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ASG Accepts Concert Evaluation

by Edward Urbansky
Assistant News Editor

The Concert Evaluation Committee's proposal was passed unanimously at Tuesday's Allegheny Student Government Council meeting. Representatives John Wilcox (off-campus) and Susan Renda (off-campus) introduced the proposal which replaces one large concert with several smaller events.

Renda discussed the plans for a smaller concert with a group like the Kinks, a comedian such as Steven Wright, and a trip for two to the Bahamas.

Based on a total cost of $36,000 and a total revenue of $44,000, the proposal allows for a profit of $8000. The Bahamas trip serves two purposes, according to the proposal: to "enhance ticket sales" and to provide "a refreshing change."

"Flexible use of funds" is cited as a "positive and productive idea of sponsoring more than one popular event," the proposal says.

The Campus Center Cabinet will cosponsor the events with ASG, supplementing the concert budget of $23,500 with an additional sum of $3500.

In addition to the 1989 concert proposal, the committee submitted three recommendations to Council regarding the Concert Committee. These recommendations were also adopted unanimously.

Recommendation I states that ASG should continue to fund the Concert Committee. It notes that the committee is not restricted to musical concerts.

Recommendation II states that Council maintain and use its authority over Concert Committee actions and ensure that the committee regularly reports to Council so that "unpopular and unsuccessful" decisions can be stopped.

Recommendation III proposes the formation of an Activities Fund with a ceiling of $40,000. There are two purposes for this measure: "to avoid fiscally dangerous fluctuation" and "to eliminate any pressure on the ASG Council to approve an unpopular Concert Committee decision."

With regard to Recommendation III, ASG Controller Richard Lasek said that the Finance Committee might take the Activities Fund into consideration and not budget any money for it, thereby leading to excess

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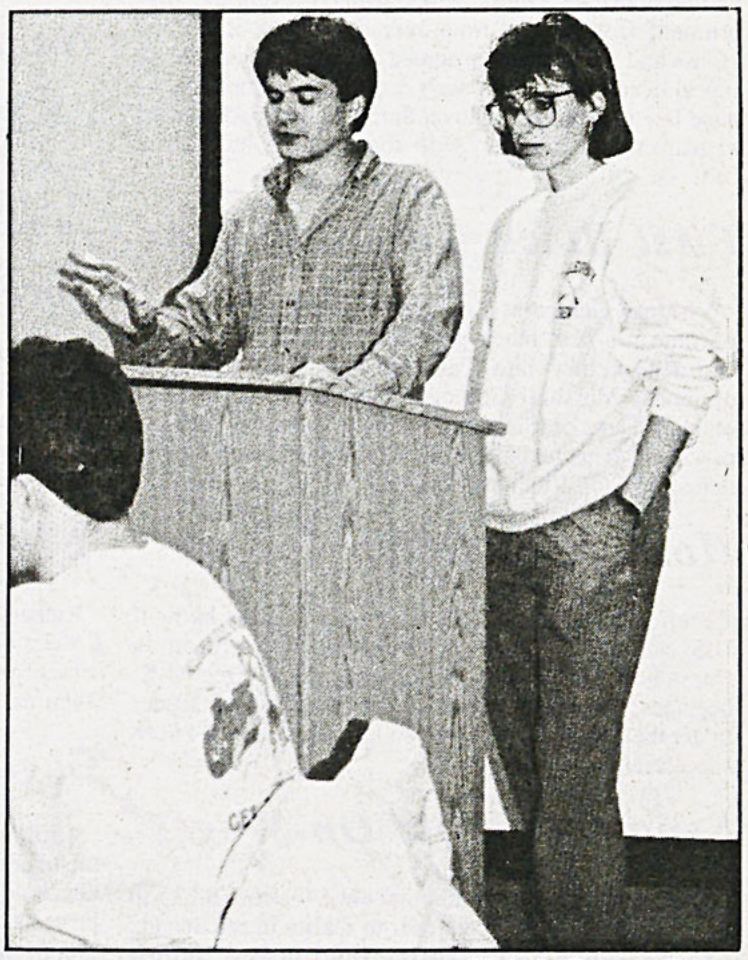

Michelle Prescott Photo.

ASG Council Representatives John Wilcox and Susan Renda presented the Concert Evaluation Committee's proposal at Tuesday's meeting.

Measles Outbreaks Result In Policy

by Edward Urbansky
and Erica Martell

Outbreaks of measles (rubeola) around the U.S. have led to Allegheny's new policy regarding immunization. Under the new policy, students will have to show proof that they have had the disease, have been adequately vaccinated, or are allergic to the vaccine.

Students must submit a form, signed by their physicians, indicating compliance with the new policy.

Those who fail to comply with the policy will be withdrawn from registration for second term. The policy was initiated by Director of Health Services Susan Plunkett and has been approved by Dean of Students Susan Yuhasz and President Daniel Sullivan.

Based on the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College Health Association, the college has instituted the new measles immunization requirement to protect all students.

There is considerable confusion about the disease. Measles or rubeola is not the same disease as German measles or rubella. No problems with the German measles vaccine have been reported.

Immunization for measles with a single injection has proven ineffective. Any vaccination before 12 months of age appears to have no effect. Immunity from a second vaccination after 12 months is lost after about 10 years. Persons vaccinated once before 12 months and once after also lose immunity about 10 years after the second injection.

There is no danger of contracting measles from vaccination. The vaccine is comprised of an attenuated (weakened) virus. Although available separately, the measles is usually combined with the vaccines for mumps and rubella (German measles); this combination is referred to as MMR. Like the measles vaccine alone, the MMR vaccine poses no danger.

Unlike measles infections in early childhood, the disease is considerably more severe in adults. Even in children, it can lead to visual and hearing impairment or complications like pneumonia and encephalitis, but in adults this is more common. Plunkett emphasized the severity of the disease: "We're not just talking about a rash. We're talking about being in bed with serious possible complications."

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Grace Sparks Photo.

Director of Health Services Susan Plunkett spoke before ASG Council Tuesday night, explaining the school's new immunization policy.

McKinley's Renovations Planned

by Susan Orr
Assistant News Editor

By the end of the year, students can expect to see several changes in both McKinley's and the dining halls.

Renovations in McKinley's are necessary, according to Vice President of Finance and Administration Delores Steffen, because last year's renovations "didn't deal with the serving area and kitchen." She said "the serving area will be expanded" by addition of new counters. In addition, the floor tiles in the serving area will be replaced by the wooden flooring that is now on the dance floor and walkway in McKinley's. The kitchen area will also be improved with plumbing and wiring improvements, and the addition of a new sink, Steffen said.

The changes will be made by the same company who renovated McKinley's last year, according to Steffen.

She added the changes are expected to improve service, and said, "with a little bit of luck" the renovations should be completed over winter break.

When the floor-plan for the changes arrives, it will be displayed in the C.C. "so people that are interested can come and look at it," Steffen said.

Changes are also on the agenda for both South and Skylight Dining Halls, Steffen said. South will receive new furniture and carpeting over Christmas or Spring break. At this time, the furniture from South will be moved to Skylight. Allegheny is also considering putting up posters or bringing plants back to the dining halls, Steffen said, in order to "make things more attractive."

The changes planned "were talked about last spring" by students and administrators involved in Allegheny's food service selection, according to Steffen.

Input on student surveys distributed last spring led to the planned improvements. Allegheny received "almost 800 responses" to the survey, Steffen said, and called the responses "a good overview" of student opinion.

According to Steffen, Marriott is helping with the renovations by giving input as to the feasibility of the specific planned changes. All actual work, however, will be done by Allegheny's Physical Plant or outside contractors.

World & National News Update

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U.S. Debt Ceiling Raised

Tuesday, Congress moved to raise the federal debt ceiling above $3 trillion, which would prevent the government from a first-time-ever default on its debts. House and Senate leaders agreed to consider the issue of repeal or reform of last year's catastrophic illness insurance law in a separate move. Some leaders had wanted to team the debt action with the catastrophic illness bill.

First Black Governor Wins

Virginia Democrat Douglas Wilder apparently has become the first black governor in U.S. history. He claimed victory late Tuesday night, although his opponent Marshall Coleman said he would await a recount. Democrat David Dinkins, Manhattan borough president, became New York City's first black mayor, defeating GOP Rudolph Giuliani.

Hostage Situation Unsure

President Bush said Tuesday that he doesn't know if U.S. action this week to unfreeze $567 million in Iranian assets would encourage Iran to free U.S. hostages. Bush said work is going on behind the scenes to get the hostages freed, but so far efforts haven't been successful.

Senate To Vote On Wages

Passage of a higher minimum wage — from $3.35 to $4.25 an hour — moved closer to reality in the Senate. Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole asked fellow Republicans not to alter the legislation. A final vote on the bill was delayed until Wednesday.

E. German Cabinet Resigns

After Tuesday's surprise resignation of East German cabinet members, leader Egon Krenz could create a new, reform-minded government. Gone is the 44-member Council of Ministers that puts into effect policy made by the ruling Communist Party Politburo. Five Politburo members closely associated with former leader Erich Honecker also will be replaced by the end of the week.

Namibians Elect Assembly

In Namibia, citizens are voting in U.N.-monitored elections for a 72-member assembly that will be responsible for writing a constitution. Namibia, ruled by South Africa for 74 years, is due to become independent in April.

Jordanians To Go To Polls

In Jordan, citizens go to the polls Wednesday for a national election — the first time in 22 years. For the first time, women are running for Parliament. The vote will formalize the kingdom's separation from Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Night Stalker Sentenced

Richard Ramirez, the "Night Stalker" responsible for a series of rapes and killing in Southern California, was sentenced to die in the gas chamber. At his sentencing, Ramirez, 29, said he would be avenged.

Eagleton Quits Board

Former Sen. Thomas Eagleton quit his post as a member of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange's Board of Governors Tuesday, saying the futures exchange protects the exchange and not the public. He pointed to the Merc's defense of its former chairman Brian Monieson, accused by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of failing to supervise GNP Commodities salesmen.

150 Sailors Missing

One-hundred-fifty sailors are missing because of Typhoon Gay near Thailand. One-hundred-fifty vessels have sunk or been wrecked. A U.S. drilling rig turned over, and the captain is missing.

Soviets Seek Democracy

Soviets seized the annual celebration of the Bolshevik Revolution on Tuesday as an opportunity to demonstrate for democracy. Crowds burned the flag in Georgia. The parade was canceled in Armenia. In Moscow, 10,000 protesters held a rally to counter the official parade.

Abortion Stand Adopted

Tuesday, the USA's Roman Catholic bishops okayed a resolution that says responsible Catholics can't favor abortion. Critics say the resolution has no teeth. Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk was elected president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Troops Sent To Honduras

A 625-member force to keep contra rebels in Honduras from infiltrating into Nicaragua was okayed Tuesday by the United Nations Security Council. The force would also help halt weapons shipments to rebels in El Salvador.

Thatcher To Speak To UN

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is scheduled to speak to the United Nations Wednesday about the environment. Thatcher has been plagued by conflict with her European allies, anger at home about unpopular domestic policies and Cabinet dissension. A poll in The Independent last week scored her popularity rating at a meager 24 percent.

Rushdie Still In Hiding

Months after his book "The Satanic Verses" was introduced, British author Salman Rushdie is still in hiding. He went into hiding after he received death threats from Moslems, who believe the book is blasphemous. A friend of Rushdie, Tariq Ali told The New York Times that Rushdie is in good spirits.

Responses to The Clip And Mail Version Of *The CAMPUS Asks*

Should the campus have an honor code?

Student		Faculty	
9 – YES	0– NO	2 - YES	0– NO

Do you like the proposal for a sophomore residency requirement?

Student		Faculty	
0- YES	9 - NO	1- YES	1- NO

EXCERPTS FROM COMMENTS (ALL OF THE COMMENTS REFER TO THE SOPHOHOMRE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT):

- it "further contributes to the oppression of the administration on the students."
- "Being a residential college is an important part of Allegheny's identity and living on campus is an important part of a college experience. Junior year is early enough to move off campus if you want."
- "why build more housing when you can't even fill current housing facilities? These are poorly maintained and that's why no no one wants to live on campus."
- "sophomore year is the most important bonding year for the brothers of a fraternity . . . It also teaches the sophomores the responsibilities of the house so they can" efficiently run the house when they later become officers. "If the houses must compy with regulations that the school sets up so that the sophomores can live in the houses, then the school should supply financial support as well as suggestions to help meet these requirements.

"What Do You Think Of The Measles Shot Requirement?"

I think that its a good idea, considering the widespread increase of cases.

Chris Valcheff, '92

If it's going to affect the community, I don't see a problem with getting a shot.

Rick Grenolds, '92

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I think that it is a good safety requirement in order to prevent it from spreading around campus, but I also think that most students have either already had the measles or had the shot.

Dave Cialone, '92

I think it's a good idea because I heard about the epidemic of measles last year in many colleges and the closing of a few because there were too many cases for the health clinics to handle. Heaven forbid that classes would be cancelled at Allegheny or that they would have to close for a term because of an illness!

Kristin Barden, '92

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I suppose it's a safety precaution, and it won't hurt, (unless it's a shot) but I would like to know more about why previous vaccinations are no longer effective.

Nora Sullivan, '92

I think it's a good idea, but I think it is ridiculous that we have to pay for it and that we would not be able to go to classes if we didn't get the shot over break.

Ronald Warren Saunders, '91

I think it's a good idea-- I certainly don't want to get the measles!!

Kim Mari, '91

I think it's a good idea. If it prevents a widespread case of measles on campus it is beneficial. We did it at my high school last year and everyone went along with it.

April Boyer, '93

Curriculum Committee Discusses Special Majors

by Elizabeth M. Smolin
Staff Writer

The issue of special majors was once again addressed at the most recent Curriculum Committee meeting held this past Monday, November 6. In a previous meeting, the deletion of special majors was considered and a sub-committee was formed to further study this idea.

Professor of Modern Languages, Jochen Richter, chairman of the sub-committee, speaking on behalf of the other members, students Eric Smith, Valerie Lang, and Christopher Alonzo, explained the sub-committee decided to keep special majors as an option for students, but felt that some modifications of this type of major were necessary. Some suggestions included: making a presentations to the Curriculum Committee for approval, completing various forms as to why a particular major should be considered as special and what kind of courses would be taken, and finding two advisors from major fields. Richter asked the Curriculum Committee to assist in the question of application procedures.

The suggestions that caused the most debate were those of requiring students to have a certain grade point average along with three letters of recommendation for a special major indicated that they thought a special major student could not be required to uphold a certain grade point average regular majors were not. Associate Professor of Education Jeffrey Dunbar said that "special majors involve special requirements," and suggested a minimum of a 3.0 GPA accompanied by letters of recommendation. Richter opposed this because he fears special majors as "seemingly becoming an elitist."

Provost and Dean of the College Andrew Ford feels "special majors are special in content not in student requirements," and also sees letters of recommendation as unnecessary because a committee should "evaluate the program not the student." Associate Professor of Music Margaret Wheeler suggested a possible rating scale in applying for a special majors as a way of determining whether students are sufficiently prepared to take on a special major. Chairman Ronald Harrell ended the discussion by asking the sub-committee to draft some sort of proposal to be voted on.

The debate over keeping double majors was also brought up before the committee. Ford moved to discontinue double majors but was not supported by the rest of the committee, and therefore the motion was dropped. Ford also motioned to require two senior projects for double majors instead of the required one presently, though the motion was defeated. A motion proposed by Richter to keep double majors with the deletion of the last sentence in the catalogue was passed.

The final topic of discussion dealt with whether minors should be continued in their present form or if they should be altered. The main reason for the question was due to the fact that some minors offered are very unstructured and require a student to take only any six courses in that field to constitute a minor. Douglas Smith, associate professor of chemistry, stated that minors serve no real purpose other than to be put on a transcript. Many committee members agreed, but did not wish to cancel minors altogether.

The motion to allow only structured minors caused much controversy, due to the fact that a department may feel that their minor program has a structure that others do not realize. According to Wheeler, "[we] must accept what departments consider as sufficient for a minor and if not, then ask them to support why [it is sufficient]."

Police Blotter

Ravine Thefts

Two residents of Ravine Hall chased a man found robbing one of the Ravine A Suites on October 31st, according to Director of Safety and Security Tony Sabruno.

One Ravine resident told Security that he discovered an intruder in the common room of his suite while investigating mysterious noises. He found the man holding the phone and stuffing something into his pocket. Upon questioning, the intruder claimed to have only taken a phone number, but still attempted to escape.

After a short scuffle with the suite occupant, the intruder managed to escape pursuit by the same occupant and another resident of Ravine, stated Sabruno.

The intruder, who managed to escape with approximately $40, was described as a white male 6'1", 190-200 lbs, "hefty" and unshaven by the pursuers, Sabruno indicated. The students also smelled alcohol on the intruders breath,"so he had been drinking," Sabruno said.

Another suite had approximately $30 stolen on the 25th of October according to Sabruno. This robbery may have been done by the intruder spotted on the 31st.

"We don't know if the students had their doors locked or not," Sabruno stated. In both cases, students couldn't recall whether or not they had locked their doors, so security is unsure as to how the robber gained entrance to the suites.

How To Protect Against Computer Viruses

by Dale Dallabrida

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This month saw a wave of attention to computer viruses — programs that spread from one computer to another. Some can cause mild irritation to computer users; others can wipe out important data.

Two destructive viruses were to become active on October 13, though few reports of data loss have surfaced. Computer security consultant and author Pamela Kane of Wilmington, DE, tells how to protect against viruses.

Q: What is a computer virus?

A: A virus is a program that spreads. It's not necessarily destructive. It spreads by hitchhiking. It stows away in another program, and when that program is run on your computer, the virus code in it runs at the same time.

Q: Personal computer users pick up infected programs from electronic bulletin boards over telephone lines. How are the viruses disguised?

A: There are programs that become known and trusted. So when you see a new version of one of these programs on a bulletin board, you might immediately download it and run it.

Q: Why?

A: A person who wants to spread a vicious program that would immediately destroy a hard drive could accomplish that by putting it up on an electronic bulletin board under the name of a well-known program. It's our trust in the computer community that's really the biggest danger.

Q: Is there a way to check out a program you've downloaded before you actually run it, possibly triggering a virus inside?

A: There are "peeking" programs that let you look at the program for signs of virus without running it. There are three software approaches to this:

Scanning programs are one way. But they look only for known viruses that are already in your computer. Somebody has to get hit with a new virus before programmers can write a scan for it. One of the more popular scanning programs has been updated two or three times a week for the past few weeks.

Comparison files are another method. You know what your programs look like when they are clean. The comparison file allows you to constantly check to see if they have changed. Downside: You must set up the comparison file and keep running it.

Barrier programs are the last of the software procedures. They constantly watch as programs try to access the hard disk. When a potentially damaging request for disk access comes along, the barrier stops it dead.

Q: When did PC viruses first appear?

A: They showed up in late 1987 — three major viruses in three separate locations. One was the Brain virus, which came from Pakistan; the first major hit was at the University of Delaware. Another virus was found at Lehigh University about the same time. The third is the Jerusalem virus, also known as the Friday the thirteenth virus; it showed up at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

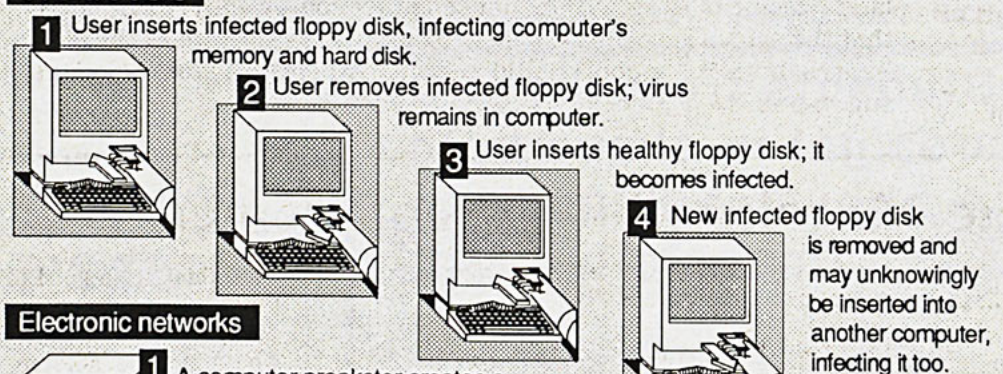
Q: How often do computer culprits get caught, and how are they prosecuted?

A: There's talk in Congress of stiffer laws against computer crime, and there are two separate bills on the floor of the House. But at this point, federal statute does not consider it a crime to steal computer time.

How viruses spread

A computer virus spreads from machine to machine much the way a cold spreads among humans. Usually it happens one of two ways: **(1) Manually** — an infected software disk is carried from from one computer to another. **(2) Electronically** — a virus races throughout a network of computers over telephone lines. A look at each way:

Software disks



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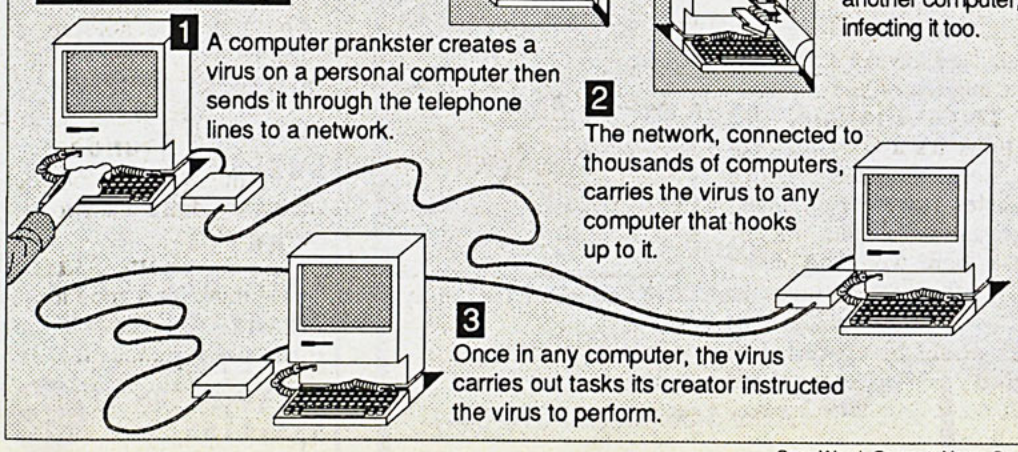

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Lecturer Discusses Sex Role Stereotypes

by Susan Orr
Assistant News Editor

"Vive la difference!" Thus began Thursday night's lecture, "The Difference Model and its Consequences: The Case of Women in the Legal System," given by Dr. Cynthia Epstein. In her lecture, Epstein criticized the notion that differences between men and women are natural and desirable.

Epstein, a sociology professor at the City University of New York, based her lecture on a criticism of the difference model, which she defined as the stereotypical view that fundamental differences exist between men and women. She asserted that these beliefs about the sexes have led to a "difference in condition that has rarely been to women's advantage."

One way the difference model is perpetuated, Epstein said, is through individual attitudes: "people accept the limitations imposed on them," believing them to be normal. For example, Epstein said, women may choose to act submissively because they believe it is how they should act.

Epstein also used the theory of social control to explain how the difference model is maintained. According to this theory, Epstein said, societal conventions enforce gender differences, for "reality is defined and interpreted by those in power."

As an example, Epstein discussed how the difference model is often "supported by biased research in the social sciences." In studies, "the variable of sex is always computed," she said, and differences of a few percentage points are often exaggerated to make the difference seem much larger. Epstein also revealed that in studies in which subjects report on themselves, "people stereotype themselves."

Epstein continued by showing how the difference model operates in the legal system. For example, women's courts were established in order to deal with crimes traditionally identified with women, such as rape and prostitution. These courts were finally eliminated in 1967, she said.

According to Epstein, after the disappearance of women's courts, females are treated differently in court because the "cultural preferences of gatekeepers" influence the sentences they pass. An example she used was that a woman may receive a lighter sentence if she is seen as a good mother, or if she has committed a crime seen as "traditional" for women, such as prostitution. On the other hand, Epstein revealed that a woman may be sentenced more harshly if she is perceived as a bad mother, or if she has committed a crime against morality. In such a case, she said, the woman might receive a stiffer sentence because her crime is seen as one of "defiance of appropriate femininity."

Female attorneys and judges have also suffered because of sex role stereotyping, said Epstein. Until the 1960's, "women attorneys were virtually closed out of the courtrooms," she stated, because of cultural beliefs that women are not suited to trial work. Women that did work in the legal profession, Epstein said, were restricted to "backroom" jobs. Furthermore, the first females in the courtroom dealt with only women's cases.

It is only in recent years, Epstein continued, that women attorneys have entered into the more "masculine" types of law such as business or criminal law.

Common perceptions of female lawyers and judges are also affected by gender stereotypes, Epstein said. Women still are often seen in terms of traditional sex roles, and therefore are "very much in a no-win situation," she said. For example, Epstein said women who leave work early because of their children are seen as weak, while women who work late are perceived as "heartless."

Epstein ended her lecture by warning against blind acceptance of social tools that can be helpful as well as harmful. It is necessary she said, to separate the good from the bad. She reiterated her view of the difference model as unrealistic, saying, "there are as many differences between women as there are between men and women."

Academic Program Recently Revised

by Christiana Provost
Ass't Arts &Leisure Editor

Last summer, the Educational Enhancement Program (E.E.P.) differed substantially from the way it has been managed in the past. This year, 29 students participated in a pre-college academic improvement program that has been used at Allegheny College under the title of E.E.P. for the last four years. This year, however, the program was assigned a theme: "The Maturing Generation."

The participants attended a convention in Chautauqua, New York where they listened to speakers, and socialized with active elderly people. This was the first time a road trip was a scheduled event within the two-week program. According to Faith Smith, a junior at Allegheny College and a student advising assistant for the program, the purpose of the theme was to initiate communication between the students and older men and women. "We were concerned with breaking down the stereotypes that they may have had about older people," said Smith.

In addition to the road trip, the students visited the Aging Center in downtown Meadville. At the Center, Smith noted that both the students and the senior citizens realized that they had misconceptions of the other generation. Students discussed with the people at the Center the plights of aging, and at the end of the program, the students were asked what they would do when their parents became unable to care for themselves. "Most of them said that they would not put their parents in a home," said Smith. She said that, through the program, the students met very active elderly people.

As the program's desired goal is to improve academic performance, a new requirement was asked of the students who were asked to be a part of last summer's E.E.P.. Each student had to read *The Ugly American*, and write a paper on it as well. As a student advising assistant, Smith said that she was able to answer students' questions about the book, because this was the first year that the assistants were asked to read the book as well.

Smith also commented that the group was more "whole" than it has been in past years. According to Smith, the students could best be described as congenial, and generally "open-minded."

In the coming years, Smith predicts that the Educational Enhancement Program will run under similar format. She said that the new format allowed the student advising assistants to better understand the people to whom they were to assist before beginning the program.

Concert Committee Discussed

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money in the annual budget. This excess would still permit the fluctuation that Recommendation III attempts to avoid, he said.

Director of Health Services Susan Plunkett addressed council regarding the college's new measles immunization policy. (*Editor's Note*: Please see measles article on page 1.)

In other business, council approved the expenditure of $581.21 from the sinking fund to replace 25 jerseys for the Hockey Club. The sinking fund or capital replacement fund is a separate account dedicated completely for the replacement of worn out equipment.

The Allegheny Gymnastics Club was chartered by ASG upon council's second approval of its constitution. The club serves to promote and teach the "sport and art of gymnastics in the Allegheny College community," according to its constitution.

The winners of the 1989-90 class office elections were announced by Director of Student Voting Sally Barrett (see box on page 5).

ASG President Todd Milenius said he was pleased with the 38 percent voter turn-out. He noted that national election turn-out was predicted at 40 percent.

Eleven Representatives were removed for failing to meet Council's attendance requirements, according to ASG Parliamentarian Michael Stella. Milenius said that elections will be held at the beginning of second term in those halls currently without representation.

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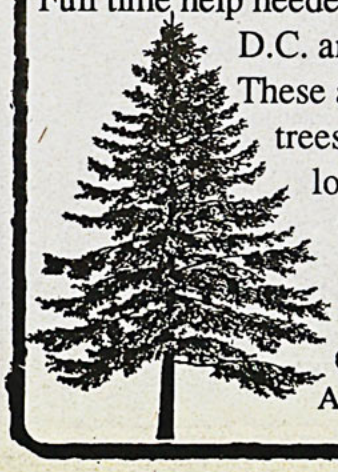

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Policy Explained

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She said that an employee at the college who contracted measles while in nursing school was forced to drop out and to wear glasses for two years afterward because of peripheral vision impairment.

The Centers for Disease Control reports a 275 percent increase in the occurrence of measles from 1988 to 1989. For example, 120 students contracted measles at Texas Tech University in January 1989. After the first case was discovered, the university began immunizing the 7200 residential students. Dr. Scot Fry, health service director at Texas Tech, said he was amazed at the rate at which the disease spread. Furthermore, he did not immediately recognize the symptoms of measles in the first two student cases since the symptoms differ from those in children.

One of the reasons that the disease spreads so quickly is that it is airborne, just like respiratory infections.

All-campus immunization is recommended to limit the spread of the disease since approximately 5 percent of those vaccinated do not become immune, according to the American College Health Association. This also protects those students who are allergic to the vaccine and cannot be immunized.

Those people who are severely allergic to eggs and neomycin should not be immunized. Plunkett explained that the vaccine is developed in eggs, and thus, cannot be tolerated by those allergic to eggs. In addition, pregnant women should not be immunized.

Beginning with next year's freshman class, the pre-matriculation immunization requirements will include the new measles vaccination requirement.

Many people are not taking the disease seriously, Plunkett feels. "If I told you your polio vaccination was ineffective," she said, "I'd bet you'd get another one." "What I'm trying to tell you," she went on to say, "is that (a) you're susceptible, and (b) it's serious."

Plunkett, justifying the policy, continued, "It may seem inconvenient, but I don't want that [an outbreak] to happen here because students may have to drop out of school and may suffer serious complications because of the illness. I'm doing the best job I can to protect students' health with most current information available."

Sullivan agreed with Plunkett, "It is our goal to get everyone immunized."

At Tuesday's Allegheny Student Government meeting, Plunkett discussed the blood test for those who have had measles. The blood test, called an immune titer, normally costs about $70, she said. The school is working with a lab so that it will cost students only $37 and they can have the test at the health center, she said.

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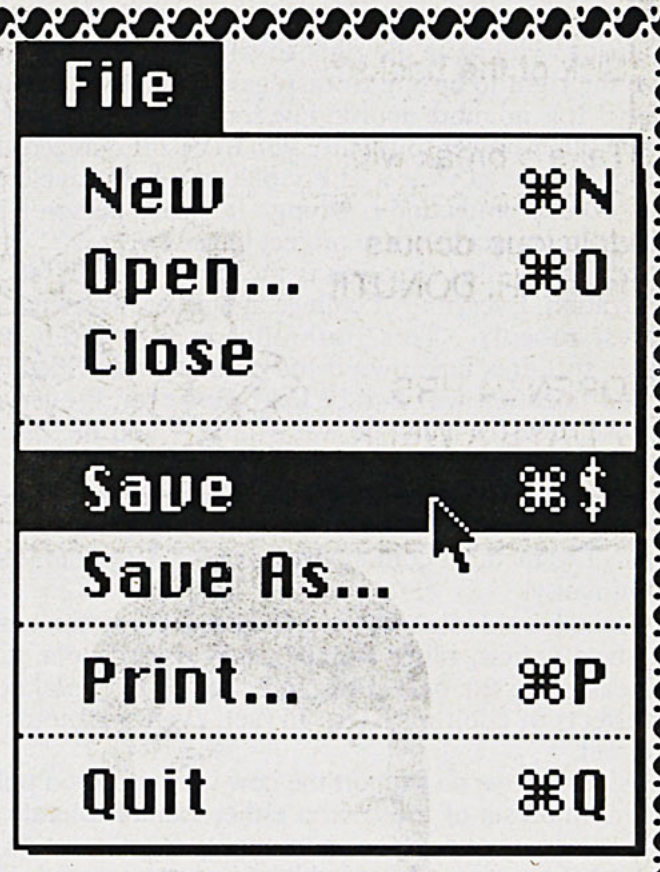

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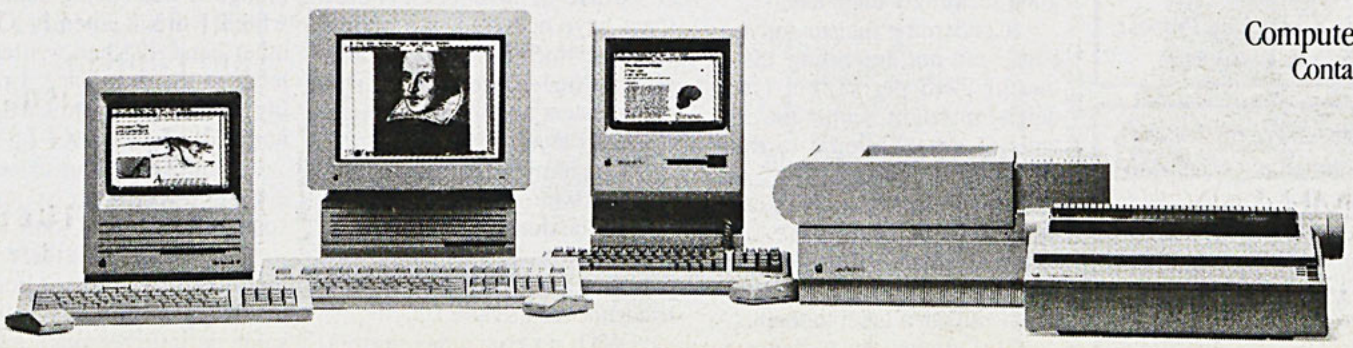

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Editorial

Right Decision, Wrong Reason

The presentation of the new measles (rubeola) vaccination requirement represents the continued usurpation of students' rights by the administration. No different than the sophomore residency requirement, it sounds like another example of the school acting as Big Brother, only this time it has gone too far. Unfortunately, it reflects a turn, in this country, away from individual rights in general.

While a real hazard exists insofar as the serious nature of rubeola -- and immunization is well-advised for people of college age, for any authority to require such immunization is a gross violation of fundamental rights. This is a perfect example of an attempt to serve the public good manifesting itself in an immoral act. When students matriculate, they are required to present evidence of certain immunizations; however, they know this coming in. For the school to institute such a policy now -- and to threaten withdrawal from registration -- is clearly to change the understanding between the college and the student.

Last week's letter from Director of Health Services Susan Plunkett outlined only two possible ways of fulfilling the new policy: (1) Get an injection over winter break. (2) Provide evidence from a blood test that you have already had measles.

Although approved by DeanYuhasz and President Sullivan, the policy omits several circumstances; perhaps this is the result of haste. Plunkett has said that exemptions, even case-by-case evaluations, would be made, yet there is no mention of these in the official policy.

Unfortunately, some people cannot tolerate the vaccine, and for another five percent, it fails to provide immunity. Only for these people is the argument for public health valid. That is, these two groups are at higher risk unless others are immunized. For their benefit it is worth requiring the extra immunization.

Just as you have the right to smoke or to drink, you have the right to ensure or disregard your own personal safety. It is no more appropriate for the state, the school, or any other power to require you to be immunized than to require you to wear a safety belt or a motorcycle helmet. Forced protection is wrong. It is each person's perogative to protect or not to protect himself.

Ironically, this situation is the result of required immunization. Everyone of college age now was vaccinated against rubeola. This immunity is now likely lost. Worse still, it is unknown if the immunity provided by a second injection will also be lost. However, if everyone had had measles when he was young -- and the disease would have been considerably less severe -- everyone would now have permanent active immunity. Instead, everyone is doomed to have at least two measles vaccinations. The medical community has no data on the length of immunity.

Once heralded as the end of disease, immunization may be a deficit; adults cannot safely risk rubeola. Current cases are the only adult infections. No one knows the effects of adult measles. In fact, even symptoms are different.

Although we do support the new immunization policy for the interests of those who either cannot tolerate the vaccine or cannot develop an immunity from it, we do not support those grounds on which it was presented. The written policy is limited; an addendum is in order. Additionally, proposing immunization to protect everyone deprives the individual of his right to control his own person. It is possible to do all the right things for all the wrong reasons.

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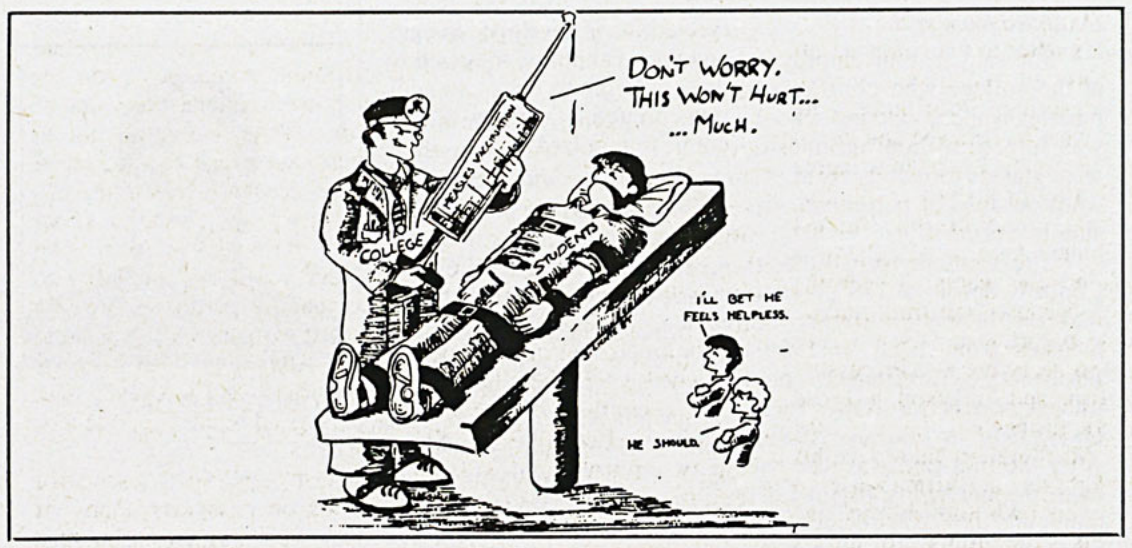

Same Song, Second Verse

Allegheny Athletic Facilities Unsatisfactory

by Mark Ostrowski and Jeremy Powers

Authors' note: This is an open letter to Mr. Thomas Erdos who is in charge of the Mellon Building. A similar editorial was run in the September 21 edition of The CAMPUS. *So far, nothing has been done to remedy the situation. It is our hope that Mr. Erdos will, as a result of this second request, take the appropriate action to meet the needs of the students.*

Dear Mr. Erdos:

We have a number of complaints about the Mellon Recreation Building.

First of all, the hours posted in the building for Saturday (9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.) have not been followed since the beginning of the year. On numerous occasions, we have gone to the Mellon Building as late as 12:30 p.m. and it still has not been open.

This is unacceptable. Allegheny College, as a liberal arts school which stresses the development of the "whole individual," has a responsibility to make adequate exercise facilities available to the student body.

The Mellon Building is far from adequate. But it should at least be *open*. The hours that the building is open should not be determined by whether or not a student is available to work at certain times. If no students are available, then someone should be hired to staff the building during the hours posted.

Physical development is too important to be ignored as it is when this college does not open its facilities at the proper hours. We find it rather ironic that at the same time the college forces students to participate in gym

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Letters To The Editor

Think About It, Allegheny

I am overjoyed at the quantity of response that my letter has generated. How many other students can say that they were attacked in print by five different people, four of whom were faculty members? This is not to mention the fact that at least two other professors denounced my letter to their classes.

This kind of reaction would be wonderful if it were not so far off base. If I were truly saying the things I have been accused of saying, the vehement attacks would be justified.

Somewhere in the chain of communication, however, something went awry. Some people have grossly misconstrued what I was trying to say.

For the time being I'll blame myself for this -- perhaps I was attempting to say too many things at the same time.

It is for the sake of clarity that I have again written.

There are two major points that I want to make, and the underlying theme in both of them is freedom. I am not trying to stop discussion, I'm trying to start it. I am trying to illuminate a couple of issues which I feel have been by-passed or have gone seemingly unnoticed.

Concerning racism and sexism: I am not defending either one of them per se, but I will defend my right, within the contents of my own mind to think any thought I choose.

Point to ponder: No action or object is racist or sexist, right or wrong in and of itself. They become one or the other when people attach a label to them.

Before we try to increase our intellectual awareness about these things (if we decide we want to), we'd better decide just what we're talking about.

One person's sexist comment is another person's joke. Definitions of racism and sexism are difficult to ascertain.

Ultimately, it comes down to the majority of opinion of the deciding body. If we as a college community are realistically going to combat these issues, we'd better first ask ourselves a few questions: What do we mean by racism or sexism? Is there a significant problem on this campus? Do we want to do anything about it?

I have no problem with education; that's why I'm here. I do have a problem with people attacking a sorority who, in my eyes, was just trying to be creative, but that was accused so viciously of being "sexist" that they felt they had to make a public apology. That is an example of the climate that inflames me.

The other issue, and the one that concerns me more, is that I feel that students (and to an extent perhaps faculty as well) are being manipulated and railroaded by Bentley. The students have no voice in the policies of this college or if they do, I claim that it is inconsequential on any but the most mundane matters.

Since I have been here, there have occurred two policy changes which have dramatically affected student life -- the change to semesters and the sophomore residency requirement.

Concerning the former, the students were against it, and I'm told the majority of the faculty were as well. I'm willing to bet that the same holds true for the residency requirement.

We'll let both sides present their views and take an ASG-sponsored vote including students, faculty and administrators. If the majority are for it, fine, I'm wrong. If the majority are against it and it still goes through, that should tell us something.

I'm not asking to be included in every administrative decision. After all, that's what we're paying them to do. But when Bentley contemplates a course of action which is going to dramatically restrict a student's freedom, then the students' voice should be heard and given significant weight. Is this a democracy or a dictatorship?

As it stands right now, the administration pretends to appeal to student opinion, but even when they agree with you, they afterwards seem to suffer from selective amnesia.

Even the student-faculty committees are of no help. The Academic Standards Committee, which, judging by a membership that includes Provost Ford, Dean Yuhasz and Dean Palmiero, must be a rather important one, does not have adequate student representation. Even when there is full student membership, the faculty outnumbers the students by approximately a 2:1 ratio. The reason for this discrepancy seems painfully politically obvious.

I'm sorry that people thought I was saying something which I didn't intend. On the other hand, if I had written this letter in the first place, I probably wouldn't have attracted much notice.

I am not trying to be fascist, I'm trying to stimulate some reflection and some action.

I still think that there exists no "community" at Allegheny in any real sense of the word (for some definite reasons), and that there are some real problems in an institution of higher learning when the senior officers are ex-

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Open Your Eyes And Look Beyond Your Noses

by Edward Urbansky
Editorial Board Member

Two weeks ago Steve Beranek's letter to the editor set off a storm of criticism that still hasn't let up. Poor Steve -- he said what he believed and did he get it! Well, I happen to agree with a lot of his points. Unfortunately, one of the biggest problems here at Allegheny is that no one wants to hear the truth because "the truth hurts." Now before you pick up your pen to decry me too, Professors Johnson and Anderson, just read a little further.

Mr. Beranek did not list his Allegheny activities just to blow his own horn, but to give us his credentials, to let us know that he's been around and he's got a feel for the way things work. He wasn't trying to impress us; he was trying to give us his perspective. Well, now it's my turn to give my perspective. And, in light of what I've heard since Mr. Beranek's letter, I'm a little more disappointed with this college "community."

The Allegheny "community" is, in large part, a myth. However, it is only a microcosm of the "world community," another such myth. On the other hand, Allegheny College is a lot more unified than anyplace, I mean work, my neighborhood, my high school, everywhere. Now let's be careful not to confuse *unified* with *uniform*. After all, the Allegheny environment is supposed to be the place to discuss opposing viewpoints, to engage in philosophical and intellectual arguments, to question, to challenge, to learn.

If everyone simply agreed, this world would be more than dull; it would be intellectually, socially, and morally stagnant. Of course, maybe that's what some of you want.

Now let's face it: there are too many things going on for everyone to attend every one of them. Thus, we've all got to prioritize college events, social events, academic responsibilities so that we can get the most out or this place -- as we see it. The college has a responsibility to see that its graduates are the learned scholars it wants them to be if Allegheny is to keep its reputation -- and Allegheny does have a good reputation, like it or not.

But spending thousands of dollars on passports, many of which were thrown out months ago, is not the way to encourage awareness of other cultures. I'm not prejudiced against other cultures, but I just don't care what they do. If you care, that's great, but I don't.

The point here is clear: you do what you like; I'll do what I like. Unfortunately, there are too many people here trying to decide for me what I should like. They want to make me into a bigot just because I don't care what other people in other lands do. Well, that's not what makes a bigot. Bigots refuse to accept other people and their cultures as equal but different. They equate different with wrong; I don't.

I don't really care about some of the "traditional" things that Mr. Beranek mentioned, yet I think he's right. Football doesn't excite me, but there should have been a home football game for Parents' Weekend because a lot of people like to go to football games. In addition, a lot of people like formal affairs. Just like public events and even classes, you can go if you want. However, these events should be available so that you can go to them if you want.

Perhaps Mr. Beranek was slightly sarcastic when he wrote of the football game or recognizing players' parents as unfair or sexist, but what about Alden or Doane Scholar awards? Aren't these equally unfair? Isn't talent in athletics similar to talent in academics? Equal but different?

The problem with this society today is that everything traditional must necessarily be wrong, i.e., sexist, racist, or otherwise prejudiced. We've got to get rid of this notion that everything must be changed to be made "fair." Some things are not "fairer," just different in the way that they're unfair.

Now that I've addressed what I perceive as Mr. Beranek's key points, let me address the responses to those points that appeared in last week's *CAMPUS*. While Professors Ozorak and Rosenberg were genuinely concerned, Professors Johnson and Anderson were way out of line.

While Mr. Johnson's commentary was humorous, it was little more than a pot shot aimed at mocking some serious allegations.

Let me demonstrate with my own absurd example: Yes, Professor Johnson, if you "needed to look any further than the end of [your] nose, [you'd] open your eyes." Well maybe you do need to look a little *farther* (check the AP *Stylebook*) than the end of your nose and get a healthy dose of reality. The truth is, I'd bet, over half the students and faculty on this campus don't know anything about Mongolians and don't care either. That's because it really isn't significant in their lives.

However, I do agree with Mr. Beranek on the use of "he." It is not sexist; it is grammatical. The word "he" used to refer to both sexes is gender-indeterminate. Karen Elizabeth Gordon, John Opdycke, and the *Webster's Dictionary of English Usage* agree.

William Strunk and E.B. White summarize my feelings in The *Elements of Style*: "The use of *he* as pronoun for nouns embracing both genders is a simple, practical convention rooted in the beginnings of the English language. He has lost all suggestion of maleness in these circumstances. ... It has no pejorative connotation; it is never incorrect."

Professor Anderson was completely off-track with his comment about fraternities. What the hell does one member of one fraternity have to do with fraternities in general? Show me the logic here. It seems that one datum was quite enough to produce a theory about fraternities; let's hope Anderson's theories of psychology and computer science are a little better sub-

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Mellon Building Inadequate

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about the physical condition of the Mellon Building. While there are understandable monetary constraints on a complete (and necessary) remodeling of the building, there are also several more minor improvements which could and should be made.

The huge metal air conditioners in each of the small courts constantly interrupt play when the ball hits them. Most of the air conditioners do not work and none of them belong in racquetball courts.

The floors, particularly the one in the large court, are also a problem. They are warped in many places and have separated from the walls. They need to be replaced. Even if the college is not willing to fund such a minor improvement as that, we are still sure that it can afford to clean the floors regularly. However, this has not been done either as evidenced by the thick layer of dust on each floor.

In general, the operational functioning of the Mellon Building has been completely inadequate. Tuition and fees at this school are $15,140. We as students deserve and demand that the facilities at Allegheny for which we are paying be made available and usable.

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pected, for each of the next five years, to solicit financial contributions to the college from their peers.

Think about these things over your last six-week Christmas break.

Steven Beranek
Senior, Dennis fan and all around trouble-maker

Disagree, Don't Ridicule

This is an open letter to Dennis Johnson, *my* new hero. Whoa! Baby -- you were cool the way you slammed that Steve guy! That was some biting sarcasm Denny boy! I'll bet Steve saw the light after he read your "correctomundo" editorial!

Pretty rude isn't it? Right or wrong, Mr. Johnson, Steve was expressing an opinion. Your responsibility, it seem to me, as one who disagrees and especially as a professor at this institution, was not to blast Steve and make him wish that he had never written to *The CAMPUS*. But instead, to show in a constructive manner where you disagree and the benefits of your opinion.

Your letter was surrounded by other letters written by faculty who, without insulting him, tried to make Steve better understand their point of view.

Isn't it possible, Mr. Johnson, to disagree without directly ridiculing the individual?

Phil Foxman
Just a student

Free Speech Takes A Beating

Poor Steve Beranek. For daring to clear his throat and state publicly the trite but true "you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him (yes, him -- it's a male horse, OK?) drink" he has been rather viciously and personally attacked by some of the brighter lights of the Allegheny community.

In reading through the letters responding to Mr. Beranek's comments, I discovered he was accused -- directly or by implication -- of being bigoted, anti-intellectual, blind, stupid, ignorant, and a man of limited experience.

These seem like pretty personal remarks to me when the issue at hand is not, in fact, Mr Beranek's intelligence, but his refusal to mouth the Allegheny party line.

Mr. Beranek has eyed the waters of multi-culturalism and gender neutrality and decided he's just not thirsty right now.

I get an uneasy sense that there are those who would advocate that (for his own good of course) we should physically restrain him, hook him up to an IV and by god, force-feed him the life-giving fluids he is so obstinately refusing.

And I believe that that is the very attitude to which Mr. Beranek objects.

I'll go out on a limb here, and assume that he is a white male. People of that persuasion these days are pretty much always in the wrong, and nowhere more than at Allegheny. Racists are pretty much always white, sexists are pretty much always male, as are date-rapists, sex harassers and other horrors that we are all made keenly aware of every day.

Not a week goes by but there are several lectures, meetings, films, etc. which address one or more of these topics in some fashion. I think Mr. Beranek just sort of got tired of feeling vaguely guilty all the time and -- like a dieter who suddenly rebels at the thought of another dinner of lettuce leaves and binges out on German chocolate cake -- he didn't just think his blasphemous thoughts, or share them with a close friend, but he actually wrote them down, sent them to a newspaper and had them set in print.

Yes, Mr. Beranek can *be* a racist and a sexist *if* he wants to be, and he can say it out loud, in print, and even have a parade down Main Street about it -- it's a free country.

No, he cannot *behave* in a racist or sexist fashion -- but I didn't find the spot in his letter where he said he wanted to do that. (He didn't suggest anything much beyond pep rallies and saluting the parents of senior football players at the homecoming game -- pretty tame stuff to elicit such outburst in reply.)

But look out, Mr. Beranek -- the Thought Police know your name and where you live. I'd keep my opinions to myself if I were you -- freedom of speech is a little bruised and battered here at Allegheny.

M. Davies
Director of Publications
Allegheny College

Senseless Generalization Is Wrong

I, like many other people lately, have never written to *The CAMPUS*. Given last week's letter to the editor by Professor David Anderson, however, I could not resist the temptation. Concerning Steve Beranek's letter of two weeks ago, Anderson writes; "given the other ideas expressed in the letter, need we look further for reasons why so many people feel that the College would be better off without fraternities?"

By saying this, Anderson is using Beranek's words (however misinterpreted they may be) to represent those of the whole greek system.

This kind of senseless generalization is wrong and I would shudder to think what would happen if people judged the competence and intelligence of the Allegheny faculty by the simplistic ideas Professor Anderson has put forth in his letter.

Andrew Lee
Class of '91

Ed Board "Misguided"

Based on the analysis of physical education at Allegheny College in last week's editorial, "P.E. Class Requirement Misguided" one would never consider the dance program a part of physical education.

As dance is included in this department, the editorial, rather than the P.E class requirement is "misguided."

Ellen Waible
Class of '90

Ed Board Barbaric

Editor's note: This letter makes reference to last week's Ed Board Editorial, "P.E. Class Requirement Misguided."

To the Editor:

I find it distressing and infuriating that you would allow such a comment to be made about the validity of the physical education of the students on this campus.

Your last issue offended me greatly and I should expect that in the future, you should do your job -- edit out such foolish statements as I was shocked to find in what I thought was a credible news information source.

If the entire physical education program is a farce, then this includes all but one of the dance courses offered at Allegheny.

I should hope that you are not such a barbarian as to scoff at one of the world's finest arts.

Are you?

I come from a rather cultured New England family and frankly, this ignorance of the value of mind-body education revolts me. I and many others await your swift reply in your next issue.

Jonathan Coughlin
Class of '93

Help Hungry Directly

The Allegheny College community has recently been involved with the problem of world hunger.

An organization has given the students who use Marriott Dining Services a chance to help with world hunger.

The opportunity is to give up a prepaid meal in order to assist the organization to feed the hungry. The slogan "Fast For World Hunger" has given students the idea that they are helping significantly.

Yet, I find myself reluctant to jump onto the bandwagon.

The popular consensus is to fast. I have talked to many students about the great experiment and have found more giving than actually going to their meals.

Maybe these people miss a meal anyway. In that case, I can see the point.

One student I talked to had the entirely wrong picture. He thinks that if you sign up for the program and miss a meal you will be credited $1.15 and the charity will receive $3.60.

In fact, the charity is receiving $1.15 and Marriott Services is pocketing the $1.75. This figure is if the person signed up is on a 20 meal plan. Marriott claims that this money is used to pay the employees' salaries.

I feel that they are getting something out of the hunger organization's good idea.

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I am not condemning the idea of giving to the hungry.

I am stating that if the program was more efficient and direct, more people would join. I feel that the best way to give money abroad to a certain cause is to do it as directly as possible.

For instance, create a program that collects $1.15 from the students. I would be perfectly willing to contribute money to the cause.

Benjamin Forbes
Class of '93

Rights Endangered

I am afraid.

I am afraid because the fundamental human rights upon which the United States of America were founded are currently in serious jeopardy of being revoked.

I am afraid because as an American woman at the prime of my reproductive life, my right to a legal and safe abortion is under attack.

And most of all, I am afraid because my body, and thus my life, is in danger of being subjugated by a government which insists it is simply protecting the rights of its citizens.

The ominous danger of the emerging possibility of denied human rights in this country must be acknowledged and forcefully confronted.

My fear has inspired me to publicly voice my deeply rooted concerns. With the recognition that my own personal reproductive life is in jeopardy of being legislated by the patriarchal political system, every effort must be made to protect every woman's right to make personal choices which involve her reproductive life.

Allowing the law to mandate the conditions which constitute abortion as a legal option is to deny women's ability to perceive and respond to the world as an adult. Women must no longer be forced to accept the patriarchal definition of rationality.

When abortion became legalized in 1973 as a result of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision, American women became endowed with the political liberty to make personal choices. The Supreme Court justices recognized the dire need to establish the legality of abortion to allow women the access to a safe reproductive choice.

Before the decision, abortion was indeed an option, however, the risks to the woman's physical and emotional health were inhumanely severe. The essential recognition that abortion will occur regardless of its legality is paramount.

The Supreme Court will soon be faced with new cases which directly involve abortion rights.

The issue becomes whether or not this country deems it necessary to provide for the health and safety of its women. If women's accessibility to abortion is in any way limited or completely abolished, this country will face an epidemic of tragically inhumane and theoretically preventable deaths.

The highly complex issue of abortion must no longer be emphasized as the central issue upon which the focus of governmental intervention is generated.

The issue must be recognized as the right of every human being to make personal choices and decisions without governmental intervention.

The moral and ethical facets of abortion must be transcended in order to realize the fundamental issue of woman's right to control her own body.

The political ramifications of personal choices must be realized as intricately intertwined, and the corruptive division between public and private lives must be eradicated.

If governmental power extends to the reproductive system of woman, the precedent will be established for the government to mandate any critical aspects of women's as well as men's lives.

Sarah Leritz
Class of '90

Disappointment At Yard Lecture

On Monday, October 30, I went to see Molly Yard deliver a lecture at the Ford Chapel.

I was disappointed at the way she gave her speech. She went off on tangents that left me wondering what she was really talking about.

Throughout her speech, Ms. Yard was not very clear on the points she made.

She often gave statistics which were slightly hard to believe, leading me to the conclusion that she may have exaggerated the facts to suit her own needs.

I found her rude when answering questions, especially those of the pro-life sentiment.

Ms. Yard's answers were long and rambling which made it difficult to see her point.

I had hoped to see a knowledgeable speaker on the abortion issue. After all, Ms. Yard is president of NOW. Ms. Yard did not fit my expectations.

Regardless of whether you are pro-choice or pro-life, you must object to the quality of the speech.

Tom Millington
Class of '92

Yard Lecture Was Inaccurate

I attended the Molly Yard lecture to see how this feminist movement leader would challenge the student body at Allegheny.

Working in the medical field, I was surprised at the simple facts that Molly seemed to "throw out" for support of the reproductive rights of women.

She stated that in a woman's reproductive life, she will produce 40,000 to 50,000 fertilized eggs, and most will be naturally aborted.

Health class used to teach that a woman produces one egg every menstrual cycle, thus producing approximately twelve eggs in one year unless two or multiple eggs are produced resulting in twin or multiple births. There is only a short period of days in which this egg can be fertilized. With the chance that a woman could become pregnant every month of her approximately forty year reproductive lifetime, the highest number I can calculate is 480. I am sure you can see the absurdity of Ms. Yard's statistics.

The second example of misleading information was her example of teenage pregnancy rate going down in the Baltimore area where sex education programs were implemented into schools.

Having researched the area of school-based clinics, I find there appears to be little data evaluating the effectiveness of clinics in reducing teenage pregnancy, births, abortions, and venereal disease.

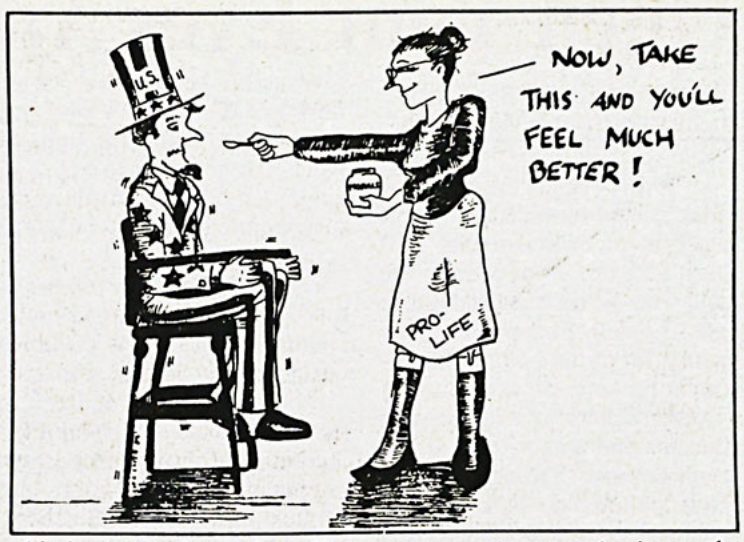
I believe the reason Molly is stating the teenage pregnancy rate is going down is because clinics are not counting those ending in abortion.

Research provided by Federal Expenditures on Family Planning states "from 1971 to 1981 there was a 306% increase in Federal expenditure on Family Planning with a corresponding 48.3% increase in pregnancies and a 133% increase in abortions for women aged 15 to 19."

For any program to be effective, we must develop a sound social policy which addresses the issues of the breakdown of the family, teenage morals, and sexual promiscuity. Why do we shy away from teaching abstinence and monogamous relationships as part of the sex education program, especially in this age of AIDS?

I would challenge the students at Allegheny to seek a conservative lecturer for a balance. One who would address this important issue that affects the future development of our great country where your children will be born and raised.

Mrs. Rose Acker
Meadville, Pa.



Morality Muddles Rationality

Morals! Morals! Morals!

That's the problem with this country. Nobody has any morals anymore!

Fortunately, all is not lost. We still that the fundamentalist Christian vanguard of society to lead us, spiritually reincarnated, into the 21st century, the mistakes of the last thirty years behind us and our virtues still intact.

I was getting worried for awhile; the pill, women's lib., *Roe vs. Wade*.

I thought it was all gonna boil over, but it looks like things'll be alright now with the GOP and the moral majority back in the saddle. Looks like we'll finally be able to get back down to some good clean livin'.

It may sound funny, but it really isn't. After all that's been accomplished in the last few decades, it's sad that there are still people our age who think this way. This kind of thinking is absurd and backward beyond reason.

I am not attacking Christians in general or others with strong moral beliefs.

I have no problem with all this.

However, I am attacking those narrow-minded, moralizing crusaders who take their inherited beliefs as if they were carved in stone and attempt to impose them on other people, even if these beliefs have little basis in fact or reason.

The person to whom this letter is directed, Ms. Rebecca Spresser (*The CAMPUS* 11/2/89), states that she does not actively fight abortion and she is to be commended for this, but simply by editorializing her views she is warranting a response.

There are things in our society which are considered to be fundamental by nearly everyone such as the wrongness of murder, rape, incest, adultery and theft.

There are also, however, many things which are not so cut and dry, such as speed limits and drinking ages.

These are issues. In many cases, very strong arguments can be made for government regulation in these areas and it is done, for better or for worse.

This is done more out of practicality and common sense than traditional morality.

Strong moral views often tend to get in the way of rational judgement. The temperance movement and the *Scopes* Trial (the trial in which a Tennessee public school teacher was convicted of teaching evolution, contrary to state law) are the best examples of this.

When moralists attempt to argue these issues, their reasoning is often questionable at best.

Even worse, in the case of abortion, moralizers are attempting to dominate an issue, which as a result of its irresolvability should certainly be left up to personal choice.

In this case, as evidenced by Ms. Spresser's letter, their arguments for regulation are flawed to the core and it is therefore not only unnecessary, but deplorable.

The obvious reason for the inclusion of abortion in this category is the impossibility of judging concretely whether a developing fetus is a human being.

It must be up to the individual to decide this for herself, not someone who is totally unconnected from her personal situation.

It should be that simple, but since Ms. Spresser has given us her views on abortion and morality, my response would be incomplete without doing the same.

First and foremost, the idea that aborting a fetus during the first few months of pregnancy constitutes murder, is simply ludicrous. It cannot survive outside of the woman's body under any circumstances and therefore is not a person. It is that simple.

But, Ms. Spresser continues her foolish statements by saying that a fetus has a personality of its own after only two or three months of pregnancy, that a woman can tell what the fetus' likes and dislikes are and that all children with life threatening genetic defects are spontaneously aborted.

These impossibilities are nothing more than mindless speculation for the purpose of proving a point.

Secondly, the idea that adoption is a viable alternative to abortion for most women is silly. There is no reason why a woman who accidentally becomes pregnant should suddenly find herself responsible for other people's problems with adopting children.

Women choose abortion not only because they don't want to be a parent, but because they don't want to be pregnant either.

In this day and age, where a woman has to work hard to become successful, nine months of pregnancy can be very detrimental to the achievement of her goals.

Also, regardless of what Ms. Spresser thinks, there is no less discrimination in adoption than there is anywhere else. Couples often wait several years to adopt a white child when they could adopt a black or Hispanic child any time they want.

There is also an endless

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Molly Yard Didn't Convince Me About Abortion

by Mark Ostrowski
Editorial Board Member

Molly Yard didn't convince me. Neither did Yoko Hasegawa in her letter to the editor last week.

Abortion is, contrary to what Yard and Hasegawa said, at best a necessary evil, one which the government should strictly regulate, not leave to the whim of each woman who happens to become pregnant.

A major flaw in Yard's, Hasegawa's and other abortion rights advocates' argument originates in the euphemistic "pro-choice" description which they have applied to themselves.

In reality, they are not asking for a *choice*. They are asking for a *second chance*.

Let's face it. When a couple chooses to have sex, they are, or should be, making that choice with the realization that, whether or not they use birth control, the woman might become pregnant.

Once the woman becomes pregnant, there is a third party involved. The issue is no longer a feminist one, it becomes the issue of protecting the rights of the unborn child.

The abortion rights advocates claim that the fetus is not a human being until it is viable outside the mother's womb.

There is, however, a serious problem with viability being the definitive criterion in judging humanness.

Just how *viable* do they have to be? Viable means "capable of living and growing."

People on respiratory machines, kidney machines, or pace makers are not viable without that outside help.

That does not mean, however, that they are not human. It does not mean that we can simply kill them because someone decides that they are an inconvenience or that they are inferior to the rest of society, be they blind, retarded, or simply the "wrong" sex or race.

It can be argued that those situations are different because they involve mechanical instead of human aid for viability.

But what about all those members of our society who have, at some time needed a blood donation from another human being? What about all those members of our society who are alive today because they are using someone else's kidney or liver?

None of these people are viable without the help from another human being's body.

However, the abortion rights advocates have no problem killing a fetus simply because it is not viable without the mother's womb.

It seems that they need another way of defining when a fetus becomes "human" before they decide it's alright to kill it.

I personally don't know if the fetus is human. Philosophers, doctors and theologians around the world have not been able to come to a conclusion on the matter.

So what? In this country, I'm told that a person is innocent until proven guilty.

So why shouldn't they be human until proven inhuman?

Our country's history is rife with examples in which members different races, nationalities, religions, and sexes have been conveniently considered subhuman.

While it is undeniable that the humanity of the fetus is much less obvious than the humanity of blacks, Catholics or women, there is still no definitive proof that the fetus is not human.

Is it not wrong, therefore, to simply hope that the fetus is not human and kill it?

This does not mean that there are no exceptions to the wrongness of abortion. There *are* a few definite cases in which abortion is a valid alternative.

The primary criterion which must be considered is whether or not the woman chose to have sex.

In the case of rape or incest, the woman obviously does not have a choice. If a pregnancy results in either of these situations, the fetus, no matter how innocent becomes a harmful aggressor against which the woman has a right to defend herself.

People in our society cannot and should not be *forced* to suffer severe physical and emotional trauma in order to save another life. That trauma is precisely what occurs in the instances of rape or incest.

The other instance in which abortion should be permissible is when the mother, after having made the choice to have sex, is faced with a severe health or life threatening complication.

Obviously, the mother's life and health must take precedence over the life of the fetus for the same reason it is morally acceptable to abort a fetus resulting from incest or rape.

Other than these three instances, abortion should be illegal. Convenience is not an excuse to kill.

And please don't tell me that the fetus is happier with an abortion either.

Give Poor Steve Beranek A Break

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stantiated (another example of silly extrapolation).

Dr. Anderson does not address even one of Mr. Beranek's criticisms about Allegheny. He seems to dismiss them all as the ramblings of a fool. In addition to applying his theory based on one "fact" to all fraternities (note that sororities are unmentioned), Anderson concluded that "ideas expressed in [Beranek's] letter" are indicative of why fraternities should be expelled. But even if every member of every fraternity agreed completely with Beranek's ideas, I still would not see this as grounds to expel fraternities.

I respect Professors Rosenberg and Ozorak for the way they responded to Mr. Beranek's letter. Both address some of the greater issues; they did not ridicule or draw wild conclusions. Unlike Anderson and Johnson, they wrote constructive messages. There is no hope of a college community until we stop tearing down and start building up. If only some people would open their eyes and look beyond their noses....

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supply of unwanted children in other countries. Remember that I am talking about real children now. So which is better -- the situation as it stands with relatively few unwanted children?

Or would we prefer the situation as it would be without abortion with more unwanted children than could ever be found homes for, living out their miserable existence in orphan homes?

Ms. Spresser's final point, that abortion and premarital sex are representative of the decadence of modern society and that this degeneration can only be reversed through a return to traditional values and practices, is bulls--t

Although Ms. Spresser believes that sex is an intimacy which should only be used to bring a husband and wife closer together, most people her age seem to disagree with her and for a good reason. Marriage is nothing more than an agreement by two people that they will love each other and stay together for the rest of their lives. It does not have to be sanctified by God to be valid. It is much more personal than that.

Sex can also be used by two people who are not married to bring them closer together. Believe it or not, it has the same effect.

It is wonderful that people are able to do this now without having to commit the rest of their lives to someone.

The problem is not with sex, it is with birth control which is grossly inadequate in this country today. When technology and distribution practices are perfected then there will no longer be a need for abortions.

Just because we have them now, however, does not mean that we are destroying ourselves.

No, Ms. Spresser, I do not believe that humanity is going to hell in a bucket as you would have us think.

In fact, I believe your suggestion that we need "a drastic turnaround" in morals only shows that you are missing the point entirely. We're definitely moving forward. The society in which we live is characterized by the new enlightenment. It is one where women as well as men are freer to choose their own destinies than ever before. We no longer live in a society in which every aspect of a woman's life is controlled by traditions and governments. Women are no longer enslaved by compulsory pregnancies and early marriages.

You should value the newfound freedom the progressiveness of the sixties and seventies has brought us, instead of condemning it. You have it to thank for many of the things which you take for granted.

It's funny I should have to tell a woman that.

Matthew Felix
Class of '92

Eye For An Eye Is Immoral

Reading an editorial last week by Rebecca Spresser, I was disheartened by the cruel and narrow-minded attitude which came across in her letter.

It appears that after 2 1/3 years of college, she has not learned to be tolerant of opinions which differ from her own.

She believes that any reason for abortion is "selfish," and the act itself is murder. Certainly she is entitled to this belief.

However, not everyone embraces those same beliefs. A major premise of our nation is the separation of church and state. No religious group, or any other, should have the right to impose their views on society.

Unfortunately, this is precisely what is happening with the Pro-Life movement which is composed largely of religious fundamentalists.

Most women who have abortions feel that they are exercising their right to control their bodies, and thus futures. They do not construe the act as murder.

She says "no one can tell me that that child is nothing, just a lump of flesh."

The debate over when life begins is a purely personal matter, not a universal one. Doctors, scientists, philosophers, and even the institution of the Catholic Church, one of the largest supporters of the anti-abortion movement, cannot agree on when life begins.

In fact, prior to and at the beginning of the nineteenth century, the Catholic Church allowed abortions during the first trimester of pregnancy.

Even today, within the Catholic community there is tremendous variance on the abortion issue. This further testimony to the notion that the choice to or not to terminate a pregnancy should be left to the individual.

Ms. Spresser addressed adoption as the alternative to abortion. This is a wonderful option for those who choose it (note, choose). She sympathizes with this option, as she has close friends trying to adopt, and she similarly sees herself trying to adopt someday.

However, her claim that "the demand [for babies] is so high and the supply so low due much to availability of abortions..." is a fallacy.

The fact is that the supply of healthy, white babies is low; there are plenty of nonwhite, older-age, and handicapped children in need of loving families. Included in this group are those who were unwanted, abused, and badly neglected by their parents.

She asserts that "many couples are very willing to adopt black, Hispanic, and mixed race babies, so race is no excuse."

I would like to ask Ms. Spresser, and she may correct me if I am wrong, are her close friends trying to adopt any of these babies? Is she herself willing to adopt them? And I would ask anyone claiming the solution to abortion is adoption to ask the same question of themselves.

Also, Ms. Spresser's concept of pregnancy as merely taking vitamin pills and going to the doctor is not only naive, but insulting to women who have gone through it.

Moreover, I feel that government imposed compulsory pregnancy is not and will never be a solution.

Ms. Spresser wishes that those fighting for safe and legal abortions do the same for mandatory sex education, "especially in poorer areas" and "low-cost birth control centers."

I can assure her that this is part of the reproductive rights campaign. If she is concerned with reducing the need for abortion as she claims to be, I would be pleased to refer her to the proper outlets.

Ms. Spresser claims that "this country is approaching the state of losing all morals upon which it was built, and the need for legal abortions illustrates this point completely."

On this point, she is confusing her own religious morals with those upon which the nation was built.

Our nation was built upon the following "morals," if you will: freedom of speech, freedom to express oneself, freedom to practice any religion, the right to privacy, and the right to pursue one's own happiness.

She is entirely correct, however, that the country is "losing all the morals upon which it was built." The government's attempts at restricting a woman's right to control her body, the Reagan and Bush administrations' cutting of federal funding to family planning clinics who inform pregnant women of the abortion option, President Bush's attempt to form a constitutional amendment prohibiting the desecration of the American flag, and former President Reagan's attempt to integrate religion into the public schools through mandatory prayer are exemplary of this.

These are all severe infractions of the American Constitution.

The truth is that women, attempting to control their bodies, have been practicing abortion and contraception for thousands of years already.

The need for abortion to be legal is not new, nor is it indicative of our country's declining "morals."

I was at first gratified to read that, though she is personally opposed to abortions, Ms. Spresser recognizes "the need" for them in our society until I read the last few paragraphs of her letter.

"But until such a time, unless the morals of this world make a drastic turn-around, it is better that women murder their children safely than to kill themselves doing it. This gives them their whole life to suffer."

She says, essentially, that abortion should remain legal so that women who place priority on their own lives and those of their families over a pregnancy should suffer interminably. (This goes along with the notion that women, especially mothers, should place their own lives last in importance.)

I question Ms. Spresser's religiosity and morality on the basis that she would want anyone to suffer for the rest of her life.

I don't believe the Judeo-Christian tradition preaches "an eye for an eye."

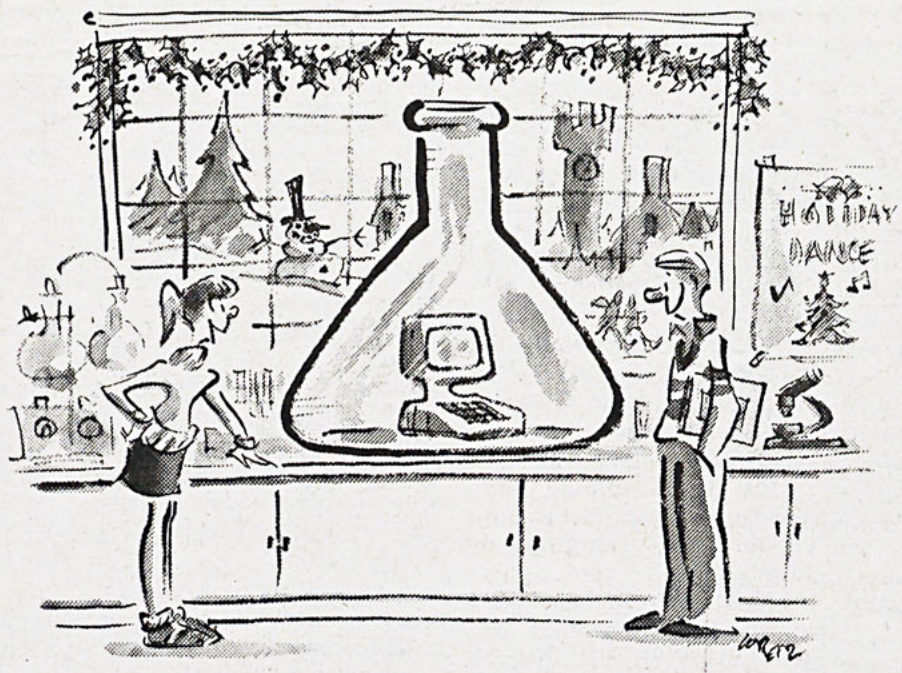
If I am mistaken, and revenge is being taught in our churches and temples, then I would agree with Ms. Spresser that the world's morality is indeed in a sad state.

That anyone, claiming to have had a "very religious upbringing" could have walked out of Molly Yard's talk wanting to spite women who have abortion is a defeat for everyone.

Ms. Spresser's attitude is what I find immoral.

Lisa Abrams
Class of '91

"I've finally discovered the formula for taking the late nights out of lab class..."



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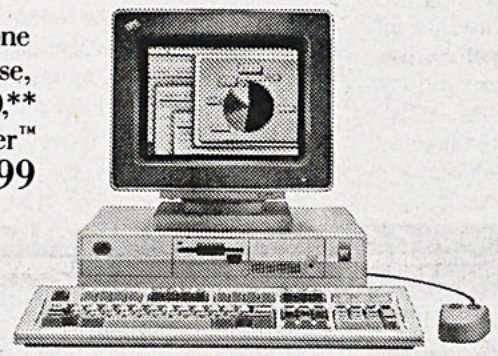

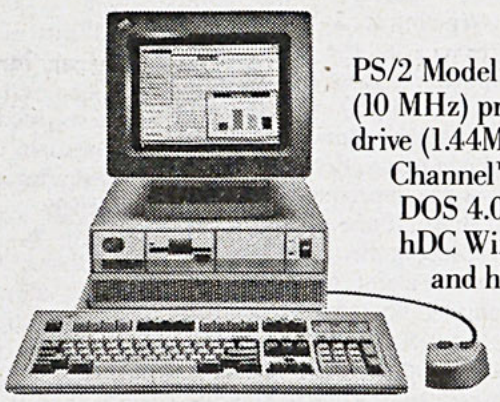

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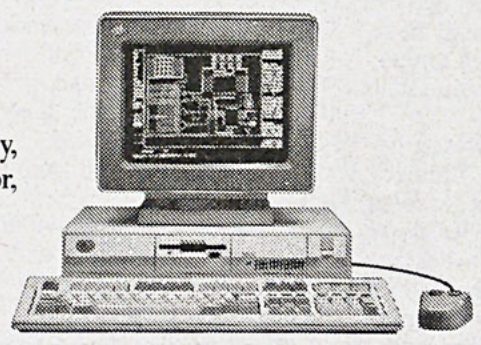

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Choirs To Present Program Of Sacred And Secular Music

by Amy Kessler
Arts & Leisure Ass't

Remember those good old days when you were young and you went to church/synagogue every weekend and your favorite part of the service was the singing? Well, relive those memories by attending the Allegheny College choirs' performance of sacred and secular music this Sunday, November 12, at 4 p.m. in the Ford Memorial Chapel.

Allegheny's choral program is directed by Ward Jamison, associate professor of music. Four groups comprise the program: the chorus, the choir, the women's ensemble and the chamber choir. Jamison notes that the 120 singers involved in the program "are drawn from virtually every major which Allegheny offers. Very few of them are actually music majors."

There is something for everyone at this year's concert. For the first time, the choir will be performing a piece in Hebrew, "Haleluya. Haleli nafshi et Adonai" by Salamone Rossi. With the aid of sophomore Michael Margolis, an active member of Hillel and the choir, Jamison and the members of the group conquered the complex pronunciation of the text.

The psalm will feature trios of soloists in alternation with the full choir.

The choir, comprised of 54 students, will also be singing "Adoramus Te" by the Italian Baroque composer Perti, "Waldesnacht, du Wunderkuchle" (or "Wondrous Cool, Thou Woodland Quiet") a work by Johannes Brahms, and a rousing spiritual by Kirby Shaw entitled "Plenty Good Room."

The chorus will perform G.F. Handel's "Know that the Lord is God," and Michael Praetorius' "Canon (Fuga a tre)," plus two newer pieces, "The World's End" by Mervyn Burtch and "Sanctus" from *A Mass for One Small Angel* by McNeil Robinson.

The women's ensemble will be performing "Pater Noster," a Latin setting of the Lord's Prayer by the French composer Gevaert along with two seasonal pieces. Robert Donahue's "Autumn" portrays swirling patterns of leaves blown by the wind with a rapid tongue-twisting setting. "Herbstlied" by Robert Schumann is a piece about the changes from autumn to winter, based on a German poem by S.A. Mahlman.

The chamber choir is selected from the membership of the choir. This year's group has 17 members who will be singing two selections by Orlando di Lasso. The first, "Kyrie," is a meditative selection from the *Ordinary of the Mass*, and the second is a French madrigal about the perils of the game of love called "Fuyons tous d'amour le jeu." The chamber choir will also sing a piece by Michael Hurd, 3d movement from "A Parley of Owls," based on a poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

Jamison emphasized his pride in the groups' abilities that "this early in the term we can offer a program which includes music from five different languages."

He stressed that the choral program is dependent on the students, who receive no academic credit for their time spent in the choirs.

"Their pride and their love of music keep them involved," Jamison said, "and they have come to expect that membership in an Allegheny choir means hard work and dedicated participation."

The choir will be going on tour to Florida over spring break and some of the pieces they will be performing at Sunday's concert will also be performed on the tour. The performance is free to all.



Associate professor of music Ward Jamison, scheduled to direct Allegheny College Choirs this Sunday.
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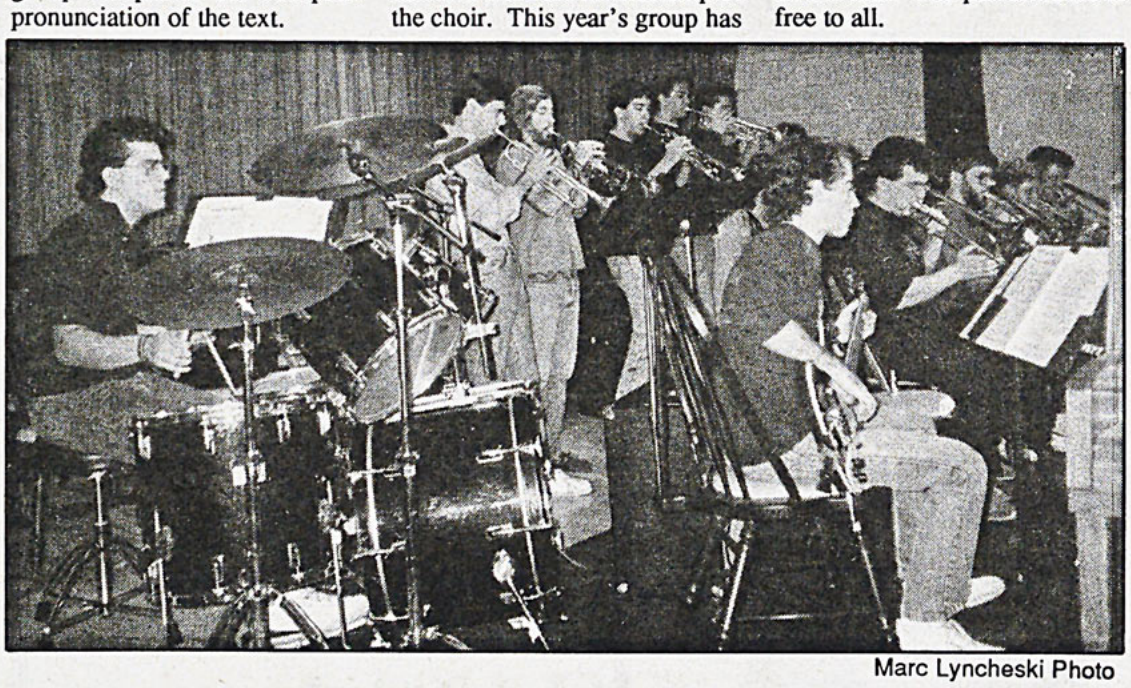

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Jazz Lab Plays Ellington, Parker In Concert

by Erik Schuckers
Arts & Leisure Editor

The rhythms of jazz will liven up McKinley's tonight as the Allegheny Jazz Lab plays its first concert of the academic year. The group is set to take the stage at 8:15 pm.

The Jazz Lab has usually given its concerts in Shafer Auditorium, so tonight will mark something of a departure for the ensemble. The closer quarters allow the musicians a greater intimacy with their audience, a quality which has contributed to the great success of small jazz nightclubs.

Tonight's concert will include works like "Moose the Mooch" and "Now's the Time" by legendary jazz saxophonist Charlie Parker, and "In a Sentimental Mood" and "Do Nothing 'Till I Hear From You" by Duke Ellington.

What makes these pieces especially exciting for the Lab musicians is that they are playing them under the direction of a man who worked with both Parker and Ellington. Floyd Williams, Allegheny Instructor of Music, has played not only with Parker's and Ellington's bands, but with those of Miles Davis and Count Basie as well.

Williams founded the Allegheny College Jazz Program 14 years ago. Today, the Jazz Lab is comprised of 19 students whose majors range from economics to psychology to English. In fact, only a small percentage of the musicians are music majors, lending an air of diversity and enthusiasm to the program.

The Lab explores primarily the literature of swing, big band, and be-bop styles. It is set up to provide students with strong ensemble work. Students do solo, both from the written music and in improvisation, but the emphasis is not on showcasing the individual; there is no room for grandstanding.

While the Jazz Lab is currently set with standard big band instrumentation (saxophones, trumpets, trombones, bass, drums, and piano), plans call for an increased instrumentation next term, with room set aside to include a guitarist in the group's ranks.

Two years ago, the Jazz Lab toured New York and Washington, D.C. This year, the preliminaries are already underway to take the group on a "major tour" in the spring of 1991.

Allegheny Writing Scene

by Erik Hinnov
Staff Writer

Thanks to some writers barely bold enough to announce their craft, creative writing has often been looked upon as an extremely private, introverted activity. This image lingers in the minds of all other creative writers who wish to share their thoughts and feelings. "Writing is private and ought to stay private."

Nonsense. Allegheny writers aren't as hidden as they seem, or at least they shouldn't be. There are several forums for creative writers on campus.

The Writing House is perhaps the easiest place for hesitant authors to step out into. Carl Garrett, the principal founder, says, "Most people wonder about the idea of a 'Writing House,' because they see writing as a very anti-social process.

"People think of a house of writers locking themselves in their rooms and writing without acknowledging the other residents. While writing is rather anti-social, the art of improving and growing as a writer is *very* social and communal, and this is how the house works."

It's been said that a writer always has an audience (outside of himself) that he writes to. The Writing House facilitates (if not advocates) this assertion. Workshops are held where other writers can share their work and suggestions with House residents and residents can share the same with visiting writers. But the house is an internal, year-long workshop for the people who live there.

Most important to a workshop environment, however, is an open mind. A defensive writer is rarely welcome. It is as if the writer wants to be in his own closet rather than see his work from other perspectives. Here, I can speak personally.

A poem I wrote recently received an interpretation that came out of left field. There was one of two things I could have done: I could have denied the validity of that perspective or revised the poem keeping this new interpretation in mind.

The Writing House does more than function as a catalyst for some writers to share their craft. It exposes other students to creative writing as well. The House is in the spotlight. Not only is it a unique living experience, but it also sponsors activities that most people wouldn't expect activities to which many are receptive.

The Writing House is sometimes seen as an "attic" with a foundation, but it functions in just the opposite way. In the future lie more workshops, readings, and perhaps a published compendium of the residents' and/or other writers' work.

Speaking of published compendiums, there exists on campus the *Allegheny Literary Review* and the *Allegheny Review*. The *Literary Review* is a compilation of the best art, poetry, and fiction by the students of Allegheny College. The *Review* is a larger stepping stone and is open to all undergraduates from around the United States. It attracts the best student writ-

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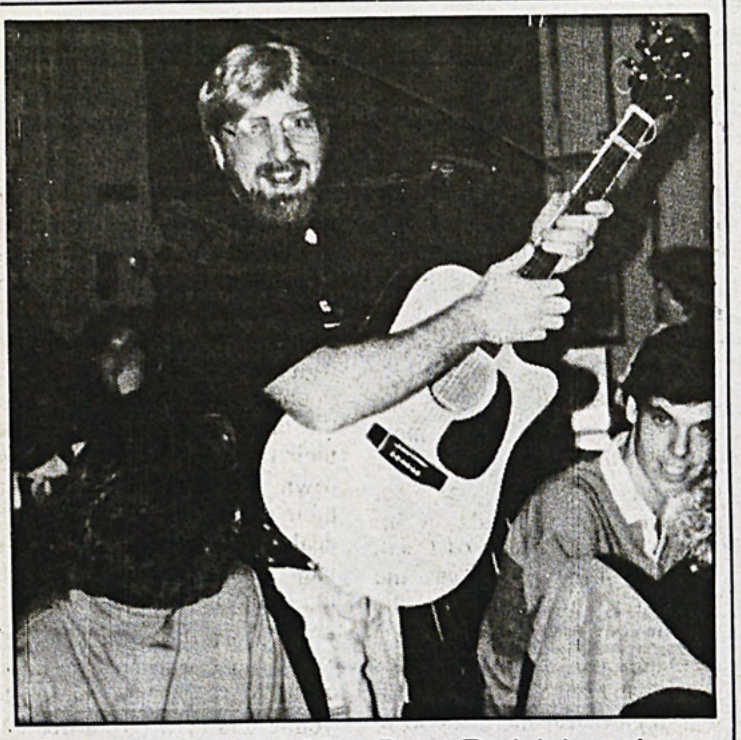

Comedian and musician Dave Rudolph performs in McKinley's last Friday. Andrea Pavlik Photo

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ers and has become a nationally acclaimed publication.

The running of both magazines, including selection, arrangement, and distribution, is done by other student writers and editors. This allows a "jury of peers" who are contemporary with their submittors and who might be able to judge more fairly and in social context the material they receive. Not only are these magazines stepping stones for writers whose dream is to be published, but they also give students experience in editing the work of others.

Mentioning these magazines, like the Writing House, often surprises many students, but then creates a positive receptiveness. Like the House, the magazines expose student writers and writing to the campus and is a catalyst for some.

"We tend to run on the philosophy that literature is alive and fluid," says Erik Schuckers. Schuckers and Nancy Williams are the co-editors of both *Reviews*. "We look for strong, solid writing that builds on tradition but isn't enslaved to it, is contemporary but not trendy."

If the Writing House and both Reviews aren't enough, in the future lies one other opportunity: *The Fourth Wall*. This fledgling journal is set to accept submissions sometime in second term.

Described by its editors, Allison Baker and Julie Isenberg, *The Fourth Wall* is an informal journal that will accept any kind of writing, provided it's not libelous or damaging to anyone's character.

The "fourth wall" is a theater term for a three-walled stage where the audience becomes "the fourth wall." It becomes an intimate view of something one wouldn't normally see.

The Fourth Wall, isn't restricted to students; in fact, it's open to anyone in the college community. Like the *Reviews*, *The Fourth Wall* will accept fiction, poetry, photographs, and art.

The *Reviews* are sometimes seen as activities for English majors, and in some ways, they can intimidate aspiring authors or artists. *The Fourth Wall* aspires to be less intimidating, and more informal and also to get people to express themselves. The name says it all.

Another writing-oriented activity on campus is the Single Voice Readings Series, which has received a good turnout. Second term readings will feature Reginald McKnight, the winner of the 1986 Drue Heinz Award, and Allegheny faculty members Diane Goodman and Dennis Johnson.

The Single Voice Series was also responsible for bringing Pulitzer Prize-winning poet W.D. Snodgrass to the college last month.

So, if you've been in your closet or attic or wherever, open the door slowly and enter a new world. The college has many activities that inspire writing and offer ways in which to improve or even publish writers' material. Writers of Allegheny, come out!

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Meadville Chorale To Perform Haydn In Annual Holiday Concert

by Ann Bomberger
Managing Editor

The Meadville Chorale is busy warming up for its sixth annual holiday concert to be held on Sunday, November 19 at 4:00 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium.

Accompanied by a professional orchestra and featuring four professional soloists, the Chorale will sing the *St. Nicholas Mass* by Franz Joseph Haydn. The six movement piece uses the traditional text of Roman Catholic Mass.

The orchestra will also perform Haydn's *Symphony No. 57.*

Ward Jamison, conductor of the holiday concert and associate professor of music at Allegheny, said the Meadville Chorale helps to join the college and the community. The members are adults and high school students, most of whom work outside of the college, though several Allegheny faculty and staff sing in the Chorale.

Soprano Vicki Jamison, alto Jeannine Abel, tenor James Dearing and bass Gerald Crawford will sing the solos.

Ward Jamison is in his ninth year at Allegheny. He did his doctoral work at Yale School of Music in choral and orchestral conducting. He is also the principal guest conductor of the University Circle Chorale at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Vicki Jamison, an Instructor of Music at Allegheny College, has sung with the Florentine Opera Company and the Junotown Opera Company, both in Milwaukee and the Waterbury Connecticut Symphony. She is a frequent soloist with the University Circle Chorale at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Abel also brings a wide variety of solo performance, touring in the U.S. and England with the Antiqua Players of Pittsburgh. He has also performed at the Summer Music Festival at Wolf Trap.

Dearing is the Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He sang with the Roger Wagner Chorale as a tenor soloist on tours of the Far East, the Soviet Union, Europe, and South America. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Music.

Crawford is an Associate Professor of Singing at the Oberlin Conservatory. He received his BM and MM from the Eastman School of Music. He sang for five seasons with the New York City Opera, was a soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra at Saratoga Springs and has appeared with New Orleans Opera, Chautauqua Opera and Rochester Opera Under the Stars.

The Chorale, a group open to anyone who wishes to participate, practices once weekly in the Allegheny music facilities and is accompanied by William Witherup, who is Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church Episcopal, a music teacher at the Crawford Public Schools, and the composer of several of the pieces which have been sung by the Allegheny Chapel Choir this term.

Tickets for Sunday's concert cost $5.00 for General Admission, and $3.00 for senior citizens and students. They can be purchased at the door, at Markham Music (273 Chestnut St, Meadville), the Allegheny College Music Department (Arnold Hall in the Henderson Campus Center) and from Chorale members.

Book Review

The Commitments by Roddy Doyle

by Brian Shea
Sports Editor

The dirty streets of Dublin, Ireland hardly seem to be the proper stage for the genesis of The Commitments, "The Hardest Workin' Band in the World, The Saviors of Soul." However, in Roddy Doyle's entertaining debut novel *The Commitments*, he shows why the Irish capital is a perfect setting for the music of James Brown and Sam Cooke.

Doyle's story follows the band from concept to concert to collapse. He builds on the aspirations of two young Dubliners looking for a new musical outlet. When Derek and Outspan decide to refocus the direction of their band, they know to ask their friend Jimmy Rabitte. "You'd never see Jimmy coming home without a new album or a 12-inch or at least a 7-inch single. So Jimmy knew his stuff."

Jimmy's position as manager allows him to provide some of the most provocative dialogue in the novel. Clearly, Doyle's greatest skill lies in his use of dialogue. Jimmy's reasoning for Dublin's need for soul gives wonderful insight into the Irish attitude: "Your music should be abou' where you're from an' the sort o' people yeh come from...The Irish are the niggers of Europe, lad."

His control of the band is shared only by Joey The Lips Fagan, an older trumpet player. Joey immediately grabs the fancy of the band members with his recording credits with James Brown, Sam Cooke, and Otis Redding. However, The Commitments are Jimmy's baby. He oversees every aspect of the operation from concocting stage names to deciding on tuxedoes as the stage attire.

However, this arrangement eventually brings The Commitments down, as it does for all rock and roll bands. Conflicts such as the ego of Deco, the lead singer, and Joey the Lips' constant affairs with the backup singers The Commitmentettes, change the attitudes of the band members. An outfit that began with the mission to bring Soul to Dublin begins to weaken under the pressure of their growing popularity.

However, within this turmoil, Doyle manages to emphasize the intense pride the band members take in their musical goals. Through the use of the lyrics, Doyle conveys the power of the message of soul. The Commitments come across strongest on stage when they add a bit of Dublin flavor to their music.

The characters in the story collectively define The Commitments. From Dean, the horn player, who eventually gives his soul to jazz, to Mickah Wallace, the bouncer-turned-drummer who operates at first with only two pieces of equipment, a group of desperate, yet not hopeless, young men and women captures the fancy of the reader. From their first concert at the Barrytown Community Center to their nearly completed record deal, the Commitments scale the ladder of rock and roll only to fall to the bottom in the end.

Despite the ultimate failure, Doyle refuses to end the novel with no glimpse of hope for the youngsters involved, a trend all too familiar in much recent fiction. Instead, Derek, Outspan, Jimmy, and Mickah emerge in the end to show us the renewed hope of Dubliners, the Irish, and rock and rollers everywhere.

Even if you have never watched the Godfather of Soul strut his stuff or hate *The Blues Brothers, The Commitments* is well worth picking up. From the initial conversation in the Pub to the final fight, you're going to want to jet to Dublin and catch The Commitments one last time.

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Film Review

Phantom of the Opera

by Erik Schuckers
Arts & Leisure Editor

This is the Phantom's year; he's found new success in a Broadway musical, three new audiotape readings of his creator's 1811 potboiler (which has been reissued in expensive paperback copies), and now a film.

The Phantom of the Opera isn't exactly bad, but it certainly isn't good. What it is, is confused, and it's likely to leave its audience with a feeling of vague disappointment, speculating on what it *might* have been rather than what it *was*.

It starts out well enough with some establishing shots of modern-day Manhattan. You might be fooled into thinking this is a trendy reshaping of the old story. Nope.

Christine Daye is a young Julliard student searching for the perfect audition piece. She and her friend discover an old, unfinished opera called *Don Juan Triumphant*, written by an obscure composer who is better known as a psychopathic killer than a composer.

Christine is drawn to this strange work, and she uses it for her audition. But just after she's begun singing, a sandbag accidentally lets loose and knocks her unconscious, and it's here that the movie makes its most fatal mistake.

It spirals back some 100 years to the era of Jack the Ripper. Christine "awakes" to find herself on stage during a rehearsal of the London Opera's *Faust*, but (of course) she has no knowledge of that *other* Christine 100 years in the future.

The plot rattles and creaks along; the Phantom (played by the infamous Robert Englund of *Nightmare on Elm Streets* #1 to infinity) is enchanted with the young lady's voice and tutors her, since he is in fact a brilliant composer (of -- you guessed it -- an unfinished opera called *Don Juan Triumphant*).

Anyone who gets in the way of Christine's budding operatic career, including the company's diva and an obnoxious music critic, is made short work of by the Phantom in various grisly ways. He likes to skin his victims, according to the police inspector assigned to catch this madman. And we know why.

In a ludicrous scene, a demonic dwarf seals the Phantom's bargain with Satan (he wants to be famous for his music) by horribly disfiguring the composer's face. So, the Phantom needs a good supply of skin for his "mask," which he is given ample opportunity to put on and remove throughout the course of the film.

The main problem with this *Phantom* is the central confusion over whether this is an atmospheric horror film or a slice-'em-dice-'em. The story could be easily updated to the '80's; it might be a lot of fun to watch people like theater critic Frank Rich and soprano/mini-diva Sarah Brightman get their dues at the hands of some gory contemporary Phantom.

On the other hand, a good, old-fashioned mood piece with lots of London fog and gaslit streets might be equally enjoyable. This film gives us neither.

There *is* a lot of atmosphere here. The re-creation of old-time London is wonderful. But in this setting, this Phantom just doesn't fit. He is turned from a Romantic anti-hero to a Jack-the-Ripper who never got beyond music theory 101 (the bits of his opera we hear are laughable). We get Englund playing Freddy playing the Phantom, complete with bad one-liners as he polishes off his victims.

Then there's the script, which was *based* on a screenplay which was *based* on the novel. No one did a very good job. Leroux's mediocre book receives atrocious treatment; the lines are stilted and often downright silly. Christine's are the worst (especially in her sophomoric love scenes with her fiance Richard), but certainly the Phantom's run a close second.

The saddest thing about this movie is the sense of wasted potential. The sets are spectacular, equalled only by the costuming. Visually, this film is magnificent (aside from the notable scenes of the Phantom unsewing -- yes, unsewing -- his mask).

There are also a few good actors scattered about, primarily in bit parts. The London diva is gloriously bitchy in her few allotted scenes, as is a snobbish music critic. The inspector is overacted with glee and a great deal of success.

But these glimmers do not a movie make. *Phantom* is a dull, poorly-made piece which can't make up its mind whether it wants to be serious melodrama or parody, nostalgia or hip translation.

A & L Space Filler

by Paul Ewing
5th Year Senior



I was asked if I could help fill some space this week and for my sins, I said yes. So I'm stuck in the library writing this and you're stuck reading it. At least I won't get that black newsprint on my hands. And even if you put this down now, and I wouldn't blame you if you did, your hands will still be tainted. I used to be able to fall into the long rambling type voice very easily, but I'm not so sure if I can anymore. But what the hell I'll give it another shot.

I'm sitting in my comp cube – headphones on. Elvis, Woody Allen, and Ray Carver are all staring at me. Philomath, my plant, is still alive and doing very well for getting no light. I think it needs repotting, but it's going to be thrown out in a few weeks so I'm not going to do it. If anyone out there wants a small plant for their comp cube next term, or just to keep around the room, let me know. Contact me at box 684 or phone 336-4399 ask for Paul. Act soon, but I will reserve the right to make sure you can offer a good home.

I can't think of a good way to start this, or even if I have anything of importance to say, anything that I want to share, anything that I can share, so when in doubt, quote somebody else. This is a pretty easy thing to do when you're in the library, that center of resources, that media center from days gone by.

So I start with a quote: "I think I'm trying to clear my head of all the junk in there--the assholes, the flags, the underpants." Kurt Vonnegut wrote that in his intro to *Breakfast of Champions*, and it somehow seems appropriate enough for me to use here.

Our junk is very different and yet it is very similar. Kurt was a 50 year old man trying to make sense of his life, and I'm a 22 year old child trying to make sense. It's not that great a difference.

If I could, and if you bear with me, I'd like to try and make some sense out of the turn of the decade. It's sort of exciting.

I'd be the first to say that I'm ready to end the 80's, end the Reagan Revolution and all the ugly social changes it brought with it. I'd be the first to say I never liked "The Cosby Show," that I no longer want my MTV, that Corona is an over-priced beer and I don't like limes. I don't mean for this to be a down-with-the-yuppie-speech. I'll leave that to Mike Royko; he's getting paid to do that.

I just think that it's pretty amazing to look at how much our society has changed over the last ten years. I was 12 when it became 1980 -- Bill Zegley and I ran down the street and set off firecrackers in a parking lot -- but I can still remember things seemed a lot less tense. Maybe that's because I was only 12 and no right minded 12 year old is overly tense or neurotic.

I'm looking forward to the 90's, but at the same time, this American conservatism and fear isn't going to end at midnight.

That was the one thing that Molly Yard said that has really stuck with me. I'm not going to take sides on the abortion issue here -- not that it matters, you can't respond to this until Jan. 1990 -- and I'm not one to get involved politically anymore.

I used to be really into that sort of stuff, but Ronald Reagan made me cynical and lazy. I still can't believe how popular he was.

My last truly political act was back in 1985. I was getting rid of most of my old high school and junior high school books and papers and I came across my 8th grade civics class copy of the U.S. Constitution, with the Bill of Rights in red. And I mailed it to Ed Meese.

I attached a small note that said something like: "A must read." I'm not exactly sure why I did it or what it meant, but I know Ed never read it. So politics lost its glory.

Anyway, back from a tangent, Molly Yard said: "If the right of a woman can be taken away from her - the right to control her reproductive life - if the government can tell women what to do, there's no stopping the government from telling men what to do."

She is very right in saying that. Every term that I have been here, and I'm finally down to one, I have to sign a little form saying I won't do drugs under penalty of losing my financial aid. The school presently doesn't do a urine test, but what if they wanted to? Winslow could conduct mandatory piss test a week after midterms.

Drugs are an epidemic, just like the measles, or so I'm told.

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The Top Ten Fears of Allegheny Students

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compiled by Ken Evans

(in no particular order)

1. The trustees will sell the college to the Mitsubishi Corporation.
2. The food service contract will be awarded to McDonald's.
3. Students will be referred to as he/she so often that they will become genderless, and the race will die out.
4. *Under Bentley* will go weekly.
5. The hippie contingent will dose the water supply with acid, causing the administration to change the alma mater to "In A Gadda-Da-Vida."
6. The Bentley bells will get stuck and play "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head" all day ... all night ... forever and ever.
7. Some clever techie who likes nothing but Mongolian folk music (YAAY, Steve!) will jam WARC's signal.
8. Something may happen to George Bush.
9. No one will ever attend another event sponsored by his/her alphabet student organization. (Ken's worst fear)
10. The CAMPUS will adopt a new editorial board policy where they always side with ASG and the administration.

Filler: Metaphor For Life

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Think about the new drug counter-culture which is forming in this country, and why it's forming, and think about just how far off base the "war on drugs" really is.

This is something I've bitched about before, but I've seen an entire Bush speech (reason enough to bitch) where he said something to the extent that people do drugs because they are poor and hopeless and how surprised he is when people with money and a future get high.

I don't want to go off on a long essay about drugs. Either you believe the President and the media or you don't, and the decision is yours.

There just seems to be a fear surrounding the whole thing making people think that if it doesn't end, we as a nation will suffer greatly. That same kind of fear surrounds the whole AIDS issue.

I saw something on CNN last night about voter referendums to limit gay rights. Why don't we just outlaw homosexuality? We all know it's wrong. I read in the *Pitt News* where a man has discovered the best way to cure homosexual activity.

It's like AA but for gays. Homosexuals Anonymous, if you will, stresses the teachings of the Catholic Church along with prayer.

So if you're extremely homophobic, may I suggest a few "Hail Marys"? Don't worry, you can say them quickly. As a kid I could say 10 "Hail Marys" in about a minute.

I think I'm getting off track again, but the prospects for the '90's scare me. I'm trying to imagine just how crazy things are going to become near the year 2000. I can't even imagine how frightening it's going to be with people preaching about the apocalypse and final judgement, and I'll no doubt be told I'm going to be cast into the lake of fire.

And somewhere in the course of those 10 years, something is going to snap, and there will be a backlash of some sort, and it will probably a really nasty thing (as Bush will call it). But I'm no sociologist and don't really want to be one.

I read something a couple of days ago -- I can't remember who wrote it, or what book it was in -- but the author was talking about what she had learned from Chekhov stories. Her conclusion, after reading the stories straight through was this: "Admit that you know nothing of life, nothing of what you see. Then go out and look at the world."

There's not really much I can add to that. Maybe I should have started there. Sorry. Well, bring on the '90's. What the hell else am I going to do?

Thanks. Good-luck. Happy New Year.

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On Wednesday, November 8, at 10:30 a.m., there will be an AIDS Awarness Day at the Community Center of Crawford County, 1034 Park Avenue, Meadville. Frances B. Smith, an AIDS Program Nurse, will be at the center to talk about prevention of AIDS, AIDS in the work place and more important information on the AIDS virus. This should be a good program so if you are interested in learning more about AIDS, please join us at the Community Center on November 8. Anyone age 60 and over is welcome to join. If there are any questions call the center at 336-1792 or toll free 1-800-321-7705. We are open Monday through Friday from 9:00-5:00.

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On Saturday, I regained my LEADEN PROMISICUITY..... it sucked!

Barb,
I love you
I love you
I love you.
Hope your week's better now!
Jay

Ola JANISSA:
May all of your Spamish dreams come true.
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A.T.V.

Reality--
Never touch the stuff myself, gets in the way of the Hallucinations.

White-sox:
I M'sieur face 2. I love you.
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P.S. Good luck with finals.

"The war between the sexes is the only one in which both sides regularly sleep with the enemy."
Quintin Crisp

To all seniors staying over break-- here is your schedule:
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CLASS of 1990

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McFarland,
I think Wayne wants to give you more than his chili recipe.

Hey! Did you see that hipponoceros run by? Yeah, I think he was with that rhinopotomus.

To F and B --
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Let's go get some movies and beef jerky.

QUEER? QUEER? WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO INSINUATE? I'M A LITTLE MARYANN?

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M.E.S.

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R.V.--
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M.E.S.

Last week, on my daily walk, I took notice of the empty lot where the Alpha Chi Rho (nickname 'Crows') house used to stand. Some of my most fond memories took place in that house. The Crows used to have parties that topped anything we call a fraternity party today. Everyone, and I mean everyone, fraternities, off-campus people, independents, women, sororities, etc. would go to their gatherings. One single group did not dominate!! From those events on a Wed., Fri., or Sat. I met some of my close friends whoch are all in different groups--
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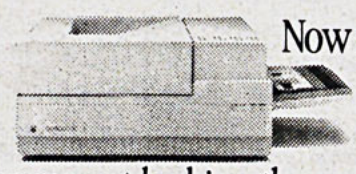

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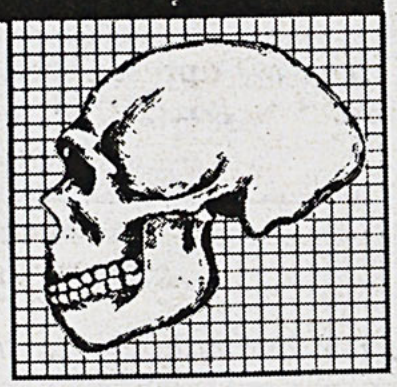
The Neanderthals:
A New Look at an Old Face

In the beginning...

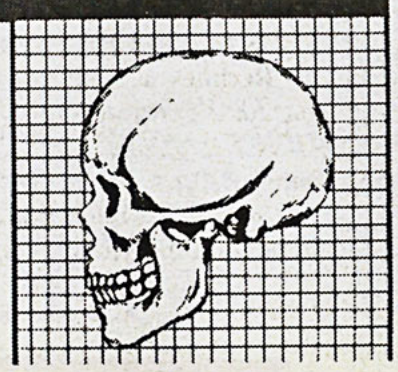
Anthropologists crawl around on their hands and knees, sifting through piles of rubble, slate, and bedrock looking for bits and pieces of ancient human bone. After collecting hundreds of bone fragments, some barely larger than small rocks or pebbles, these scientists make broad, sweeping assertions about how this, that, or the other part of human anatomy looked one, two, or three million years ago. Understandably, considering the amount of evidence that they have to work with, anthropologists occasionally make mistakes. In the case of Neanderthal man, they made a doozy. For, unlike the common representation, Neanderthal man was not a beetle-browed, hunch-backed, knuckle-dragging, muscle-bound savage at all. In fact, if recent findings prove correct, he more closely resembles a broad-foreheaded, long-armed, buff mental midget like those found in todays weight rooms. Granted, it's not a heck of an improvement but it's one that warrants further discussion and research.



Above: A Neanderthal skull. Notice the large cranial capacity and massive jaws.

H. sapiens—Myth or fiction?

At one time, before the theory of gravity existed, it was thought the earth (being flat as a pancake) was supported in mid-air on the shoulders of a giant, who in turn stood squarely on—you guessed it— the back of a tremendous tortoise. The point being, human progress is based on scientists righting the intellectual wrongs of the past. In which case, today's anthropologists have their work cut out for them. For, as scientist Jim Avery recently stated in the *Weekly National Star*,"Our



Football Drops Title Game 18-7

by Mark Kovach
Assistant Sports Editor

Before a crowd of 5,000 screaming fans, the Allegheny Gators attempted to do the unheard of – win their third consecutive NCAC championship. Only the Ohio Wesleyan Batting Bishops stood in their way.

The Bishops didn't give in as they prevailed 18-7 and stole the NCAC crown right from under the Gators' feet. The Gators now stand third in the NCAC with 6-3 overall record and a 5-2 conference mark.

According to Head Coach Peter Vaas, "We played extremely hard. It was a truly tremendous effort, we just happened to lose to a better team . . . disappointed, yes . . . embarrassed? . . . No way!"

Sophomore Julio Lacayo, proving his potential as a star of the future, opened the scoring with a 58 touchdown run. Lacayo, who makes up for his lack of size with great speed and quickness, ran around the right side, picked up a couple of blocks and headed for the end zone.

Steve Boucher added the extra point. Boucher's eight field goals in the year are tops in the NCAC. Lacayo had 63 yards on seven carries for the day.

Unfortunately for the Gators the endzone was within their reach but beyond their grasp the rest of the day. The Bishop defense shut down the Gator attack both in the air and on the ground.

The Bishops countered late in the quarter with a score of their own. Scott Ferraro, senior Gator defensive end, intercepted a Bishop pass on the Gator 19 yard line, but the play was recalled due to a roughing the passer call. Ohio Wesleyan took advantage of this second chance. Bishops quarterback, Mike "Pee Wee" Reese passed the Bishops down to the Gators five yard line. On second down, Reese took a quarterback keeper in from four yards out. The extra point was blocked and the Gators led at the half 7-6.

Ohio Wesleyan opened the second half in ground fashion. They drive the ball 70 yards for their second score of the game. On the gator three yard line, running back Kevin Sims. The Bishops attempted a two point conversion on the ground, but to no avail. The Bishops led 12-7.

The Gators threatened to score numerous times during the second half, but a combination of penalties, turnovers, and outstanding defensive stiffed the usually reliable Gator offense.

Ohio Wesleyan put the game away late in the fourth quarter. After a Gerry O'Brien fumble the Bishop struck like lightening. From the Gator 4 yard line Rob Gause rambled through the Gator defense for the touchdown. The PAT was blocked by the Gators , making the final score 18-7.

Ohio Wesleyan finished 8-0-1 for the year and 5-0 in the NCAC They have at least clinched a tie for the NCAC title, their first since 1971. For the Gators, it's back to the drawing board for next year. But no doubt Coach Vaas will take the lessons learned this year and use them to lead the Gators to future success. But this year, "it was not meant to be," said the Gator coach.

Next week the Gators finish out their season at home against the Rochester Yellow Jackets. It will be the last time to see the Senior Gators John Logue, Dave Brown, Steve Roux, Tom Gebhardt, Doug Carr, Tom Hancock, Kyle Lengauer, John "Ogre" Ellermeyer, and Doug Carr in action. These players helped from the nucleus of past championship teams. Tailback Dave Brown needs 12 points to become the Gators all-time leading scorer. Kickoff will be 1:30 at Robertson Field.

No matter how bad it seems, it isn't so bad that things can't get better. The Counseling Center 332-4368.

Gator Swimmers Open Season

by Brian Shea
Sports Editor

Emerging from a disappointing 1988-89 season by Allegheny standards, the Men's Swimming team opened the new season this weekend at the NCAC Relays at Kenyon. The men finished third in the difficult field.

As usual, the Gator's strength came in the diving events. Returning All-Americans Paul Svetz and Doug Tucker combined for first place finishes in the one and three-meter relay event.

The top Gator finishes came in the 500-yard crescendo relay where they garnered third place finishes. Senior Mark Frantz and Freshman Drew Cameron swam in both efforts.

Yesterday, the men hosted Division II power Clarion to open the dual meet season. The Gators lost the meet 134-95, but received nothing but praise from coach Tom Erdos.

"I was very pleased with the men. They were a little stronger than I thought at the beginning of the season," Erdos said.

Tucker led the charge by reaching the qualifying standard for Nationals on the three-meter board.

Erdos also mentioned the performances of senior captains Frantz and Matt Jordan. He also praised the freshman crop of Cameron, Todd Argust, and Kirk Haltiner.

Erdos said that the men have a good nucleus despite their inexperience. A top three finish in the highly competitive NCAC would mark a successful season for the squad, he added.

Gator Hoops Is Here

by Tom Richardson
Sports Writer

The Gator Basketball squad opened the 1989-90 season on Saturday with a resounding 108-72 win over Ryerson Polytechnical. The gators were paced in both scoring and rebounding by Junior Tom Benge.

A good-sized crowd was on hand at the David Mead Field House to see Allegheny's home opener and to catch a glimpse at first year head coach Phil Ness, who replaced the highly successful John Reynders. Ness, an assistant coach at Brown University for seven years, and his team refused to disappoint. The Gators played an uptempo game that featured a relentless full-court press to continually frustrate Ryerson.

"I was very pleased with the way our team performed," said Ness, who played for such coaching giants as Dr. Tom Davis of Iowa and Gary Williams of Maryland. "Despite our youth, I thought we played with a great amount of poise."

Indeed, the Gators are one of the youngest teams in the conference. At the recent NCAC media day, they were picked to finish fourth in the NCAC behind Wittenberg, Ohio Wesleyan, and Wooster.

Gone from last season's NCAC co-championship team are leading scorer and rebounder Gene Williams, leading assist man and clutch shooter Marcus "Money" Amos, and NCAC Player of the Year Garrett Daggett. The absence of these three starters, coupled with the loss of Jon Pittman, Ward Wilson, and Olivier Allinei, playing professionally, would cause many coaches to write off the year as a rebuilding season.

Ness, however, appears very optimistic concerning his youthful squad. "I do not expect a drop in the intensity level from last year. Because of Allegheny's winning tradition, these expect to win every time they step on the floor," the rookie coach said. "Sure, I anticipate some mistakes early on, but I promise to field an enthusiastic team that will be fun to watch."

Leading the squad will be the two returning starters from last season, Benge and Junior captain Perry Junius.

Junius is a bona fide zone-buster. He averaged over twelve points and led the Gators with 58 steals last season.

Benge, an imposing 6-5, 205 lb workhorse, shot 58% from the field last season to pace Allegheny. He canned nine of twelve from the floor Saturday to collect 18 points.

Other returning letter-winners who figure to play key roles this season are the Greg Dziubek, Joe Conley, Eric Kosko, and a streamlined Paul Mueller.

Ness also expects major contributions from a host of promising rookies. Leading the field are Derrick Owens, a point guard who led his high school to the Ohio state championship, and Josh Miller, a 6-6 forward from Hermitage, PA.

Other rookies of merit include Orlando Estes, John Twyman Frank Vicchiarelli, and T.J. Florkiewicz. Florkiewicz is a sophomore transfer from Penn State where he was a reserve kicker and punter for the football squad. He came off the bench Saturday to grab twelve rebounds.

The next home game for the Gators is Nov. 27 against Point Park at 8 p.m.

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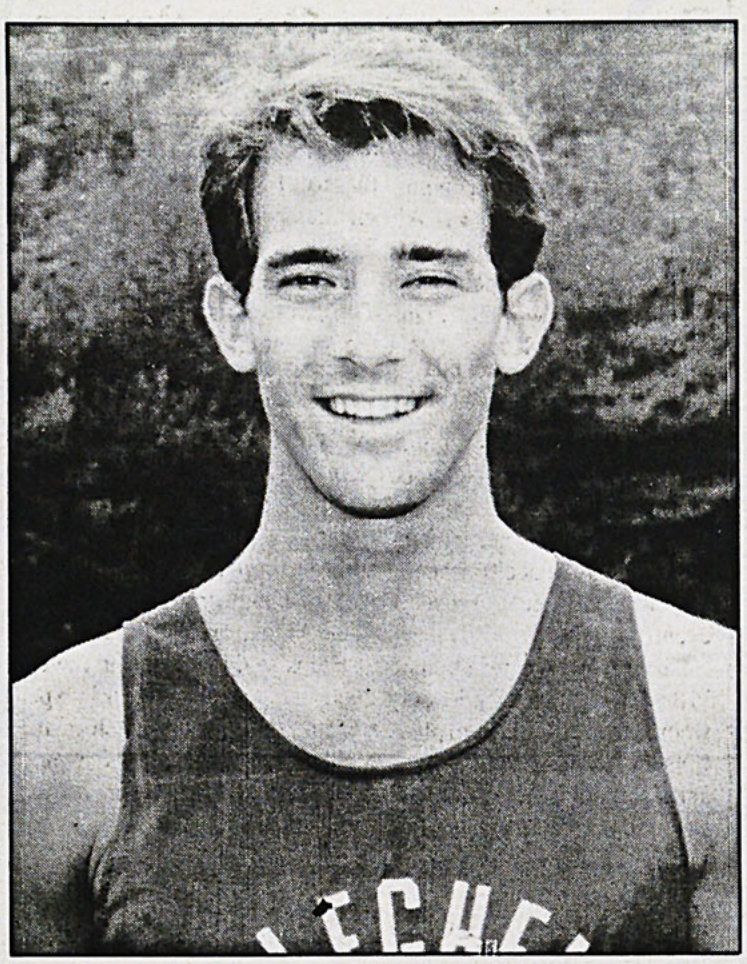

Senior co-captain Jeff Lowenguth's fourth place finish at the NCAC meet earned him a position on the All-NCAC team for the second consecutive season. Public Affairs photo

Men Run For NCAA's

Courtesy Public Affairs

The Men's Cross Country team returns to action, following a one-week layoff, Saturday at the 8-kilometer NCAA Mideast Regionals in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Two weeks ago, Allegheny placed third at the North Coast Athletic Conference championships.

Senior co-captains Jeff Lowenguth and Doug Casa lead the Gator parade. The two finished fourth and fifth, respectively, to earn All-NCAC honors at the 8k league meet.

Rick Hughes was with the lead pack late in the race, but had to withdraw because of heat exhaustion. It is hoped he will be back for the regional championships.

This weekend the Gators will look for James Fye, Greg Haas and Todd Milenius to provide depth. Each was instrumental in Allegheny's strong performance at the NCAC's.

Allegheny was fourth at last year's regional race, and will need a first place finish to advance to the NCAA championships November 18 in Augustana, Illinois.



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Wrestlers Begin Competition

by Adam Lechman
Sports Writer

The Allegheny wrestlers, led by coach John Wilcher, aim to upgrade last year's 6-7 record to a winning mark. They open their season this weekend at the highly competitive Ithaca Tournament in Ithaca, NY.

Wilcher's said he expects his returning grapplers to "cut losses in half, putting them on the win side."

Returning for the Gators are seniors Brian Shea (118), Randy DeYulio (126), Shane Fischer (177), and National Qualifier Rick Kaliszewski (190). Junior Dan Vargo (142/150) will return to the mats after sitting out last season. Also returning with varsity experience will be sophomores Matt "Headlock" Smith (158) and Chris Van Aken (HWT).

Others to watch include freshmen Billy Chappell, Mike Hartsfield, and Jason Richey. Sophomores Dana Jarvis, Chuck Keenan and Oliver "Madman" Wiehe will also see action this weekend.

Wilcher also hopes to acquire the skills of 1988 All-American Tony Pendolino and several football players second term.

Although the Gator wrestlers only graduated one senior, they have lost three starters due to pre-season injuries. Senior Don Burdick and sophomores Tim Brady and Adam Lechman have all been sidelined. Brady expects to return sometime during Christmas break. Also, Kaliszewski has been plagued with a knee problem, but will continue to wrestle, probably beginning at heavyweight this weekend. In face of these causalities Coach Wilcher "will need solid wrestling out of the four seniors and Vargo" to ensure success.

The competition this weekend will include Ithaca and St. Lawrence, who have captured the last NCAA Division III titles, as well as local rival Theil.

THE ALLEGHENY RECORD

Football

11/4 at Ohio Wesleyan

AC - 0-7-0-0-7
OWU - 0-6-6-6-18

AC- Lecayo 58 run (Boucher kick)
OWU- Reese 4 run (kick blocked)
OWU- Sims 3 run (run failed)
OWU- Gause 4 run (Kick blocked)

Game Stats

Rushing- Lacayo 7-62, Carr 2-24, Brown 9-18, O'Brien 10-17
Passing- Logue 6-11-1-74
Receiving- Roux 3-67, O'Brien 2-6

Season Totals (9 games)

Rushing:
Brown 146-637-4.4
O'Brien 106-550-5.2
Filkovski 55-351-5.7

Passing:
Logue 52-100-7-679
Filkovski 23-45-3-382

Receiving:
Roux 24-503-4

Men's Basketball

11/4 vs Ryerson
Allegheny (108)

Dziubek 7-10 0-3 17, Mueller 1-8 5-9 7, Benge 9-12 0-5 18, Junius 5-13 4-10 14, Owens 2-4 0-0 5, Freeman 1-1 0-0 2, Miller 0-5 1-4 1, Kosko 5-8 2-2 13, Estes 5-8 0-0 10, Conley 4-7 1-4 9, Floriewicz 3-5 0-0 6, Twyman 2-5 2-2 6, Vichiarelli 0-2 0-0 0

Three-point goals- Junius 4, Dziubek 3, Owens, Kosko. Fouled out- Junius. Rebounds- Benge, Florkiewcz 12. Total Fouls- 27

RPI- 43-29-72
AC- 63-45-108

Volleyball

Kills
Bradley 366
Dietz 349
Pendleton 333

Digs
Pendleton 330
Wasikowski 298

Assists
Surrena 1005

Swimming

Men

400 Medley Relay- 2. Jordan, Haltiner, Oslick, Cameron, 3:50.19
1000 Free- 2. Frantz 10:25.52
50 Free- 2. Argust 23.30
1M Diving- 1. Tucker 273.45
500 Free 2. Frantz 5:02.05
3M Diving 1. Tucker 273.45
400 Free Relay- Brody, Sheth, Graff, Buckley 3:27.34

Women

400 Medley relay- 1. Hennessey, Diel, Thoman, Schaner 4:00.59
1000 Free- 2. Caratoli 10:57.69
200 Free- 2. Sulc 2:03.12
200 IM- 1. Schaner 2:17.30
1M Diving- 2. Piniewski 219.45
200 Fly- 1. Sulc 2:18.98
100 Free- 1. Schaner 56.23
200 Back- 1. Hennessey 2:16.54
100 Breast- Diel 1:11.53



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Volleyball Captures Title

by Chris Edgerton
Assistant Sports Editor

The Women's Volleyball team wrapped up the season last weekend with their second straight NCAC championship. The title was their third in five years and it capped an exciting and successful season for the Gators who finished with an overall record of 36-13.

Unfortunately, the Gators did not receive a bid to the NCAA Regionals this weekend.

The Gators arrived in the finals of the double elimination after straight-set victories over Ohio Wesleyan (15-10, 15-9) and Denison (15-4, 15-6). The Gators were stopped in the winner's bracket final by second seed Kenyon 15-12, 15-4.

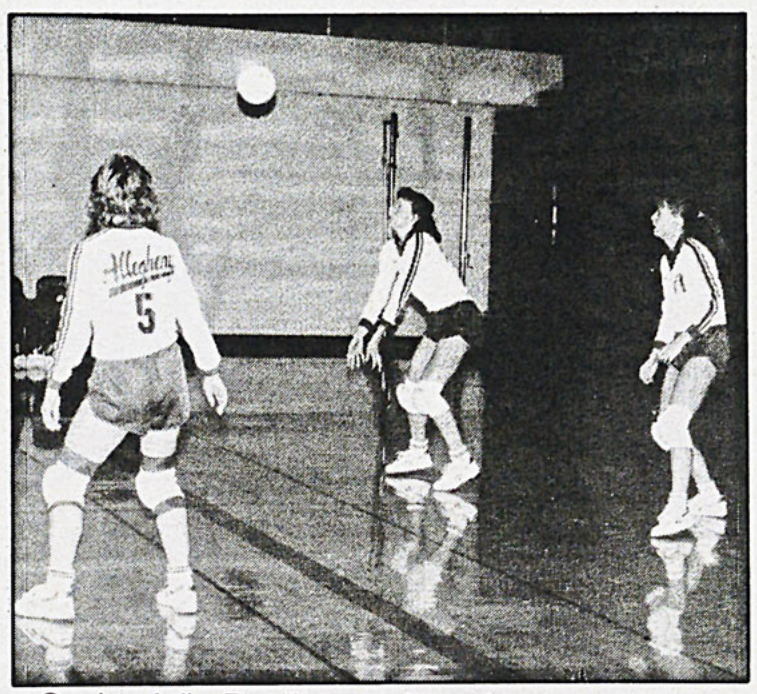
The Lady Gators advanced through the consolation bracket with a 15-10, 15-9 victory over Wooster. This gave them another shot at Kenyon.

Needing to win two consecutive matches, the Blue Gold outscored Kenyon 60-34 in four games to claim the championship.

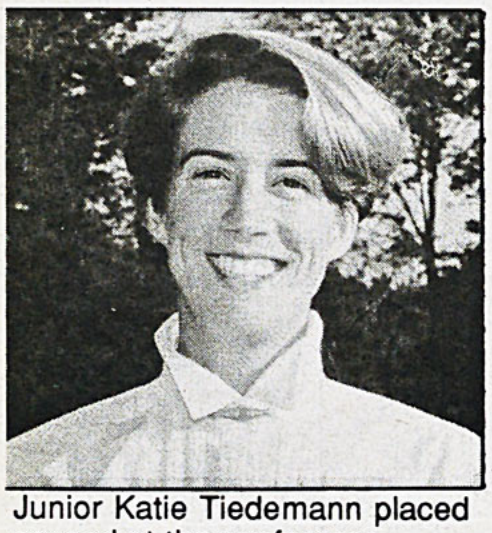
Allegheny was led by Sophomore setter Renea Surrena who recorded 136 assists in twelve games of the tournament. Sophomore Molly Deitz led the team with 53 kills, closely followed by Seniors Julie Bradley and Barb Pendleton with 46 apiece. Bradley was plagued by an injured wrist throughout the weekend.

The tournament marked the final collegiate appearance for senior tri-captains Bradley (366 kills, 210 digs), Pendleton (333 kills, 330 digs), and Paula Wasikowski (298 digs). The trio will be sorely missed, but they leave behind a talented group of sophomores. Deitz, Surrena, and Stacy Gerko all played in over 100 games this season and promise to carry on the volleyball tradition at Allegheny.

Surrena collected 1,055 assists on the year, nearly a thousand more than any other Lady Gator, leading the NCAC for the final nine weeks of the season.



Senior Julie Bradley receives the serve in volleyball action. Also in the play are fellow tri-captains Barb Pendleton (#11) and Paula Wasikowski (#5). The Gators won the NCAC title this weekend. Kate Gannon photo



Junior Katie Tiedemann placed second at the conference championships two weeks ago.
Public Affairs photo



Lynda Kohl achieved All-NCAC honors for the second year in a row. Public Affairs photo

Cross Country To Defend Title

by Greg Haas
Sports Writer

A trip to nationals will be on the line for the Women's Cross Country team this Saturday at the NCAA Mid-East Regional meet.

The defending regional and current NCAC champions will find themselves in a 3 team battle with Swathmore and Trenton State for the team championship and the right to advance to next week's NCAA Championships at Augustana.

These three are the favorites among the more than 30 schools from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland that will be competing in the race, held in Allentown, Pa.

"This meet is our whole season," said head coach Ralph White, "this is what we've talked about all year." White added that this year will be a lot different from last because no one expected them to win and they had nothing to lose. "We have a better team than last year," White said, "but there's more pressure when you're the defending champs."

White is confident that his team will run as well as they did at the conference meet, where they set an NCAC record for the lowest team score. "If we run the way we did at conferences," White said, "it will be tough to beat us."

White's squad for the regional meet will consist of juniors Katie Tiedemann and Lynda Kohl, sophomores Sue Castor and Alyse Holden, and freshmen Jen Kriese, Dee Buckhoff, and Chris Darling. Tiedemann, Kohl, Castor, and Buckhoff were named All-Conference, while Holden and Kriese were Honorable Mention All-Conference selections.

Any of a number of factors or a combination of these factors will have a role in Saturday's race, White said. Both Swathmore and Trenton State have run 2 races apiece on the regional course this season, said White, which would give them an edge in familiarity. Where runners from other schools finish is another consideration that will affect who is crowned team champion. Academic commitments will also be more demanding for the Allegheny women, since finals begin next week.

The top 25 runners in Saturday's race will be named All-Regional and the top 5 individuals not on the winning team will advance to nationals. Sophomores Sue Castor and Alyse Holden were both All-Region last season, but White feels that it will take five All-Region runners to win this year's meet.

Of Swathmore and Trenton State, White said that "we don't know what to expect of them, but by the same token they don't know what to expect of us." White said that his team has learned to respect everyone, but to fear no one. "We think we're a better team," White said, "and until anyone proves otherwise, we'll continue to think that way."

The Lady Gators, ranked 7th nationally, "will be competitive because we know what it takes to win," White said. He added that the upper classmen are seasoned runners and have shown the way for the freshmen.

A couple of those freshmen on White's varsity lineup led the way this past Saturday as a small squad took 2nd out of 10 teams at the Rochester Invitational. Chris Darling took 5th place in 19:22 and Jen Kriese was 7th in 19:29 to pace Allegheny. Also contributing to the team's finish were sophomore Julie Talbot, who finished 8th in 19:41, and freshmen Stacey Huth, 15th in 20:17, and Amy Beisel, 25th in 20:58.

Overall, the Allegheny women posted a 58-6 record this season, including an impressive 48-1 mark when running their full varsity lineup. "We've had a fantastic season even if we don't win at regionals," White said.

For the women to be successful at regionals, White said, they'll need all 7 runners to do well. "We could finish 3rd and run extremely well," White said, "but we'll be going for all the marbles."

Women Start Strong

by Brian Shea
Sports Editor

Traditionally one of Allegheny's strongest programs, the women's swimming team sent out signals this week that this team may stand out as one of the best.

The Lady Gators captured second place in the NCAC Relays at Kenyon this weekend finishing only sixteen points off the pace of six-time defending NCAA Division III champion Kenyon.

In their effort, the squad erased three meet records while winning four races.

Freshman Michelle Schaner occupied a spot on the record setting efforts: 200-yard medley relay, 200-yard breaststroke relay, and 500-yard crescendo relay.

Coach Tom Erdos found nothing but satisfaction from his team's performance at the relays, "I'm very pleased with the performance. We have exciting things to look forward to from these ladies."

Erdos went on to mention that the divers for the Lady Gators did not compete at Kenyon because of illness. Their presence probably would have given Allegheny the title.

Yesterday, the Lady Gators showed their coach some of the exciting things that he expected. Facing Division II powerhouse Clarion, the Lady Gators entered the final relay tied, only to fall 127-118.

The meet featured stellar performances from Marci Hennessey and the 400-yard medley relay. Their performances qualified them for the Division III national tournament.

Hennessey, the Division III 100 backstroke champion in 1987, celebrated the end of a two year layoff from competitive swimming in grand fashion. Her backstroke leg in the 400 medley relay qulaified her for the Nationals.

That relay of Hennessey, Schaner, Kelly Diel, and Kate Thoman touched in a time of 4:00.59 to reserve a spot in the National field in March.

Again, Erdos emerged from the meet with a satisfied feeling. "This is the best swim we've ever had this early in the season," he said. "If we stay healthy, it's possible that no one could touch us in Division III."

Erdos expressed unabashed confidence in the potential of his team, "Marci could win three titles at nationals. Kate Thoman, Michelle Schaner, and our breaststrokers also could win," Erdos said. "I think five of our relays also have shots at titles."

The Gators will be even stronger when Nationals come. National champion diver Melissa Moody and top freestyler Cynthia Kangas will both return second term. Currently, both are studying abroad.

However, Erdos sees no stopping this team. "We're just shooting for nationals now. I think we could surprise some people."

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

November 10

Wrestling at Ithaca Invitational 2:00 p.m.

November 11

Men's Cross-Country, NCAA Regionals at Allentown 11:00 a.m.
Wrestling at Ithaca Invitational 10:00 a.m.
Women's Cross Country, NCAA Regionals at Allentown 10:00 a.m.
Men's and Women's Swimming at Case Western Reserve
Football, Rochester 1:30 p.m.