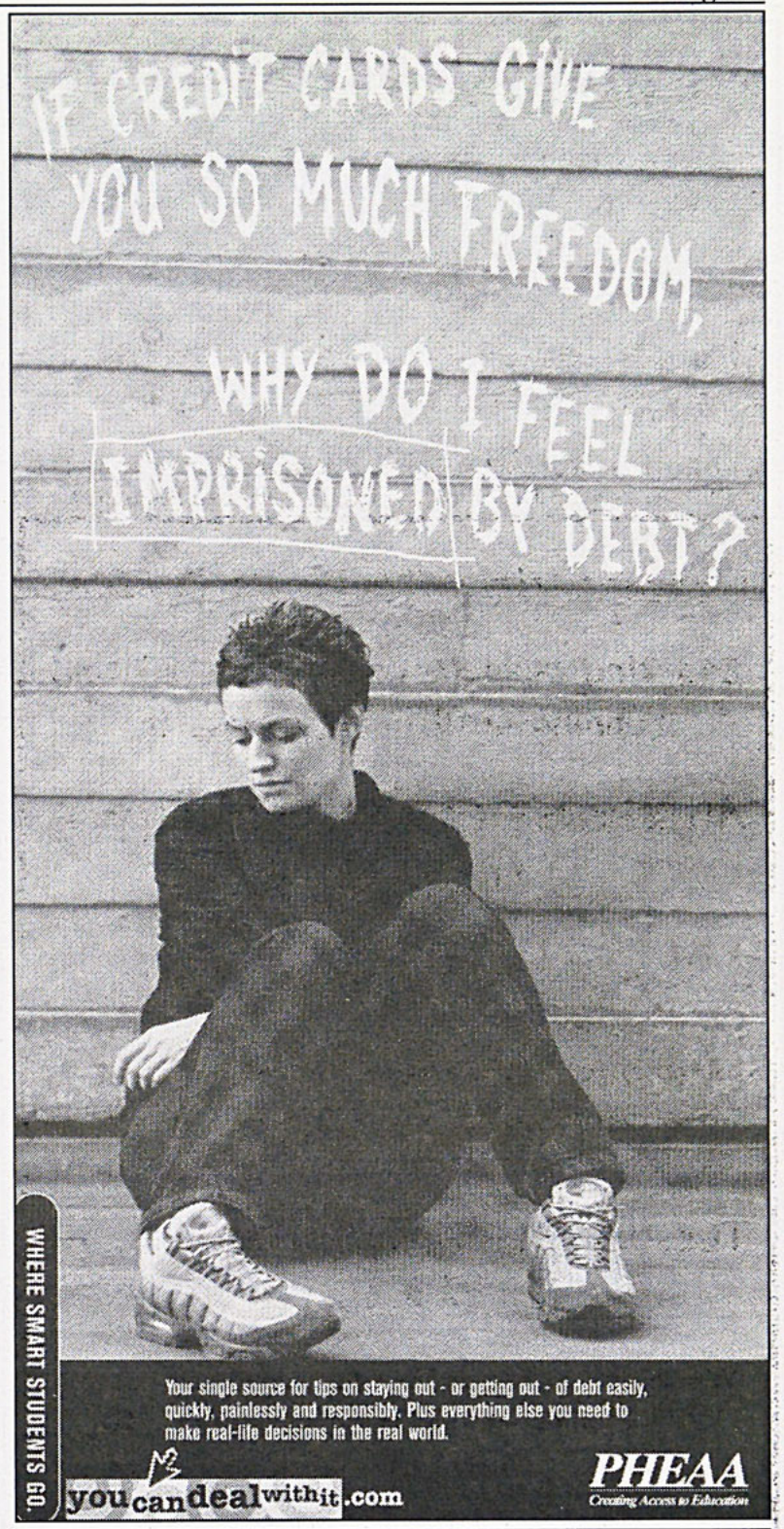
Lori Adsit, who has worked for In Phase for over 10 years, recalled how Amber Crystal was once her favorite store. Now, as an employee, she commented on In Phase's vast popularity among young adults. "It has been one of the most popular stores for college kids," she said, especially those who want to take something unique back home, something unexpectedly from Meadville.



PHASED—In Phase owner Alan Moss stands among his many treasures, located inside the Meadville Mall downtown.
—photo by Abby Collier, Weekend Editor

Moss said he owes his success to "the philosophy where you put things in the store you can't get anywhere else." He noted the continual support of college students, but also said In Phase, because of its originality, manages to attract a pretty diverse crowd. "It's just the uniqueness of the store," he said.

To experience In Phase, visit the Meadville Mall downtown. The shop's inside entrance is across from Blockbuster, and is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 333-1363.



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When: Thurs, Oct 25, 7:30 PM
Where: Roboto II
How Much: $5 / $4 for members
Misc: All Ages. http://www.therobotoproject.org/

Bands: They Might Be Giants, Okgo
When: Thurs, Oct 25, 7 PM
Where: Laga
How Much: $18 advance / $20 door
Misc: All Ages

Bands: Freek, Whoreacts, Free Barabbas, Negative Theory, Dissevered
When: Fri, Oct 26th, 7 Pm
Where: Millvale Industrial Theater
How Much: $5
Misc: All Ages.
http://www.mit.telerama.com/

Bands: System of A Down, Slipknot, Mudvayne, Rammstein, American Head Charge
When: Fri, Oct 26th
Where: Mellon Arena
How Much: $35
Misc: All Ages

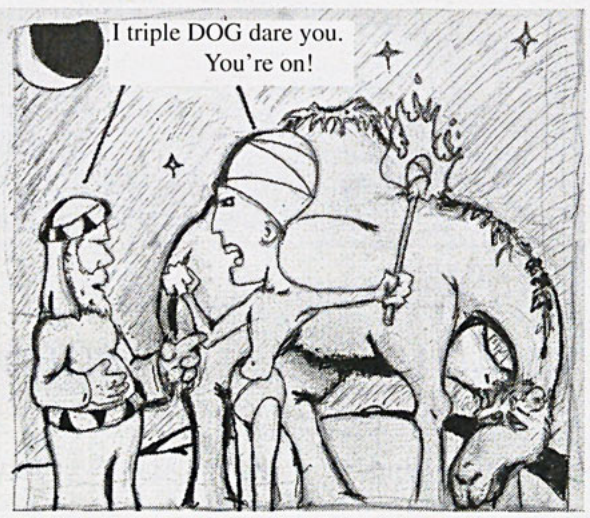
Bands: Sinide, Death Bragger
When: Sat, Oct 27, 7:30 PM
Where: Roboto II
How Much: $5 / $4 for members
Misc: All Ages. http://www.therobotoproject.org/

Bands: The McCarthy Commission, Allergic to Whores, On The Outside, Montag Conspiracy, Mazam, Counter Action
When: Sat, Oct 27, 6:30 PM
Where: Millvale Industrial Theater
How Much: $5
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Bands: Corn on Macabre, Majority Rule
When: Sun, Oct 28th, 7:30 PM
Where: Roboto II
How Much: $5 / $4 for members
Misc: All Ages. http://www.therobotoproject.org/

Bands: Fat Tony, Furnace Street, Joybox
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UNPLEASANT THOUGHTS

—a column by Matt Meehan

There shouldn't be anyone in this country today who doesn't know what the word "united" means. Unless, of course, it's one of those words that becomes harder to comprehend each time you hear it repeated. It's been repeated a hell of a lot recently. If you believe what you see on television and in our nation's commercial districts, practically everyone is united. Perkins, Sub-Way, and Denny's proudly boast that "united we stand". The chorus is echoed by countless independent citizens, some of whom actually decided that the phrase had a nice ring before it was co-opted by McWorld and anointed as the official slogan of everyone's favorite preoccupation. Some entities, in a bold move designed to appear united without strictly conforming to the only three-word phrase that seems to matter these days, devised other three-word phrases that mean pretty much exactly the same thing. Does "together we stand" ring any bells? How about those publicity geniuses at A&E? The same people who came up with those Biography ads featuring Martin Short in devilishly convincing drag costumes have offered "we stand united" as their contribution. Should they be using footnotes, endnotes, or a parenthetical citation for that act of near-plagiarism? Your guess is a good as mine.

Even our elected officials are particularly united these days. Partisanship is something you just don't hear too much about. As inconvenient as it can be at times, don't we generally tend to benefit from a diversity of viewpoints? Didn't some old guy named Ralph make headlines not too long ago because he dared to think that two viewpoints does not a diversity make? And now we only have one? Do people really think this is beneficial?

Apparently some folks do. I heard one guy on television the other day talking about how thrilled he is that national unity is so high these days that there aren't any unruly campus protests to worry about. This is particularly important given that most of the National Guard is doing much-needed airport security work and is unable to bother itself presently with the petty administrative task of shooting college students. You can bet I'm happy about that. But we need to correct one fallacious argument made by people who think that there aren't people on college campuses who question the present state of affairs. I have several complaints of my own that I'd be happy to share, if it could only convince the people upstairs to go easy on the manifest destiny, already.

First of all, I object to the fact that all of the cable news outlets are completely dominated by coverage of "America Strikes Back" and "Anthrax Investigation." It's not that I'm disinterested with these stories, or that I refuse to watch coverage from time to time. It's just that sometimes, after hearing the same updated information repeated at press briefing after press briefing, I wish that the networks would slip in another caption from time to time, one consisting of five words. I of course am referring to the "O.J. Simpson Road Rage Trial". That's right, folks. O.J.'s on trial again, and you probably didn't even notice. Remember the last O.J. trial? Was it not the pinnacle of entertainment?

Maybe if we weren't so preoccupied with other things we would be able to watch every riveting second of testimony. I for one am fascinated by just imagining what it would be like to get into a traffic altercation with The Juice. Most people, unfortunately, are not blessed with this opportunity, and the next best thing would have to be sworn court testimony. I only wonder how the defendant would respond. I only smashed that Volkswagen's taillight with my nine iron because I loved it so much? I guarantee most Americans would be thrilled to watch such a gripping drama unfold.

Another thing I object to is the fact that some television analysts are so busy consulting with wardrobe and makeup about how best to appear united that they fail to realize that Tom Ridge is no longer a governor. All I ever hear is "Governor Ridge will do this" and "Governor Ridge should do that". Get over it, people! We got rid of him. He's gone. Over and done with. I ask you, what state is he the governor of? Pennsylvania? No, we have someone else now. Pennsylvania II? No, that's not a state. At least, not yet. Another column, perhaps. Wake up and exercise some basic reasoning skills, and for God's sake get your facts straight. You're supposed to be journalists, after all.

Sure, there are other things that I object to, but they're too numerous to warrant any specific detail. Being told that I'm somehow obligated to fly on an airplane, buy a car, or collect a bunch of worthless commemorative coins bothers me somewhat. Likewise, I'm discouraged by how quickly we've forgotten how terrifying it is to watch stuff explode, or how objectionable it is for innocent people to die. Weren't we outraged when Timothy McVeigh spoke of collateral damage? Now it's just "unfortunate but inevitable." Most people stand united in that view, as well.

But not to worry, folks, because in Pennsylvania II, "united we stand" will still be a valid rallying cry. Only thing is, we'll expand the scope of the term "we" until it includes all people. If we were to try and do that today, we'd notice that there is actually a very sharp division within the "we" party. This planet hasn't been this hostile in a long time, as far as I can remember. And for those who aren't convinced by my utopian vision for the future of my new breakaway republic, here's a two word slogan that is probably still just as rousing as any I've mentioned thus far: free beer.

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

Aries (March 21 - April 19): A sense of accomplishment is in the air as the Moon continues its way through its current Sign. Keep in mind that it's never too late to fall in love, Aries, whether intellectually or emotionally. Pay close attention to the smaller details instead of focusing on the big picture. The timing of an event leads you across some unexpected hurdles. Nothing is perfect, but everything is positive. Work with what you already have rather than recruiting new people or drafting new methods.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): The things that were running smoothly yesterday have a strong chance of unraveling today. It's important for you to keep your eye open to all of the negative possibilities of your actions right now, Taurus. Unfortunately, the Aquarius Moon is eager to make a bigger mess than you can afford, but just a few wise decisions might be able to save your dignity and sanity. As strange as the future may look, you still control your own little corner of it.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): Much to your relief, you heard it wrong the first time. When the Moon is in its current Sign, miscommunications tend to work to your advantage. Throughout most of the day, you'll probably find that without the overlay of a worst case scenario, the future looks great after all. Try to appreciate the people in your life for the shining stars that they are, Gemini. It all might go away by tomorrow, but right now you've got everything that you need -- and more.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Keep looking for the things that have been most elusive. If you finally find what you seek, it might be in your best interest to hide it for most of the day. Others must disqualify themselves from the contest before you make your championship bid. Few expect this kind of strategy, which is all to the good. Find a way to be inconspicuous, but keep your eyes wide open all the while. Wearing a pair of dark sunglasses could work to your advantage.

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SPORTS Scores, Schedules, News, Features

Allegheny Continues to "Ram" the Competition

By JASON STRONZ
Sports Editor

The Allegheny football team got new uniforms this season. The first comment I heard of them was something about their similarity to those of the NFL's Saint Louis Rams. The way the Gator offense has been playing in recent weeks, I'd say the uniforms aren't the only similarity. Over the past two weekends the Gators have been on the road destroying opponents and tearing up the record books.

Allegheny first traveled to Gambier, Ohio where they routed the Kenyon Lords 68-13. The Gators, without All-American tailback Shane Ream for the third game, tied four single-game offensive records. Led by the sensational sophomore combination of Bubba Smith and Jon Turner, the offense piled up a Ram-like 655 total yards of offense.

Smith topped his performance from the Oct. 6 homecoming game against Hiram, in which he threw for a school record tying five touchdowns, by completing 25 of 39 passes for 365 yards and six touchdowns. In all, Allegheny compiled a new school record of 391 yards passing. Turner accounted for 10 of those completions for 177 yards and four touchdowns.

Smith's Kurt Warner-like 365 yards broke the five-year old record held by Kyle Adamson by seven yards, and his six touchdowns eclipsed the record he shared with Mike Ganey. Turner's four touchdowns tied the school best.

Allegheny got on the board first with Aaron Polack's 41-yard field goal at 9:07 of the first quarter. TheGators never looked back, racking up 41 points in the first half alone. Smith would find Turner for their first touchdown connection of the game. The six-yard strike came just over a minute after Polack's field goal. The first quarter came to an end two minutes after Smith hit Brian Woods for a two-yard score. The offense pounded the ball down field the entire quarter to gain a 17-0 lead.

With the Gator defense holding the Lords in check, the offense was able to continue their scoring barrage in the second quarter. Polack hit his second field goal of the game, this one from 19 yards out to give Allegheny a 20-0 lead. After a three and out by Kenyon, Smith and the offense came back on the field. It took them only three plays to get back to the sidelines for a rest.

Jamie Sye, a first-year back, rushed for five yards, followed by a six-yard gain by Woods. Smith found Turner a second touchdown on the next play. The 35-yard completion put the Gators up 27-0, but Kenyon would ruin hopes of a shutout on the ensuing drive.

Tony Miga, the Lords' quarterback, went 1-5 on the drive, but his only completion was for 48 yards and it put Kenyon in field goal range. It did not phase the Gators however, as they found the end zone 1:13 later on yet another big play. Smith hit Turner in stride, and the wideout sprinted in Torry Holt-like fashion for a 72-yard score. The first half scoring ended two drives later when Smith hit Turner for his fourth and final receiving touchdown from two yards out.

The second half was no different than the first, as the Gators tallied 27 more points, while giving up ten to the Lords. Smith hit Woods for a second touchdown early in the third quarter, and Sye would later run one in from two yards out. Marty Spieler recorded his first career touchdown pass with a 26-yard completion to fellow sophomore Will McMahon. Senior tailback Wyatt Jones ended the Gator scoring with a 32-yard run with 11:29 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The numerous scores were very much in character with the high-powered offense the Gators have been exemplifying. It is an offense many NFL teams have problems stopping when playing St. Louis, and it has Coach Hrovat just as impressed with the big plays his team produces, as well as many of the fans.

"Turner, Bubba, and Shane are all big-play threats," he said. "It's nice to have those three out there producing like that. It's even better to know the offense goes even deeper than them."

Ream, in his first game back since suffering an ankle sprain against Wittenberg, made his presence known against a tough Frostburg State team.

The senior tailback equaled or topped four school records in the 40-13 win. He became the school's all-time leader in scoring, rushing touchdowns, and all-purpose yardage, while tying the single-game scoring record.

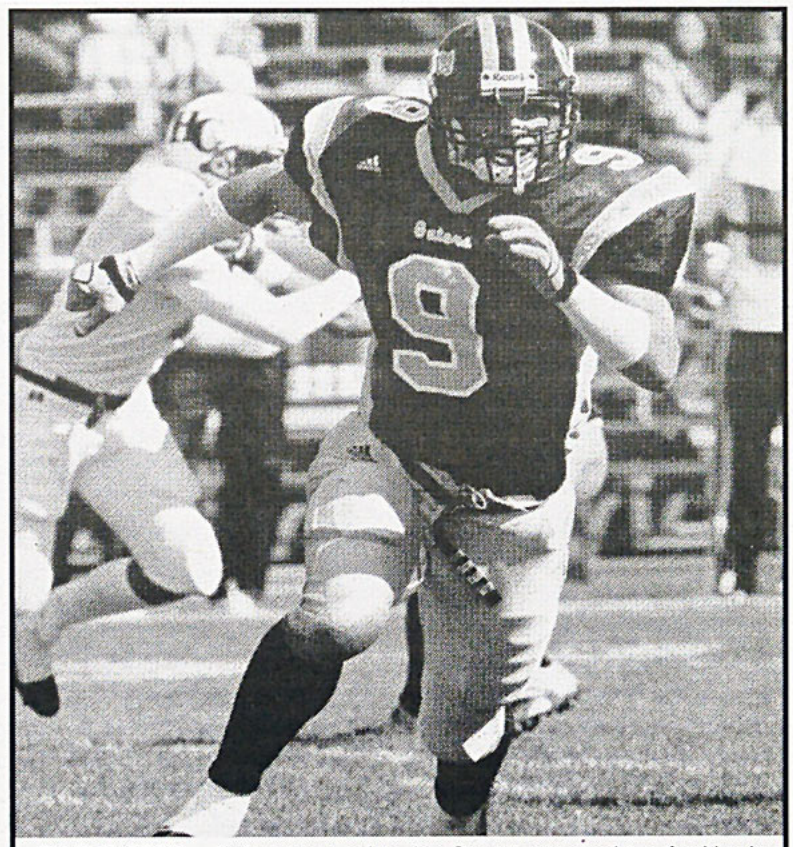
Ream ran 33 times for 142 yards and five touchdowns while catching one ball for 11 yards. The five scores gave him 55 for his career and put him one ahead of Stanley Drayton on the all-tie list. His 30 points in the game tied a record he already shared with Kyle Smesko, Jon Iozzi, Drayton, and Jay Lewis. The 153 yards put him 62 yards ahead of Drayton's old record for career all-purpose yards of 4,010.

Ream worked his way right back into the Gator offensive mix, which saw Smith finish 22-30 with 257 yards and one touchdown. Turner had eight catches for 77 yards, and Woods finished the game with 69 yards on the ground and 72 on three receptions including Smith's only touchdown. Hrovat was happy to see such equality between the ground and aerial attacks.

"The offense is balanced now," he said. "It is nice to see we can run 250 yards and equal that through the air."

The Gator offense isn't the only part of the team deserving of headlines. The defense has also been a great force in the teams late season dominance. The Gators came into the Frostburg State game ranked number seven in the country in rush defense, and probably bettered their standing by giving up only nine yards on the ground. In fact, only one team has been able to get over

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ON THE SPOT— Junior strong safety Joe Cowart recovered two fumbles in Saturday's 40-13 win over Frostburg State. The Gators are 4-3 for the season.
—photo courtesy of Office of Student Activities

Gator Rugby Team Preparing for Action

By TRACIE GAYDOS
Staff Reporter

"I like hitting people," said first-year Jessica Buck. While in most cases this may not be considered a good thing, this desire to hit people is just the type of thing that the women's rugby team is looking for.

For the second year in a row, there is an attempt being made here at Allegheny, to make rugby, a traditionally male European sport, a women's club sport. Club status means that the team will not be a varsity sport which plays conference games, but will travel to schools regardless of classification, such as Slippery Rock University, Clarion University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Fredonia State University, and West Virginia University to play games.

The team started to come together last year when Casey Timer, class of 2001, started the women's team after having played on the men's club team. She has handed down the organizational and coaching duties to junior Traci Roble.

Despite the fact that rugby has traditionally been a male-dominated sport because of its level of physical contact, there were about 20 girls that came to the first organizational meeting last week. "I told them when they first came in here, 'You are going to get dirty. You are going to get hit. You are going to hit other girls. If you don't want to do this, this probably isn't the sport for you,'" Roble said.

This is not a problem for the girls who came to that meeting. In fact, this is the exact reason many became interested. "I was going to play flag football and I like rough sports so when I saw the flyer, I thought I should check it out," said first-year Celeste Lindahl.

Along with this possible fear of physical contact, many girls are hesitant to come out for the team because they fear that they do not have enough experience due to the newness of the sport. Although there are two hundred women's professional teams in England, the first internationally organized World Cup that the United States participated in was

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Soccer Seasons Winding Down

By KELLY BOLEN
Staff Reporter

The men's soccer team is coming into the final stretch of their season this week. The team has one final game against Wittenburg on Oct. 27, and if the Gators win they will move on to the conference tournament. Their record as of Oct. 20 was 10-4 overall and 6-2 in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

Allegheny faces stiff competition in their conference, and while they may still make it into the conference tournament without a win this week, their chances will be greatly reduced. The team also feels that depending on other teams is not the way they want to make it into the tournament. "We're trying to stay focused. There is a lot riding on this game," said sophomore Adam Fletcher.

On Oct. 20 the team played Denison and managed to pull off the win with a final score of 1-0. The winning goal was scored during overtime. Pieter Ockers, senior, assisted Derek Segesdy, junior, who headed the ball into the goal to end the game for the Gators. Senior netminder L.J. Marks had four saves and added another shut out to his resume.

The Gators defeated Hiram 2-0 at home on Oct. 17. The Gators' Jason Figura, sophomore, scored in the beginning of the second half to give the Gators a 1-0 lead over the Terriers. Later in the second half John Gearhart, junior, scored a second goal for the Gators. Eric Bland, sophomore, picked up the assist for the team. Marks made six saves in the game.

Wooster hosted the Gators on Oct. 13 in a thrilling overtime game. The Gators escaped with a 2-1 overtime win on an Ockers goal with two seconds remaining. Bland assisted on the winning tally. Bland also scored the first goal for the Gators to tie the score at 1-1 with 18 minutes of play left in the game. Wooster's attempts to score where squashed by Marks as he made 14 saves to help clinch the Gators' victory.

The women's soccer team is currently in third place in their conference. The team is optimistic about their chances at a conference title. "We've had a really great season," said Joan Anderson, sophomore.

The women's team faced Grove City at home on Oct. 22, and came away with a 4-0 victory. In the first minutes of the game Mandy Sysko, junior, scored off the assist from Och. Jill Malone scored nine minutes later off a rebound from a goal attempt made by Erica Frank, senior. Sysko earned the assist for the second goal. The third goal of the game was scored by Claudia Garcia, sophomore, and assisted by Malone. The Gators' final goal of the game was scored by sophomore Sharon Greene. Anderson and Randi Potter, junior, split the goalkeeping duties in the shutout.

Oct. 20 was the team's last conference match before the start of the conference tournament. The Gators lost 3-0 to Ohio Wesleyan. Despite the loss the team regained a third place position in the conference and has qualified for the playoffs. Anderson made four saves for the game.

The Gators faced New Wilmington and defeated the Titans 3-2. Greene was the first scorer for Allegheny. She scored the goal off an assist from Sysko making the score 1-0 for the Gators. Westminster managed to score, but the Gators came right with a goal from first-year Jill Gray. Westminster later scored and tied the game at two. With just 30 seconds to go in the first half sophomore Amanda McElfresh scored a goal off a deflected corner kick to end the scoring.

Allegheny crushed Hiram on Oct. 17 8-0. Och, sophomore Theresa Lettrich, and first-year Nicole Hercules each scored twice in the course of the game. Sysko and Malone were the other two Gators to contribute goals in the win.

The team lost to Wittenberg on Oct. 13 in a close battle that went into double overtime, but ended with Wittenberg winning 2-1. "We needed to finish more balls; wind was a factor," said Anderson. The Gators started the game on top with Malone scoring a goal in the first half, but Wittenberg came back to tie it up. They would eventually win the game in the second overtime.

The women's team finished the regular season with a record of 13-5, 5-3 in North Coast Athletic Conference action. They will begin the postseason in the NCAC Conference Tournament, eyeing a NCAA Tournament berth.



SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT — The Allegheny men's soccer team poses for a team photo. The Gators have a record of 10-4 heading into their regular season finale this Saturday at Wittenberg.

—photo courtesy of Nory Sams, Assistant Photography Editor

BCS Standings Released for First Time; Sooners are No. 1

By CHAD THOMAS
Daily Texan Staff Writer

The BCS ratings are out, and, as expected, much controversy surrounds the Bowl Championship Series and its quest to find college football's top two teams to play for the national title.

With this weekend featuring key matchups between Oklahoma and Nebraska, UCLA and Stanford, and Oregon and Washington State, a rearrangement to the current face of the BCS rankings is imminent.

The debut of the 2001 BCS rankings were announced Monday, with Oklahoma claiming the top spot, and Big 12 counterpart Nebraska at No. 2. The Huskers are followed by UCLA, Miami, Virginia Tech and Texas.

Many say the rankings are unfair after last year's system left Miami out of the national title game. The Hurricanes, who sit at No. 1 in both major polls, are only the fourth-best team in the land according to a few computers.

In order to condone or condemn the BCS system, it's necessary to first understand how it works in conjunction with the national title picture.

BCS standings are given for the top 15 teams, and in this case, the lower a team's rating in the BCS formula, the higher-ranked it is in the BCS standings.

Part of a team's BCS ranking lies at the subjective end of the spectrum in the form of the two major polls, while the remainder is a conglomeration of mathematical factors used in eight separate computer formulas.

Teams are ranked by coaches in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll, and by the media in the Associated Press poll. When combined, these two poll positions account for 50 percent of a team's BCS ranking.

Whereas the AP and Coaches' polls are prone to personal bias, the computers are said to rank teams according to objective, mathematical formulas.

Constituting a team's computer ranking are four separate criteria. First and foremost is a team's win-loss record. A loss tacks one point onto the BCS rating, and when mere hundredths of a point can separate teams in the final standings, a loss of a game and the addition of one point usually translates into title hope destruction.

Just winning games isn't enough to earn a shot at the national title. If a team is going to finish the regular season undefeated, it won't matter unless those wins came against formidable foes. This is where strength of schedule comes into play.

The computers factor not only a team's win-loss record, but also the records of both the team's opponents, and its opponents' opponents. Moreover, computer formulas as of 2001 are incorporating "quality wins" into their BCS ratings. Essentially, this means that wins over teams ranked in the top 15 in the BCS poll hold more weight than other wins, and thereby merit deductions to a team's BCS rating.

The importance of strength of schedule explains why Miami, though ranked No. 1 in both the AP and Coaches' polls, sits at No. 4 in the BCS.

Oklahoma currently sits atop the rankings as a result of human and computer factors. The Sooners are No. 2 in both major polls, their opponents have a collective record of 23-14 against teams other than OU, and the Sooners also have a "quality win" over Texas, the sixth-ranked team in the BCS.

—article courtesy of U-Wire

• **What about the World Series?** I should have known better than to bet against the Yankees. After defeating the Mariners in the ALCS, the Yanks will seek their fourth consecutive championship against the Arizona Diamondbacks. My prediction? Well, since I was wrong once already, you won't see this columnist make a pick. I do think, however, it will be a tight series, with the dominant duo of Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson face off against Andy Pettitte, Roger Clemens, Mike Mussina, and El Duque. One point that could determine the series is the bullpens. No one in the game is better than Mariano Rivera, and it could give the Yankees the slightest of advantages in what looks to be an even series.

• **What's up with contraction?** The buzz around Major League Baseball is a November 6th owners' meeting. Rumor has it that two clubs, Montreal and either Florida or Tampa Bay, may be disbanded by the league. The players from those teams would go into a dispersal draft. It's a bold move by the league. It is also something that will likely be very difficult to get done given the power of the players' union, but it's intriguing nevertheless. The possibility of contraction could make for a very interesting offseason in baseball.

SAY WHAT?

Lou Klein

• **What about those Steelers?** After arguably their best showing of 2001 in a 17-10 win over Tampa Bay, the Steelers sit atop the AFC Central at 4-1. They are tied with Oakland for the best record in the conference. The Steelers' defense has been absolutely dominating at times, and their ground attack of Jerome Bettis and Amos Zereoue makes up one of the league's best tandems. Kordell Stewart's play has been far from spectacular, but he is doing what is necessary to win games. America will get their chance to see the much-improved Steelers battle Tennessee on Monday night at Heinz Field. Will the Steelers shine in the spotlight? I'd say the chances are pretty good.

• **What's the deal with the BCS?** When the Bowl Championship Series standings were released on Monday, defending national champion Oklahoma rested in the top spot, followed by Nebraska, UCLA, and Miami. Huh? The Hurricanes are #1 in both the AP and coaches' polls, but their strength of schedule and computer rankings have pushed them down to fourth. Miami fans have got to be shaking their heads. They're hoping this isn't a repeat of 2000, when Florida State finished ahead of Miami, even though the Hurricanes knocked off the Seminoles. Is the BCS really the best college football could come up with?

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the 100-yard mark on the ground, and that was Mt. Union, the number one team in the nation.

In the Kenyon win, senior linebacker Ralph Tune led the Gator charge with five tackles, three for loss, while sophomore Matt Komar, junior Derek Vikara, and first-year Curtis Reeves all added interceptions. First-year lineman Evan Kormos had a team-high six tackles. Tune and junior linebacker J.P. McFeeley led the defense in the Frostburg victory with eight tackles apiece. Sophomore lineman David Pisanick and Tune each added sacks. Junior safety Joe Cowart recovered two of the Bobcats' five fumbles. Despite the brilliant performance, the defense is still looking to improve. They have a tendency to give up big plays, and in this respect, they have something in common with the Rams they don't need.

"People aren't trying to run against us anymore," said Hrovat. "We are becoming solid in our pass defense, and now it's time stop some of the big plays." It is possible, and the statistics favor the Gators. They currently lead the conference in opponent's completion percentage, allowing only 42.7 percent of passes to be completed.

With the wins, Allegheny improved to 4-3 overall, and 3-1 in NCAC action. Their solid all-around play has many people looking toward the future, but the Gators are focused on this season, and this season alone.

"We are not going to look beyond our next game," said Hrovat. "We are going to enjoy the journey to the end of this season. Every moment we have to enjoy the sport, we are going to grasp."

They will attempt to apply this theory Saturday Oct. 27 against Wabash at Robertson Field at 1 p.m., and it's possible more records will fall. Smith is only one touchdown pass away form breaking the single season passing record and Turner needs only nine receptions and four touchdowns to break those single season marks for wide receivers.

Allegheny may not be undefeated or heading to the playoffs like the Rams, but they are still exciting to watch. They still have the hearts of champions.

RUGBY

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only ten years ago. At the collegiate level, some local schools have established teams. Indiana University of Pennsylvania has had a team for six years. Most small schools like Allegheny are just starting to show an interest in women's rugby. It is also a sport that is not played at the high school level.

A few girls have been able to play on club teams with women of all ages in the Pittsburgh area. It is because of this that experience is not easy to come by in this sport, and therefore is not necessary to play on this team. "Anyone with desire to play and a willingness to learn can be a member of this team," said Roble, who herself has only played the sport for two years. "I just became interested in rugby myself when I went to a Pitt game a few years ago."

Since this is a club team, it does not require as much time and commitment as a varsity sport would. In November, they will start practicing twice a week in order for the girls to learn the game and the fundamental skills that are necessary to play. The season for this sport is during the spring so that is when they will be playing their games. During this time there will be three practices per week including the games. "It is a commitment, but I also realize that it is a club sport, so as long as the girls call and let me know if they cannot make it to a game or practice, it will be okay," said Roble.

Though this team and sport is in its infant stages for the women, it is obvious that this sport is not for everyone. However, because of the enthusiasm that Roble and her girls have showed so far, this may be the perfect sport for them.

"I have never really played team sports, but I have always liked to run and be active, so I thought this sounded like something that was right for me," Buck said.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Friday 10/26

Volleyball at Elizabethtown Tournament

Saturday 10/27

Football vs. Wabash 1:00

Men's Cross Country at NCAC Championship at Wabash

Women's Cross Country at NCAC Championship at Wabash

Men's Soccer at Wittenberg 1:00

Women's Soccer at NCAC Championship

Volleyball at Elizabethtown Tournament

Intramural Football Action

Final Regular Season Standings:

Jinxes	5-0
SAE	3-2
Phi Psi	2-3
Theta Chi	0-5

Playoff Games:

Thursday 10/18

Jinxes 38, Theta Chi 6

SAE 20, Phi Psi 18

Today 10/25

Jinxes vs. SAE, 4:30 at Robertson Field

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Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22): The element of surprise definitely works to your advantage right now, Leo. Under the Aquarius Moon, the Lion is the only wild card in the deck. Whether you're drifting aimlessly or following a carefully-charted and clever course, few can guess your next move. Find a way to capitalize on your opportunities while they are still within your grasp. The only way you'll get a good night's rest is if you make sure that your head doesn't hit the pillow still full of longing and regret.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept. 22): If you have a task to complete, you'll be much better off attempting to do it on your own. Make an effort to be coldly independent until the human climate thaws a little more, Virgo. As the Moon begins to make its way out of its current Sign, it's best for you to try to front-load all important work so that you can relax later in the day. Inspiration has an easier time getting in the door when you're already satisfied.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Forget about yesterday and tomorrow, Libra -- right now, you're very much in the present. When the Moon is in its current Sign, memory and expectation have a way of canceling one another out. For this coming weekend, at least, the first draft is always the best. What you learn right now is taking root on a deeper level. This is a good time to write your thoughts down in a journal or to paint a picture that portrays what you're feeling.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Don't give up the good fight just yet, Scorpio. If you can make it through one more edgy day, moods will brighten, and your luck might even improve a little bit. The stars have had their reasons for irritating you over these last couple of days, but as the Moon begins to make its way out of its current Sign, the test is coming to an end. If you need to apologize for anyone for your words or actions, you had best start now.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Some people get all of the luck -- and right now you're one of them! You're one gleaming star in an awesome constellation, Sagittarius. Your part in a combined activity, along with the friends working or playing beside you, strongly defines your identity. Together you conquer the world; there's no reason to start small. Go for the biggest goal possible and watch in wonder as all of your wishes come true. By the time the day comes to an end, you'll believe in the power of miracles.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The time has come for you to sort out your ideologies, Capricorn. Which do you believe: 'Nothing ventured, nothing gained,' or 'Nothing ventured, nothing lost?' Your dream has a much better chance of becoming more tangible once you commit yourself to making it happen. Success is worth the risk, as long as you've calculated the odds. As long as you are acting based on the facts rather than your whim, you are sure to be a winner in this game.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): If you can manage to keep your head above water, Water Bearer, you can have a great day. When the Moon is in your own Sign, you're addicted to pleasure and utterly fearless. For those who haven't known you long, this may be their first view of your unbridled Aquarian intensity. It's not your problem if you make already-uptight people nervous. You aren't interested in rules right now -- you only want to go where the moment takes you.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20): Somewhere along the way you lost sight of the actual goal, Pisces. If you try to go too far at too great of a speed, you will probably just end up spinning your wheels. While you do have the motivation, you seem to lack certain crucial skills to follow it through. Admitting failure is completely different from accepting defeat. Raise your hand and ask the appropriate teacher for help. Keep in mind that the only stupid question really is the one that you're afraid to ask.

POET

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other victims by sharing her own story. "I have the ability to articulate that space, that struggle," McQuaid added.

She decided to go public with such a personal issue because she realized that death caused by domestic violence "requires public answers, public responses." McQuaid responded by self-publishing *The Scorched Earth*, her first published collection of poetry.

Instead of approaching a publishing company, which controls distribution, McQuaid went to Kinko's and started out by printing 30 copies, thinking she would never get her money back. In one year, however, she made $300. Now, McQuaid holds poetry readings and book signings for coffeehouses, bookstores and the college circuit, and PCADV recently commissioned her to compose a poem for their 25th Anniversary poster campaign and fundraiser.

In light of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, McQuaid has also testified for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, which is conducting an investigation about gender and racial bias in the judicial system; she has read for the Muncy Prison for Women, a maximum security facility; and she has held poetry readings in Butler County and Harrisburg.

In Meadville, Women's Services has coordinated activities to raise domestic violence awareness, including hanging a street banner on Park Ave., holding a domestic violence program entitled "Hope Blooms" earlier this month, and exhibiting a quilt made by children who have witnessed domestic violence. The quilt is called "Hands are for Holding, Not for Hitting," and is on display in National City Bank.

According to Assistant Professor of Psychology Nita McKinley, who encouraged Allegheny's support for Dora McQuaid's appearance, "Women's Services provides not only a rape and assault hotline and women's shelter, but also important educational programs and internship opportunities for Allegheny students." She believes collaboration between the College and the Meadville community is crucial for success. "Allegheny is part of the Meadville community and working with other members of that community is important," she said.

In the end, for those of all ages, genders and races involved in unhealthy, abusive relationships, McQuaid advises, "You're not alone, and it's not your fault, and it doesn't have to be this way." She encourages victims to take advantage of the resources open to them and to raise their voices. "We are losing too many people to those silences," she said.

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