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College's residence halls fail to meet assessors' minumum standards

By ROBERT HARTMAN
News Editor

"That thing," Paul Scanlan of Burt, Hill, Kosar and Ritterman Associates said, pointing to a photo of one of the Brooks Hall heaters, "belongs in a museum."

According to a report by Burt Hill, et al—an outside consulting firm—the majority of the college's residence halls failed to meet the firm's minimum standards for life safety and asset protection.

Scanlan, who gave a presentation on the firm's conclusions Monday, Oct. 12 in the Moore Lounge of Pelletier Library, said the college's facilities were scored on 12 attributes: means of egress for emergency, fire alarms, sprinkler systems, structure, envelop, exterior appearance, interior appearance, electrical capacity, heating and air-conditioning (HVAC), plumbing and lighting.

Each attribute was ranked on a scale from zero to one with one as the highest possible score. The scores were then weighted by importance on a scale from zero to 100 with 100 as the highest. Thus a perfect score in life safety was worth 100 times a perfect score in lighting. After all the attributes were weighted, a line graph was overlaid to determine an average score from zero to one. Burt Hill, et al set a score of 0.5 as the minimum standard for the buildings.

Overall, Allegheny requires $33 million in long-term deferred maintenance. Of this $33 million, two-thirds of the money is required for interior renewals. For instance, Scanlan said it was recommended that the college gut Caflisch Hall, Bentley Hall and Arter Hall. These projects, however, will not fall within the fold of the allotment for deferred maintenance in the operating budget.

According to John Reynders, vice-president for administrative service, projects of that magnitude require a capital campaign. For instance, Caflisch requires between $2.4 and $2.6 million dollars of maintenance work, which includes the project reconfiguration of the rooms. The entire Brooks Complex requires between $5.1 and $6.5 million dollars of work. Scanlan asserted the need to find other methods of funding such projects.

"There are systems in place such as performance contracts which offer alternatives to fund-raising," Scanlan said. "Basically you get someone else to fund the building project. In return for having this other company build for you, the college in return donates something like energy savings for the first seven years of the building. Thus the energy bill doesn't cost more, and after the contract the college reaps the savings."

Reynders concurred with Scanlan, adding that campus renewal is a possibility for the next Capital Plan as well as alternatives such as the one suggested by Scanlan.

For the upcoming fiscal year (FY 1999), the operating budget allotted one million dollars for deferred maintenance. Burt Hill, et al could not recommend less than $1,551,569 in maintenance for the upcoming year. The majority of these projects will be focused on life safety and asset protection. According to Ken Hannah, director of physical plant, a number of these projects are already under consideration.

"Most of the projects won't be obvious to students," Hannah said, "For instance, we plan to upgrade

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WORKING MAN—An unidentified physical plant employee puts finishing touches on College Court's landscaping. The landscaping was part of last year's deferred maintenance budget. An additional $i million is budgeted for the 1999 fiscal year. —photo by Ben Wyrick

Proposed raise in Latin honor standards concerns students

By CHRIS YANSICK
News Reporter

Recently, the Academic Standards and Awards Committee (ASAC) completed a proposal that would tighten the Latin Honor graduation requirements. Though the committee has been working on this topic since last November, the move still came as a surprise to many Allegheny Student Government (ASG) members, especially representatives from the freshman class.

Their proposal will change the standards for graduating seniors with Latin Honors as follows: for *cum laude*, from a grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 to 3.5, *magna cum laude* from 3.6 to 3.7. *Summa cum laude* will remain at 3.9. The changes are scheduled to take effect for the class of 2001.

Immediate Past Faculty Chair Mary Wagner, professor of modern languages, cites a variety of reasons about ASAC's decision. The foremost, in her opinion, is how Allegheny compares to similar colleges.

"The committee was surprised last November when we saw how poorly Allegheny was ranked on the list," said Wagner. "We knew then that graduation honors standards had to be changed."

When compared to schools of similar geographical location, size and academic standards, Allegheny ranks below average. For *cum laude* and *magna cum laude* honors, Allegheny has the second- lowest GPA requirement, while having the highest requirement for the *summa cum laude* award. This list boasts 25 other colleges, including Bucknell, Dickenson, Muhlenberg, Union and Washington & Jefferson.

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Violence greets Coming Out Week celebrations

By MICHELE P. SABO
News Reporter

LARAMIE, Wyo.—October 11 was thought to be another step forward for the Gay and Lesbian community celebrating Coming Out Week. However, the happiness in which the homosexual public thought to have achieved began to deteriorate with the news of the torture and murder of a gay college student.

According to an article in *USA Today*, Matthew Shepard was sitting at a campus bar when apparently two men, Russell Arthur Henderson, 21, and Aaron James McKinney, 22, approached him simulating gay roles. All three men were seen leaving the bar together that evening.

Shepard was pistol-whipped and lashed to a fence post outside Laramie for 18 hours in near-freezing temperatures, authorities said. After five days in a coma, the 21-yea-old University of Wyoming student died.

Police say robbery was the main motive, but Shepard's attackers apparently chose him partly because he was gay. His assailants lured him from a campus bar, attacked him and left him hanging to die.

Charges against Henderson and McKinney include first-degree murder, aggravated robbery and kidnapping with intent to inflict bodily injury or terrorize the victim. Prosecutors have not commented on whether they will seek the death penalty.

Albany County Sheriff's Lieutenant Rob DeBree, the lead investigator in the case, said he and the other local officers have no legal guidance on what constitutes a hate crime. "I wish somebody could give us a true definition of what they consider to be a hate crime," DeBree said.

The push for hate crime laws following Shepard's murder is likely to draw out people with strong anti-gay beliefs, experts say. "No one will say, 'I hate these people,' but it serves to confirm homophobic sentiments [exist]," said Valerie Jenness, professor of Sociology at the

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The Campus staff wishes everyone a happy Fall Break. Due to time constraints, there will not be an issue published next week—but watch for a special curriculum issue Oct. 29.

NEWS BRIEFS

•The Writing Center provides tutorial assistance in writing for all Allegheny students. Writing tutors are able to provide assistance on writing assignments in all courses across the curriculum, including the senior comprehensive project. Students can use the drop-in services located in the downstairs computer area of Pelletier Library from 2 until 5 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and from 2 until 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Any student who wishes to be matched with a tutor should contact Beth Reynders, 234 Cochran Hall, x4334, or via e-mail <breynder>.

•The salsa dance originally scheduled for Friday, Sept. 25 at 10 p.m. has been rescheduled for Friday, Oct. 23.

•The America Reads program will be sending 30 students to two local schools and two low-income housing developments to share the joy of reading with children. To support this effort, the program needs books for the sites and to give children to take home with them. Books for children from kindergarten through sixth grade are needed and can be placed in the decorated boxes on campus. Collection boxes will remain in campus buildings until the end of October. For more information, contact Brooke Martin, Office of Community Service, at x5318.

•Weekly meditations are being held at the Meditation and Mindfulness House—located at 377 Sherman Avenue—at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. All are welcome to attend.

•Students are invited to participate in one of the eight student/ faculty standing committees. Anyone interested in meeting times or committee summaries should stop by the Allegheny Student Government (ASG) or e-mail <asg>.

•The correct date for regular registration for the Nov. 7 GRE test is Oct. 2; for the Dec. 12 test, Nov. 6; and for the April 10 test, March 5.

•The art galleries will display works by art department faculty and by Mary Grozdanik '96 in the annual Faculty and Alumni Exhibit, from Tuesday, Oct. 13 to Wednesday, Nov. 11. A reception will be held in the galleries on Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 7:30 to 9 p.m., which the public is invited to attend.

•A workshop on "Academic Skill Building—a.k.a. Smart Study" will be held for students, especially freshmen, who want to learn effective study techniques on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Walker Room of the Campus Center. This general session will be followed at a later time by individual appointments scheduled with Nancy Sheridan, director of student support services. Interested students are asked to sign-up in the Dean of Students' office by Oct. 22.

•PE 204—Introduction to Butoh Improvisation—will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Oct. 22 to Dec. 15 from 4:30-5:45 p.m. in the Montgomery Dance Studio. The class is open to dancers and non dancers alike and no experience is necessary. Lani Fand will be the instructor. Call Jan Hyatt at x2813 with any questions.

•The hours for the Wise Center over fall break are as follows: Saturday, Oct. 17, noon to 4 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 18, noon to 2 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 19, noon to 2 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m.; and Tuesday, Oct. 20, noon to 2 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m.

•The Association for the Advancement of Black Culture (ABC) is sponsoring a trip to the Painesville Haunted House, located outside of Cleveland, on Saturday, Oct. 24. The $16 fee includes transportation and admission to four haunted houses and three side shows. The bus will leave from the Post Office parking lot at 6 p.m. For more information contact Sadie Little at x2466 or <littles>.

•Another bus has been added for the college-sponsored trip to hear the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra present "Magnificent Mozart" in Heinz Hall on Friday, Nov. 20. To sign up, stop in the Office of Events in Room 215 of Bentley Hall or call x3101.

•The Public Events Committee welcomes suggestions for performing artists or genres of performance as they begin plans for the 1999-2000 season. Please e-mail Deb Baker <dbaker> or send recommendations to Box 40.

Listen up Class of 2000! The Honor Committee is searching for a new representative for the Junior class. Applicants should be in good academic and judicial standing, possess excellent communication skills, and be dedicated to promoting academic integrity. The position requires attendance at weekly meetings, participation in confidential hearings, and active education of the Allegheny community. Questions or requests for applications may be directed to the Honor Committee at <honorcom>. Completed applications are due November 6.

The Campus asks...

What do you think the college can do to improve freshman/sophomore retention?

compiled by Ben Wyrick



I think that one of the major problems is the cultural diversity of the school. It doesn't seem like there is much to do outside of your school work and other organizational stuff. One of the better aspects are the classes and the professors, which is why I stayed. Plus, I can always study abroad.

Eva Wyle
Class of '01



Bacon. Lots of it. If a mandatory bacon budget was approved for all freshman events, retention would skyrocket.

Bob Britten
Class of '00



Most people seem to leave because they don't find the quality classmates they were expecting. Perhaps if admission was restricted to academic qualifications, immaturity wouldn't run so rampant. You play football, welcome to Allegheny.

Becky Frihart
Class of '01



I think there should be a better financial aid plan. It seems a lot of students leave because their financial packages do not provide enough aid for them to stay.

Kaitlin Bonner
Class of '01



Teach them to manage their time–offer courses for this. Many students enter Allegheny and don't spend enough time studying. So their grades drop and they withdraw.

Allison Smith
Class of '00

Shiny Happy People



Seniors Gene Hong and Kathy Vegh were crowned Homecoming king and queen, respectively at Saturday's Homecoming game. Allegheny crushed Kenyon, 56-0. —photo by Nathan Hedin

Committee discusses college's dining options

By STACEY DODDS
News Reporter

"What's great is that everyone on the Food Service Review Committee shares the same goal—make recommendations that will help Sodexho-Marriot best meet the dining needs and wants of Allegheny students for a reasonable price," said Amy Hirschy, associate dean of students.

According to Hirschy, the committee amalgamates feedback from Allegheny and other colleges to consider possible dining alternatives.

"By hearing Allegheny students, traveling to other schools to see different options and gathering students' perceptions, we plan to have information to evaluate possible meal plan options, menu offerings, hours of operation and other dining features," Hirschy said.

A partnership comprised of students, administrators and staff, the Food Service Review Committee has been formed to assess and make recommendations concerning the college's food services. Members of the committee include Hirschy, Jeff Lee, senior director of dining services; Lois Ames, Marriot associate; and four Allegheny Student Government (ASG)-appointed students representing different class years, housing experiences and involvement on campus.

"Instead of waiting until people get dissatisfied, I think we're still doing well but I want to make sure we're out there leading the pack instead of reacting;" Lee said. "I'd rather be the one people are trying to follow."

Over the course of three trips, committee members will visit local universities and colleges looking for ideas and ways to improve the services at Allegheny. Schools to be visited include Theil, Grove City, Westminster, Gannon, Mercyhurst, Edinboro, Slippery Rock and Robert Morris.

While visiting the colleges, the committee members will observe each school's program, meet members of each community and eat in a dining facilities. The first trip is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 15.

In addition to the trips, ASG will be sending out a short survey to 100 of comparison schools in an attempt to provide a bridge from one student government to another. Questions include an overview of each school's dining service and all dining options available. The committee hopes to receive a 30-35 percent return rate to gain viable suggestions.

Mellon Grant provides funding for Modern Languages

By LEAH LUBIN
News Reporter

Allegheny's modern languages department received a major boost this summer due to a grant made by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The $300,000 grant was made to refine existing tools for teaching while incorporating modern technology.

An initial proposal was made to Mellon a year and a half ago. The initial proposal envisioned a two-part program. One division was intended to improve instruction and resources in languages. The other division was intended to establish a writing program in English.

According to Professor of Modern Languages Lou Wagner, this joint proposal was unrealistic because the two departments were heading in their own directions and consequently it was rejected. The modern languages department, however, persisted in its efforts. After three unsuccessful attempts, a grant was officially issued at the end of the last academic year.

The grant is based on a three-year contract. Two-thirds of the grant will go toward faculty development. As a result, faculty members will be trained in the proper usage of technological equipment. With this objective in mind, a specially-funded workshop was held following commencement last May. The workshop was a five-day affair geared toward the construction of web pages.

In June, a group went to Ursinus, Lafayette and Middlebury Colleges to exchange projects and ideas while simultaneously observing respective language facilities. Wagner, a participant in this trip, said he was extremely pleased with its outcome.

"They were good starting points for showing us what sorts of things are possible and what is already underway so we don't duplicate what is already done," Wagner said. "It oriented us to what we should be looking at in terms of planning—in other words, what is possible to get from here to there."

Middlebury is the most technologically advanced college and a workshop is to be held there during the 1998-99 academic year. Allegheny's efforts will include a collaboration with Lafayette and Ursinus .

Funds from the grant were used to purchase updated equipment, currently housed in Ruter Hall. The third floor is serving as the Multimedia Language Learning Center, which includes a library of videos, compact discs and audio tapes which are available for student use, in addition to 12 new Dell computers.

Professor of Modern Languages Linda DeMerrit said her classes are already reaping some of the benefits of the grant. Students in her upper-level German classes correspond with university students in Cologne. Topics of discussion have included language, culture and politics. According to DeMerrit, this offers not only an opportunity to learn the language properly but, more importantly, offers cultural insight.

"What you see here is a real type of exercise," DeMerrit said. "Students are able to really communicate. It is not as artificial as the conventional grammar exercise."

The grant expires in three years, however, and presents a dilemma over the future of such programs. According to Wagner, it is hoped that the improvements funded by the grant will be self-perpetuating.

"We would hope that by the time the grant ends, we would be at an immeasurably higher plateau and that we can continue to work from that point without necessarily adding funding."

Currently, Spanish is the most popular modern language on campus, as evidenced by its over-enrollment. Wagner believes that technology can be an important tool in enhancing the learning of a language, but students must show interest.

"Freshmen coming out of high school are less aware of the value of studying some other language and therefore its culture," Wagner said. "It's part of the American monolingualism, but all of us who are language teachers believe that next to actually living in some culture where you are immersed, studying a language is the most culturally broadening experience you can have."

Meadville police to crack down on partying

By CHRISTOPHER F. ARNOLD
News Reporter

Meadville police may be on the prowl for underage drinking in Allegheny off-campus housing, especially Loomis and Prospect streets.

"I've been running out of parties so much this year, I feel like I've joined the cross-country team," said sophomore Rich Schultheis. "I've never seen the KGB or LCB or whatever they call them, but I sure know what a cop looks like."

Since the beginning of the semester, the Meadville Police Department has issued over 20 citations for underage drinking. In comparison, they handed out fewer than 15 over the summer. But, Meadville Police Chief Hall Tubbs denied any conscious effort to increase party citations.

"We respond to complaints from the community," said Tubbs. "If any member of the community has a legitimate complaint, we will act appropriately."

Appropriate police action has taken the form of warnings, citations and fines. Although underage drinking is punishable by law, "The real risks are being taken by those people who throw the parties," said Tubbs.

According to Tubbs, the illegal sale of alcohol in a private residence is cited as a misdemeanor offense resulting in a $300 fine, suspended driving privileges and possible jail time.

Junior Jill Abraham was cited for underage drinking and the illegal sale of alcohol in a police bust earlier this year. "It really sucked," said Abraham. "It started out really small and before I knew what was happening, there were all these kids in my house."

According to Abraham, the police were at the door and had confiscated the keg within 20 minutes of the party erupting. "I don't know where they came from, but they were here in a flash," she added.

The Police Department will be targeting Loomis and Prospect streets in upcoming weeks. "Personally, I'm fed up with it," said Tubbs. "Homecoming weekend I went for a drive down Loomis street about 10 p.m. There were kids running around with open containers, screaming at the top of their lungs and urinating on houses." He added, "I wouldn't want my mom and dad to see that mess."

Tubbs stated, "Allegheny College is subject to the same laws as the rest of the city and as long as their people continue to violate these laws, there will be police intervention."

In response to this aggressive stance, Schultheis said, "I guess I'm going to have to keep doing secret service imitation. The key is always having your eyes on the back door."

Underclassmen distressed by lack of representation in honors readjustment

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class of 2001," explained Wagner about the honors policy, "we allow students concerned about getting honors a chance to work harder to receive them." Wagner went on to say this would be "an option that would not be easily available to juniors or seniors if we implemented the changes with this year's graduating class."

Professor of Psychology Joshua Searle-White, the current faculty chair of the ASAC, presented a different reason for the necessity of the change. "In recent years, there have been an increasingly large number of students graduating with honors," said Searle-White.

"The class of 1993 only had 30 percent of graduating seniors receive honors, while 40 percent of last year's graduating class received the honors. This number was extremely high and we had to worry about making sure that the honors had meaning."

Last year, 23 percent of the graduating class received *cum laude* honors, 15 percent received *magna cum laude* honors and two percent received *summa cum laude* honors. When applied to last year's graduating class, the new standards would dramatically lower the amount of students receiving honors.

Only 16 percent would graduate *cum laude*, eight percent *magna cum laude* and the statistic for *summa cum laude* would remain the same at two percent, for a total of 26 percent of students receiving Latin honors.

Some students are upset about the proposal; however, some agree the changes are necessary. When informed of the proposed changes, freshman Craig Summers told *The Campus*, "Forty percent is just too high. Honors don't mean anything if everyone gets them."

Freshman class president Jose Abola criticized the change. "The actual increase in Latin honors requirements is not a horrible change. However, the committee which made the decision had only one student representative from either of the two classes affected," he said.

Abola also pointed out, "No freshmen were represented and the decision was made before they notified ASG the topic was being debated. It is not the change itself, but rather the manner in which the change was made that upsets me."

When told about these concerns, Searle-White said, "In hindsight, maybe we could have had the vote later. However, no representatives from ASG came to the meeting after they made the changes."

"If there was a strong enough feeling, the proposal could have been reconsidered," he added.

When asked specifically about the virtual lack of representation of the classes of 2001 and 2002 on the committee, Searle-White replied, "It's not my job to choose whom ASG sends as representatives to the meetings."

"However, I don't think the class make-up was important as student representatives should not be thinking of themselves but of the entire student body," said Searle-White. "The change will affect all students, as it will make the college that much stronger in years to come."

Wyoming murder prompts local reflections

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University of California, Irvine, and author of the book, *Hate Crimes: New Social Movements and the Politics of Violence*.

No matter what the experts say, students at Allegheny seem to have differing opinions. "I think it's insane," said freshman Mike Colbert, "Never could that happen at Allegheny."

Sophomore Emily Adair said, "It is a shame that people can be so closed-minded. We have some (expletive) on campus, but I don't think they would ever go to that extreme." Even though students believe Allegheny resides in its own little bubble, Professor of History Anne Rubenstein said she believes, "queer bashing happens everywhere."

Shepard died Monday at a local hospital in Fort Collins, Colo., where the police are investigating both an offensive parade float and a violently worded e-mail message sent to two gay groups after Shepard's death. It closed with the words, "I hope it happens more often."

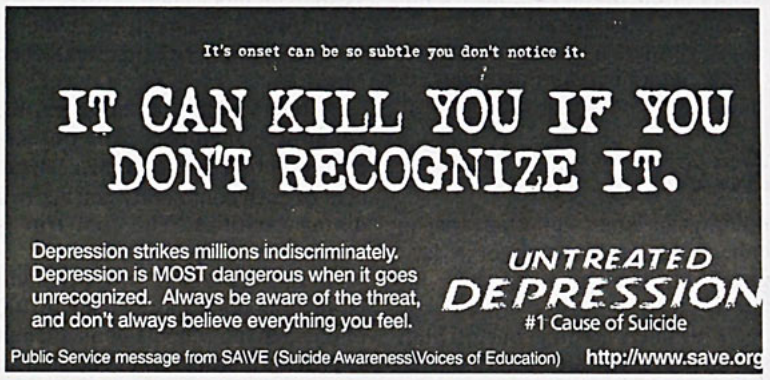
The message was discovered by Brenda Harvey, executive director of the Rainbow Chorus, a choir made up of gay and heterosexual performers. Members of the Lambda Community Center received the same e-mail. Harvey initially thought the message was intended to inform her of Shepard's death. "When I clicked to open the message and began reading, I was just sickened," she said Tuesday.

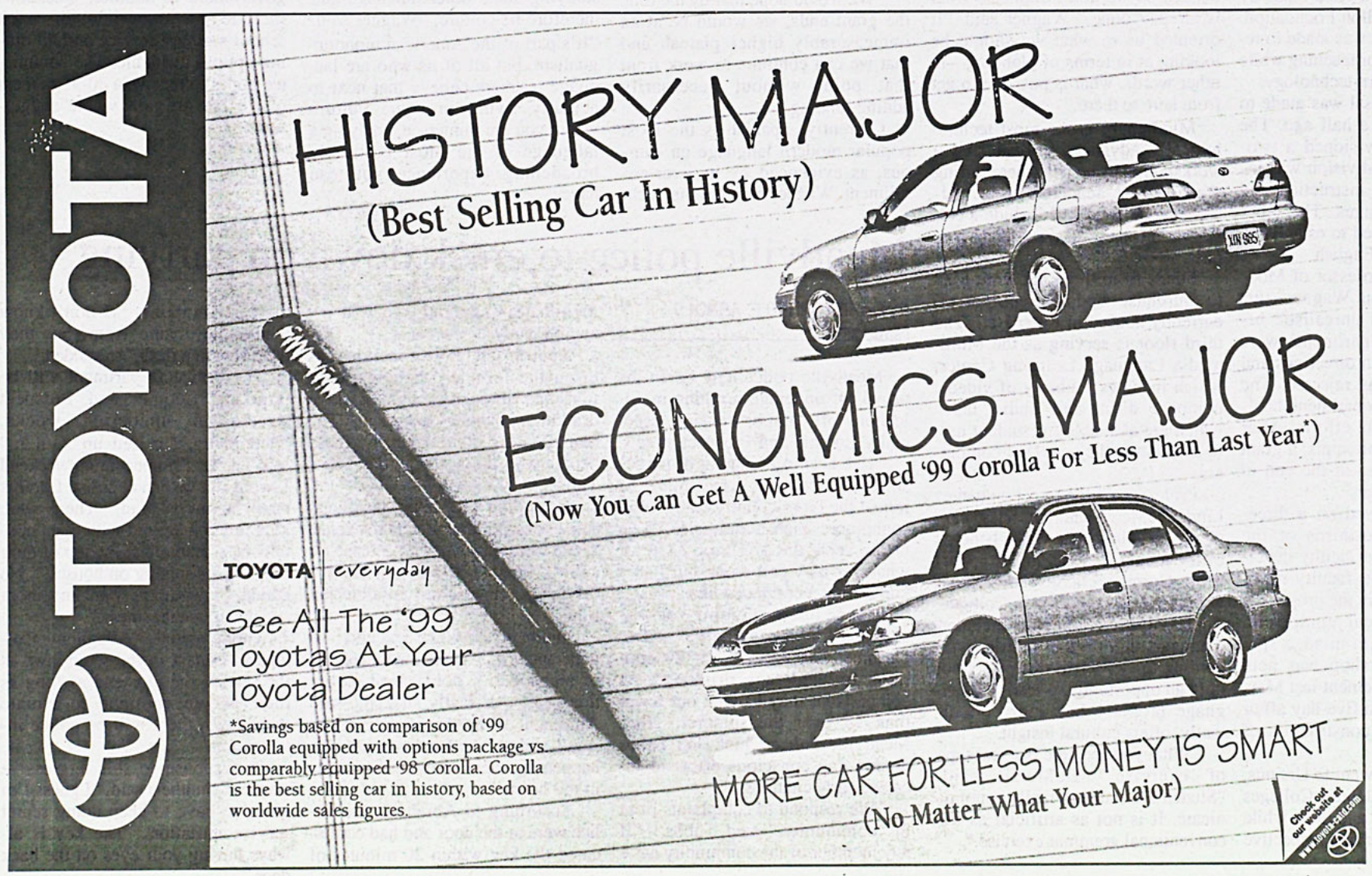
Fort Collins police are trying to find out how a scarecrow mocking homosexuals appeared in a Colorado State University homecoming parade float Saturday.

"Wyoming has already reflected the epitome of the 'Don't ask, don't tell' attitude," said Walt Boulden, a friend of Shepard. "This horrible murder has shattered our ability to hide behind that type of stance."

"What happened to Matthew Shepard was a horrendous tragedy. The senseless beating and death of another human being is against the values of all of us here at Allegheny, but the hate that spawned this act is not uncommon on campus," said President of Allegheny Gay Pride, Miranda Crotsley. "It is time for those of us who are sickened by this hatred and violence to stand up and speak out against it."

Write *The Campus*. Send your letter to the editor to Box 12 or e-mail <campus>. Pronto.





Perspectives

EDITORIAL

To everything, there is a season

On Monday, Oct. 12, Paul Scanlan of Burt, Hall, Kosar & Ritterman Associates presented the results of an outside survey of the college's academic, administrative and residential buildings. The purpose of the survey was to determine Allegheny's specific maintenance needs, especially in deferred maintenance, and to present some possible options for future remodeling of the campus. One of the key facets of the reports was the frankly sorry shape of many of the residence halls—which encompassed 46 percent of the $33 million the college requires in deferred maintenance.

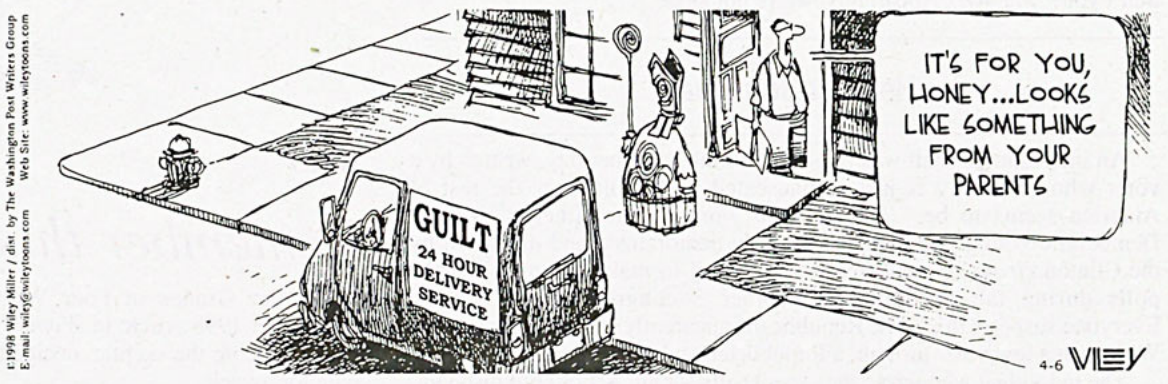
One of the emphases of the presentation was the need for balance in deferred maintenance spending. And while buildings in each of the areas—academic, administrative and residential—affect a student's life, the residence halls are by far the buildings with which students have the most contact and are the ones which should command the most attention. Each year complaints about the residence halls pile up—leaking roofs in Ravine, ineffective heating in Brooks, Caflisch closets—yet very little actually is done. And while some projects, such as redesigning the floor plan in Caflisch, are obviously major projects requiring a serious donation, other complaints—like heating—are quite within the range of the deferred maintenance budget.

It is understandable that balance is advised in distributing the money allocated to deferred maintenance to avoid potential disagreements. However, after the difficult decision process of last year, it is also quite reasonable to expect a similar maturity in facing difficult decisions with regard to deferred maintenance. Allegheny will not be able to fix all areas of maintenance with a $1 million budget, or even a $1.5 million budget. Attempting to satisfy academic, administrative and residential demands with this amount will result in a diffusion of maintenance moneys, which will result in a very slow improvement process. Rather, we would urge senior administrators to consider rotating interests—focus on deferred maintenance for one area, then another to allow more significant projects each year. "We can't offer everything to everyone" was a key phrase last year. We should follow our own advice.

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Letters to the Editor

A moment of silence

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Committee in support of Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals in reaction to the violent death of Matthew Shepard. Matthew was a twenty-two year old college student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. He also happened to be gay.

Hannah Davidson

Last Wednesday night, Matthew was lured out of a bar by two men claiming also to be gay, driven out to the countryside, tied to a fence like a scarecrow, pistol-whipped, robbed and beaten almost to death. He clung to life for several days, breathing with the help of a respirator, but he died Monday morning.

We of the Committee are shocked and saddened by this event. We are also scared. There is not a world of difference between Laramie, Wyoming and Meadville, Pennsylvania. In the age of liberation, it has taken a murderous and violent incident to open the eyes of the people of Wyoming.

Will it take such an incident to open the eyes of the people at Allegheny? Would we allow a student at our school to suffer like Matthew did, before we recognize the existence of hate?

I am struck by the similarities between Laramie and Meadville, and by the events surrounding Matthew's death. Laramie is of a size comparable to Meadville, and like Allegheny, the University of Wyoming was celebrating Homecoming week. Matthew himself attended committee meetings similar to Allegheny's own committee. He could have been a student at Allegheny. It could have happened here.

As we grieve alongside the family and friends of Matthew Shepard, let us also take a moment to contemplate our existence in the Allegheny community. Let us support our peers and refuse to foster ignorance. Most of all, let us refuse **to allow the hate that killed Matthew to surround us.**

Hannah Davidson is a member of the Committee in support of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals, and the class of '00.

Campus *confusion*

We, the members of the Student College Review Board (SCRB), agree that Allegheny Student Government should not control the budget or any other aspect of *The Campus*.

Student College Review Board

It's important that *The Campus* be left open to investigate and report all areas of the college community, especially its own student government. But, let's be careful about attacking our representatives about the ASG meeting summary.

The Student College Review Board (SCRB) feels that ASG may not have been representing the student body fairly in the past. However, we are not sure if they were voicing student opinion or neglecting student concerns, because we had no idea what occurred during their meetings.

As part of Mike Palmer and Tara Hill's campaign, they promised that the student body would have access to a description of the issues discussed at the ASG meetings. In other words, we, the student body, would no longer blindly live each day not knowing what decisions are being made that may affect our lives. This is a good thing!

Clearly, ASG should not have approached *The Campus* as the means by which it would bestow this knowledge upon the student body, since it encroaches on the freedom of the press. However, ASG probably was only trying to use the most practical method of informing the student body—the college newspaper. If the editors of *The Campus* felt that this was inappropriate they should have responded as such to the request.

Then ASG could have tried another source such as *The Memo*. Of course this may be an unlikely scenario as long as ASG still controls the paper's budget. Perhaps *The Campus* should be focusing on this problem.

Melissa A. Madigan is Vice President of SCRB, and a member of the class of '00.

What's the 501? Hinzman pontificates on pants

Today's topic is pants. "Why pants?" you ask. Well, I think pants have just gotten out of hand. They never were "in hand." I guess they're more "on leg," but regardless, pants are more than they ought to be.

Michael Hinzman

Let's start at the very beginning. I hear it's a very good place to start. Jeans. Now before there were jeans, college students didn't wear pants. I think that is how it went. Trying to count the number of people wearing jeans on this campus is like trying to count the number of Michaels on this campus, or Muhammeds in Mecca or grains of sand in an hourglass. I'm just saying there are a lot. Of Michaels. And jeans.

Except on Mondays because that's when the fraternities and sororities have their chapter. They get all dressed up to sing to each other, putting the women in skirts, and *that's* why Brooks is packed on Monday nights. It's sexist but true.

So, where was I? Jeans. First things first. Why the hell do they have those hammer loops on so many pairs of jeans? I doubt if one person who has one on their jeans even knows what I'm talking about at the moment. You know that little loop of seemingly useless material hanging on the outside of your leg? That's where a hammer goes if you ever use one while wearing these pants. But in that is the rub. These jeans are stylish and, therefore,

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Choose your political poison

Hey. Yeah, you. You're sick of politics, aren't you? Yeah, you are—just admit it. We live in a free country. You can say anything you want. You can do anything you want, within reason. Sometimes without reason. I'm trying to reason with you here. You *are* fed up with politics, aren't you? Me, too. Apparently, we're not alone.

Heather Southwell

An interesting e-mail was passed on to me the other day, written by a voter who obviously is just as nauseated with politics as the rest of America seems to be. The political word on the street is that the Democratic voting population is entirely demoralized and disgusted by the Clinton *cirque de malaise*, and will fail to make a showing at the polls during the upcoming November 3 congressional elections. Everyone suspects this. The Republicans apparently are counting on this. With such a low voter turnout, a Republican landslide is expected.

The individual who wrote the e-mail calls for an "act of civil disobedience ... the likes of which American politics has ever seen." In short, he wants everyone to vote Democrat. I mean *everyone*. Apparently, it doesn't matter who the candidates are—the point is to get the Republicans out of office. For good.

Though the writer admits that most Democrats are "sorry, wishy-washy losers," and further, "they suck," he asserts that this is not the point. Rather, it's "about *us* using *them* to whack the right wing for good." His eloquence is certainly convincing. His point is interesting. But I don't think the whole nation voting Democrat is the only way to go about fostering revolution. In fact, I don't think it's the way to go at all.

You know what we'd end up with? A bunch of sorry, wishy-washy losers in Congress? Not exactly. (Somewhat too late for that, don't you think?) We'd end up with a totalitarian government. While I'm not happy with the idea of Republicans controlling congress, I'm not so keen on the idea of a Democratic monopoly, either. There must be some other way.

How about a third party? And I'm not talking about the concept of the third party as we're accustomed to it. Someone says "third party" and I think, a) communist or b) millionaire. Neither one seems very appealing. I'm suggesting something entirely new here. A third party *by* the people and *for* the people. A third party to which the American people can relate. Here are some modest suggestions:

The Gladiator party. This party would revolve around the idea of good, healthy, American battle. Americans like sports, right? Sure, they do. Two candidates running for the Gladiator Party bid would battle for the vote by competing in the Joust, the Obstacle Course, and Cage Ball. The survivor would secure the place in the primaries, as well as an autographed photo of Nitro.

The Drinking Game party. Imagine Clinton and Dole going shot for shot back in '96. *This* is something to which the American people can relate. Darts, Three-man, Quarters, etc. George Washington is on the quarter. George Washington is the father of our country. It makes perfect sense. We could rest assured that the winner of the Drinking Game primary would be an individual of passion and stamina. A real American representative.

The Pie Eating party. Statistics show that by the year 2000, nearly 60 percent of the American population will be considered "obese." Americans like food, and lots of it. The winner of the Pie Eating primaries will be a sturdy, cuddly individual. The bid would come complete with McDonalds gift certificates, and a membership to the Jenny Craig program. And an autographed photograph of Nitro. And a case of beer.

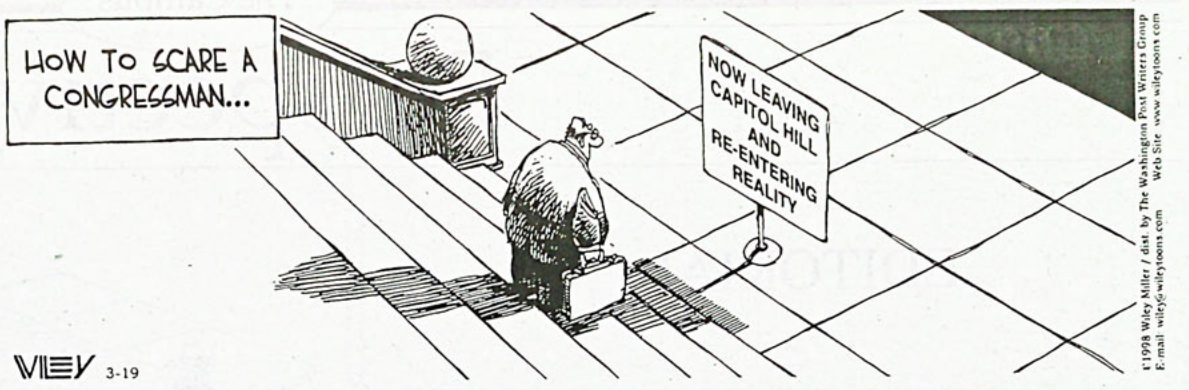
How about the narrow-minded, self-interested, ideology pushing party? Or the blameless, responsibility-shirking, lying, cheating party? Do we have these covered yet, or should we create more specific political parameters so candidates of the proper caliber could feel free to compete without consequence?

The author of the e-mail manifesto was asking his readers to pull together and vote for a common cause, *despite* personal or political inclinations. Basically, its the old "best of two evils" conundrum. It seems to me that people are going to vote for the candidate who best represents their own agenda. In other words, the candidate who best represents *them*.

Sadly, a large part of the population is doing exactly that, to the disadvantage of those who don't vote. Those people who would be prime candidates for the parties mentioned above are voting for the candidates they want to represent them. This may not be what we want for ourselves, and if this is the case, we have a responsibility to vote, don't you think?

Elections are on November 3. Mark your calendar. Get Nitro on the ballot. It doesn't matter. If we are going to have to choose between two evils, the choice is ours to make. Pick your political poison and go with it. See you at the polls.

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Remember this: no substitute for true learning

"Better Grades in Four Weeks!" exclaims the September 1998 article in *Woman's World*. Can it be true? I, being the skeptic, decided to read on and decide for myself.

Ahmad Douglas

The article outlines four steps by which parents can help their grade-school child retain more of what they attempt to memorize. The first step is figuring out through which sense the child learns best: sight, touch, or hearing. Once that is determined, step two is pretty much common sense: play up to that sense, so the maximum amount of experience gained is through that optimum learning medium.

The other two steps depart from the senses. Step three involves inventing easily-remembered short stories or phrases relevant to the subject matter being memorized. This method, *mnemonics*, has been mentioned for years as a proven method to remember facts. The final test of retention is to have the child attempt to teach someone else what he is trying to memorize.

The underlying theme of this article can be summed up with one quote: "The number one key to good grades is the ability to memorize, says New York City memory retention expert Harry Lorayne, creator of The Memory Power Package."

Unfortunately, this panacea of memorization is no longer reserved for quacks on infomercials and late-night radio. Kids in school are adapting the attitude "cram for the test, then forget it all." Schools and parents are placing too much faith in the end, not the means by which it is attained. If anyone wanted to jam-pack a small amount of information into his or her head, he or she could remember most of it for at least a short time afterward. The problem is that when these people enter the workforce and are called upon to apply their "knowledge," all those years of the cram-forget cycle catch up with them.

Without a doubt, there are many situations in which memorization is extremely useful. Spelling is a good example. How many of us think, "'I' before 'E,' except after 'C, or when sounded like 'A,' as 'neighbor' or 'weigh'?" This is almost a universal method for teaching one of the simple rules of English. The problem comes when a high-school student in Calculus class is too lazy to study, and on the night before the test, jam-packs every single fact pertaining to differentials into his sleep-deprived brain.

Whether or not he is lucky enough to retain a portion of the information for the test, it can be assumed safely that the information won't remain much longer. The worst part of this cycle is that since it produces half-decent results, there is no incentive to change. Poor study habits and only meager overall retention are the results.

The answer is not to condemn the instant, fleeting results that memorization can produce. The answer is to teach responsible study practices to children before laziness becomes a common practice. This is up to parents. Children should spend a small amount of time each day studying and/or reviewing that day's lessons. If this becomes common practice, students will use memorization methods correctly, such as when the teacher asks that he or she learn all the prepositions.

Memorization is a very important accessory to learning. Correctly, it can be infinitely helpful. It is abused if it leads to a shallow understanding of material, poor long-term retention, and an incomplete education. It is up to each of us to make the best of our educational opportunities. In part, that comes from how much we rely on memorization versus studying and practice.

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Economic stability key factor in Clinton's job security

The mystery of President Clinton's high job approval ratings is really no mystery at all. The answers are all in P60-200 and P60-201.

Those are the numbers of the Current Population Reports issued last week by the Census Bureau, reports which depict one of the healthiest economies in American history, one that is generating jobs and boosting real incomes for most American families.

David Broder

Public opinion analysts have long known that presidential job approval scores are largely surrogates for the way people feel about the condition of the nation and the world. In wartime, they are affected by news from the battlefronts, but in peacetime, they are influenced mainly by the state of the economy.

Even Ronald Reagan was not immune from these forces. In the second year of his presidency, when the economy tanked, Reagan's job approval scores followed. In 1981, his first year, they averaged 58 percent; in 1982, they dropped to 44 percent. By March of 1983, Reagan's job approval rating was down to 35 percent and the climb back up to the level preceding his 1984 re-election landslide tracked the steady recovery of the economy.

What the Census Bureau tells us in the pair of reports describing rising incomes and reduced poverty in 1997, is, in large part, a great American success story. To be sure, the gap between the well-educated and the well-to-do, on one side, and those at the other end of the scale is still large by historical standards. The top one-fifth of households bring in almost half the income; the bottom one-fifth, less than four percent.

But if the income gap did not close in 1997, neither did it worsen. And the gains were widely distributed through society. The inflation-adjusted median income of households rose for the third consecutive year, and those gains cumulatively were enough to bring typical households back to the level they enjoyed before the last recession began in 1989.

That was the best year we've had up to this point, but if things don't unravel in the final quarter of this year, 1998 ought to set a new record for most American households.

At the same time incomes were rising, the Census Bureau found that poverty was declining, most notably among African-Americans and Hispanics. While those two groups continued to show larger proportions in poverty than non-Hispanic whites or Asians, there were one million fewer blacks and Latinos

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Uninjured Americans refuse responsibility for the Clinton healing process

Tell me, are we *healed* yet? Are we, individually and as a nation, working hard enough to *forgive* our now-apologetic president, since he has told us he's trying to "focus much more on how I can properly *atone*, how I can be *forgiven*, and then how I can go back to *healing* with my family"?

Donna Britt

Americans have to forgive him to become *whole*, right? I mean, our nation's *recovery* could get stalled if citizens refuse to toil as "diligently" at their *healing process* as President Clinton says he is working on his with his family. All of which brings me to another question: Have you *barfed* yet?

My irritation with the semantics of public spirituality surfaced while reading the president's recent interview with White House correspondent Trude Feldman, released before Yom Kippur, the holiest of Jewish celebrations.

Exploring the spiritual aspects of his troubles, Clinton said that his predicament has given him a chance to "make my marriage whole, and my relationship with all my other friends whole, in a way that the keeping of secrets that are destructive cannot."

Even for the truly sincere, there's something vaguely *icky* about such public statements.

Hearing Clinton talk this way makes me cringe.

It isn't that the president's words aren't true: dealing with toxic secrets *can* help repair the relationships they've fractured. But increasingly, public talk of "being healed" and "becoming whole" sounds false. Though millions—me included—take such spiritual notions seriously, there's a reason others see them as the easiest tools a wrongdoer can wield.

There's no way to tell if a penitent is sincere. Unless, perhaps, he's Daniel L. Crocker, the Chantilly, Va., man whose remarkable religious conviction prompted him to confess last week to committing a murder in 1979 in Kansas of which no one suspected him. Now *that's* atonement.

Clinton's newfound abjectness can't compare. Even people who believe that forgiveness is humankind's highest calling might be unmoved by a president who when his back was against a colder wall than the one that supported his hallway trysts.

Apologetic talk has never been cheaper. Thanks to a recent rash of regretful politicos, journalists and others, America is awash in words that sound suspiciously "New Age" but that embody timeless spiritual notions—"healing," "forgiveness," "atonement"—worth exploring.

Why, I asked a friend, does Clinton's discussing forgiveness bother me? His reaction was blunt: "Well, it bothers *me* because *I* don't need to forgive Clinton—it isn't my place," he said. "The crimes he's committed didn't hurt me."

My friend's attitude explains Clinton's ever-buoyant performance ratings and many Americans' continued reluctance to kick him to the curb—or at least out of office. It explains why so many claim to have forgiven him.

Few people believed Clinton wasn't a skirt-chaser. So what we had to pardon wasn't the wrongness of his extramarital pursuits, but the stupidity and recklessness with which he pursued them. It's easy to forgive someone whose connection to you is more practical than personal, whose foolish and untruthful acts validate your suspicions about him.

What's tough is absolving the person who has ravaged your faith. However Clinton has annoyed, outraged and disgusted his fellow Americans, few of us can honestly say he *hurt* us.

Which is why those who *have* forgiven people who have truly wounded them—who have ripped apart their trust, who have broken not a political pact but their hearts—might be insulted by the "healing" we're now witnessing.

In his first, maligned "apology," Clinton stated that the Monica Lewinsky mess was between him, his family and God. His anger was unappealing, but in a larger sense he was right. Then and now, I just want him to do the job we hired him to do. Forgiveness, healing and atonement are bigger than the inadequate words that express them. They demand work and sacrifice from those who honestly pursue them. It's hard to imagine Clinton giving up anything more than a few moist-eyed moments of telegenic regret.

Maybe that's all we can expect. His family, friends and allies deserve more. But true sacrifice just may not be in him. Why would it be, when his worst actions have cost him so little?

Those who helped him wriggle free in the past are there right now—supporting, helping, maybe even forgiving him. Healing is their problem. The rest of us are doing just fine.

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Message to the fashion conscious: it's all in the jeans

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would never be worn while doing work that would require a hammer. You see what I'm *saying*? Who is the ad genius that came up with that one, huh?

The next thing: wear a feakin' belt! I know this is mostly for high school and younger students, but frankly, I don't want to see what kind of boxer shorts you have on under your jeans that are big enough to fit you and the person you're sitting beside. Belts were invented to hold up your pants. You know those loops of seemingly useless material that run all along your waist?

Speaking of those big jeans. I like 'em, and *I* wear a belt. It's nice to find jeans that fit. I also find it odd that the pockets are so huge. It's like Sputnik. I can fit books in my pockets. Textbooks. No kidding! I have this book from directing class and it fits in my back pocket. It's amazing. I think if anyone staying overnight at Allegheny had nowhere to stay, they could stay in my pocket. It's *that* big!

What ever happened to Jordache jeans? Their commercials were so good in the 1980s. Brooke Shields would be a nobody without them. Where did they go? I miss the horse. I miss it! I think if I saw a pair of Jordache jeans now, it would be like seeing that real dorky kid you knew in high school. You never really knew he existed until he was gone, ya know?

Hard jeans. I don't want jeans that hurt me, all right? I like jeans that move. I don't want to walk around like I have something stuck up my rear. So they're tougher than you. Good, the next time the bully comes for my lunch money, I clock him with my spare pair of hard jeans. They might be a prop in the next Jackie Chan movie.

The last thing about jeans. There is some marketing mastermind trying to pull the wool over your eyes, America. What am I talking about? Flare jeans. They are bell bottoms, dammit! Bell bottoms. You know it, I know it, we all know it. Even the five-year-olds who wear them know it. The only word that should *ever* follow the word "flare" is "gun." The bottoms "flare" out, forming a shape which most people in the Anglophonic world like to call "bell."

Okay, apart from jeans, what pants are there? Khakis. I remember when that meant that pants were that color. Now "khaki" refers to a *genre* of pants that encompasses every color of the drab rainbow that men simply refer to as "tan."

It's a status symbol now to have khakis. I have two pair because I felt I might be picked up by the fashion police if I didn't have them in my possession, like not having my license and registration ready.

"Excuse me, sir. Do you know what you're wearing? Uh-huh. Can I see your khakis and fleece please? Right. Well, I'm going to have to ask you to step out of society, please and walk this runway while touching your hands to your hips."

The best thing to come from khakis are the GAP commercials. They're so cool, especially with the one where the guy goes through the other guys' arms! They should have some guy from China give Bill Clinton a check, then dare Bill give him a deed to a national park, then have the guy turn to the camera and say, "How easy is that?"

Another pondering while I'm at it. Corduroy. Why did it come back? It was a punishment as a child, and now people love it! Maybe it's because I'm what the politically correct salesman called "Husky," but I hate the zippy noises when you walk. Do those treads *ever* wear down? These things are for the people that find those hard jeans a little too wussy for their liking. I hate corduroy. It's bad!

All in all, pants are better than skirts, I'm sure. Having pants makes it easier for women to sit down in public places without fear that someone is hoping for a Sharon Stone-esque shot. And hey! I wear 'em! So why shouldn't you?

We could have a celebration of pants! There's a week and a month and a day for every other weird thing in the world. Why not pants? Everyone wear pants tomorrow and the world will come together through clothing!

(If you have a topic suggestion, please e-mail <hinzmam>).

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What sustains Clinton? "It's the economy, stupid"

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living below the poverty line in 1997 than in 1996.

What we have, in other words, is an economy that not only feels better but actually is working better for most Americans. The income gains are not immense. In real terms, median household income in 1997 grew less than 2 percent over 1996. But the gain was greater than that for people working full-time and for people in two-parent households, and the improvement could be found in most sections of the country and in communities of all sizes.

But these arguments are beside the point. In the public mind, the president is held accountable for the economic health of the country. It does no good to point out that millions of private judgments—by entrepreneurs, bankers, workers and families—go into making the economy work better or worse. It is equally pointless to argue that the more national boundaries to trade disappear, the more our prosperity turns on events and decisions made far from our shores.

If you want to know what is sustaining Clinton in his hour of maximum peril, remember the slogan in the Little Rock "war room" during the 1992 campaign: "It's the economy, stupid."

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Outside consulting firm recommends $33 million in future maintenance

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[not replace] the fire alarm system, add fire doors and test the electrical panels, which is really important when you consider how old our buildings are. Approximately $600,000 of the deferred maintenance money was for life systems—things we need to do to protect our students."

Director of Residence Life Allan Blattner concurred, adding that although he was not aware of the extensive nature of the life safety repairs, he agrees with the initial focus of the recommendations.

"I didn't realize there would be so many life safety issues," Blattner said. "People won't come back next year and go 'wow,' but considering our past it's necessary. We've had a fire every year I've been here, but we've been lucky so far in terms of injury."

Both Hannah and Scanlan said that projects such as scanning the electrical systems are essential to the current and future safety of a building and are relatively inexpensive as well. In addition, the scans can prevent future, and much more costly, problems. Another project which required immediate attention was the boiler in Caflisch, which also provided an opportunity for a slight upgrade, according to Hannah.

"In Caflisch we needed to install a new boiler," Hannah said. "We'd like to get rid of steam systems and replace them with hot water boilers. Most of the pipes can be replaced with the installation of water boilers."

In addition to the obvious technological values, installing water boilers enables the college to improve its aesthetics. The pipes associated with steam boilers are extremely unattractive, according to Scanlan, and create an unpleasant living environment.

"When someone's mother is walking through Caflisch, they see the pipe and what we call the submarine look," Scanlan said. "Mothers don't want their children living in a submarine."

In addition, there is a need for additional housing on campus, according to Reynders and Blattner. The report stated that the college needs somewhere between 40 and 314 rooms, depending on factors such as other projects and percentage of students on campus.

"Long-term we need more housing," Reynders said. "I don't know where we'll get the area, but there's no avoiding this issue in the future."

Blattner affirmed Reynders' statement, adding that although the exact number will vary each year, more housing is currently under consideration.

"It [the number of rooms needed] depends on which year you're looking at," Blattner said. "This year we're tight. I am coming up with a long-term plan in terms of college housing needs. A lot will depend on student needs and a desire to relieve crowding and provide more options."

Blattner added that student participation will be a major contributor to any future housing additions to the campus. He would like the process to be similar to the one which arrived at the plan for College Court.

"A student essentially sketched the layout of College Court," Blattner said. "We need that kind of student support. Students seem to want single rooms with a balance of privacy and community space. It's our job to decide which is more important. We also have to consider if we'd rather add housing oriented toward upperclassmen, like College Court, or something to give better options to younger students."

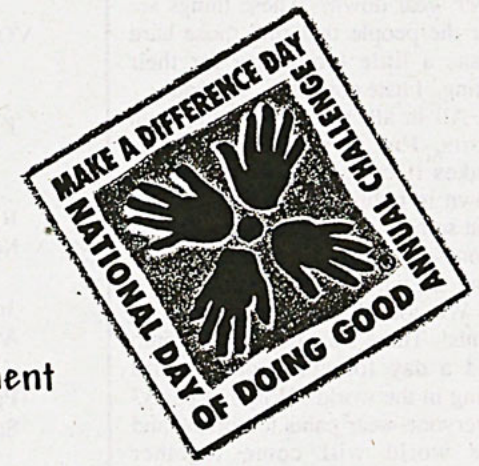
According to Scanlan, providing more options for underclassmen is one possible option to make the college's housing options more attractive. He said that housing is a major consideration for many prospective college students and one of the areas in which Allegheny is lacking.

In the future, however, there's no guarantee that the land available can even be used for a residence hall. According to Hannah, there is problem with zoning. The land on campus is zoned for use by the college. However, if the college were to buy houses and destroy them—one of the more feasible options—the land would still be residential. He added that changing zoning areas is a difficult process.

While no one is sure from where the funds will emerge, Reynders asserted that deferred maintenance is something to which the college is committed. According to Reynders, however, future options depend heavily on the availability of outside funding for larger projects.

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Arts & Living

Step forward for the gay, lesbian and bisexual community

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Thoughout the United States, Oct. 11, Coming Out Day, was viewed as yet another step forward for the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities who promoted awareness of homosexuals' presence within society. Allegheny took part in the celebration with Coming Out Week, beginning Monday, Oct. 5 and lasting until Sunday.

"During the past several years, the theme of Coming Out Week has been 'Equality Through Visibility,'" stated sophomore Miranda Crotsley, president of Allegheny Gay Pride (AGP). Crotsley also stated that the purpose of the week is to "get the campus aware of the gay, lesbian and bisexual people on campus and in society in general."

Crotsley continued, "We want to make gays, lesbians and bisexuals visible and also show their allies so people know there is support for them on campus. A lot of it, though, especially Friday and Saturday, is just to have fun."

Students who wished to show support for Coming Out Week could sign a colored piece of construction paper, distributed in Cochran Hall, which at the end of the week was linked with all the other signatures and hung in McKinley's.

Crotsley discussed the purpose of AGP. "We are here to educate both the community and the students about who we are," she said. "We are visible for those who have questions about themselves or our organization in general. There are some assumptions throughout life which classify the 'straight' role as the norm, but once someone pushes back and realizes that it is OK to be different, we come into play as the support that they may need."

Events of the week included a dance held on Friday night in McKinley's and a showing of "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" on Saturday night. Also on Saturday night, the band Cousin Stanley played in McKinley's.

Some people think that Coming Out Week is an unfair celebration of something that should be kept quiet. Many wonder why homosexual individuals receive their own day of promotion, while the heterosexual population has no such day or week.

Sophomore Melissa Malacki inquired, "If [homosexuals] are comfortable with who they are and who everyone else sees them as, then why do they need us to back them up? Making a national affair out of [sexuality] is ridiculous."

Faculty members generally were very supportive of the week. There are two faculty members seated on the Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People and a number of others often sit in on panel discussion.

Campus Chaplain John Colatch is one of the most supportive adult figures. He described himself as "one of the many advocates who is here to help and just listen to both the gay students and those in support of them."

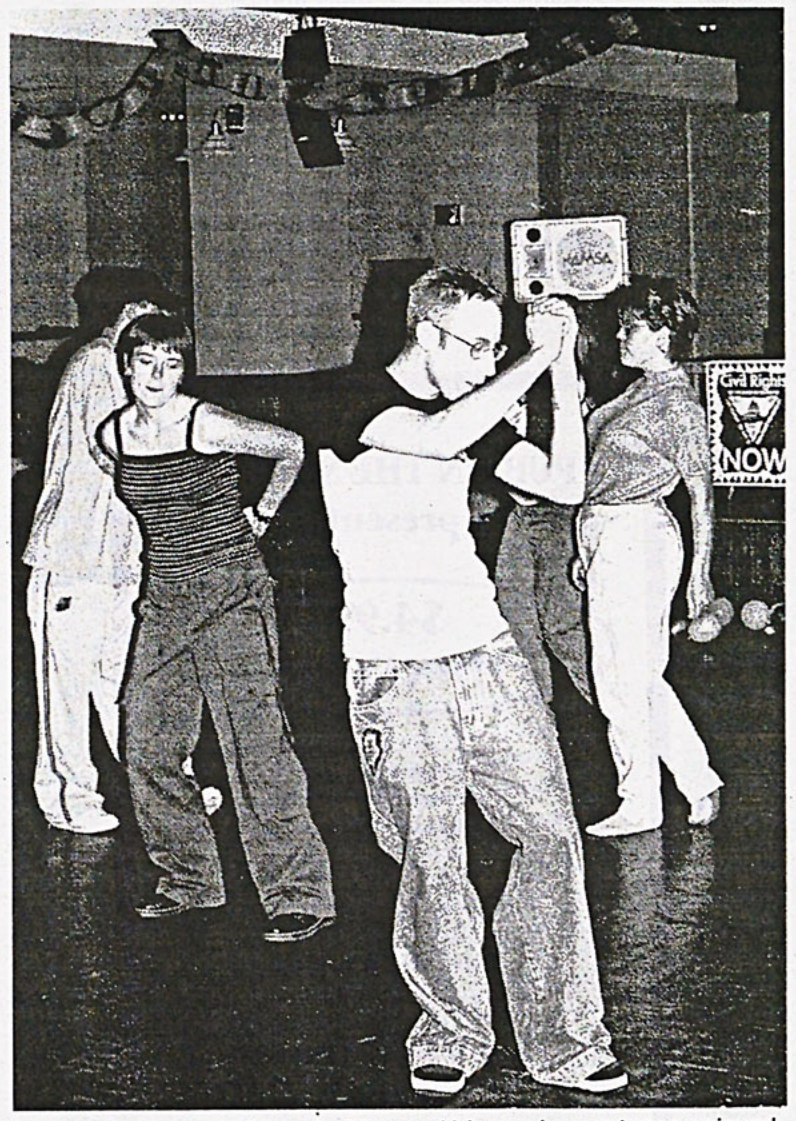
Colatch invited Jimmy Creech, a United Methodist pastor who performed a lesbian wedding last September in defiance of his church's guidelines, to speak at Allegheny last month.

"There are 247 [Methodist ministers] who have signed a document stating that we would perform the [homosexual wedding] ceremony. Some people are trying to turn me in but they can't punish me for having a belief," said Colatch.

Colatch's support is not representative of the Methodist Church's formal opinion, but there is an increasing feeling of acceptance towards homosexuals in many religions.

In the Unitarian Church, for example, Crotsley said, "Gay ministers are given the chance to practice without the negative accusations."

Crotsley said she felt that this year's Coming Out Week was a success. "Every year we get more and more support, not only with the incoming freshmen but also with the community in general. People realize, 'This is cool, I can hang out with these people,'" she said.



Students in support of gay, lesbian and bisexual acceptance enjoyed the Coming Out Day dance on Friday, Oct. 9 in McKinley's. The event was part of Coming Out Week, which was declared a success by Allegheny Gay Pride (AGP) members. -photo by Robin Marjoram

"Zoot Suit Riot" in Montgomery Dance Studio

By JENNIFER MIDGLEY
Arts & Living Editor

Senior Sarah Toohey saw a problem with Allegheny's social dance classes: they were getting much too popular. "It's like bumper cars," she said. "The guys are learning to steer, instead of lead."

As part of the dance's department's new initiatives to include more students in dance activities, Toohey has formed the Allegheny Social Dance Ensemble. The group will focus on swing dancing this semester, meeting every Thursday from 9 to 10 p.m. in the Montgomery Performance Space.

The Social Dance Ensemble joins the five dance groups already in existence: Orchesis, Friday Improv UnLtd., Allegheny Liturgical Dance, Allegheny Dance Team and Allegheny Repertory Dance (ARD).

However, Toohey said she sees a need for the type of environment created by the Social Dance Ensemble, which she described as more informal than the other dance groups. "Anyone can come do this," she said. "All you have to do is communicate with your partner."

Toohey also said that with the increased interest in dance activities on campus, Allegheny's dance coordinator Jan Hyatt felt there was a calling for this type of activity.

Eighty-five students signed in on Oct. 1, the group's first meeting, and 69 students signed in last Thursday, Oct. 8. Toohey said she thinks a number of students didn't sign in, however. "I counted a lot more on the dance floor," she said.

The Thursday night meetings begin with 10 minutes of free dance, then a brief lesson at 9:10. "I teach a basic step, a turn, and a trick—a new trick every week so even people who come all the time can learn something new," Toohey said. She added that so far, she has done all the teaching herself, but she hopes other interested students will step forward soon.

After the lesson, students dance until 10 p.m. Toohey said, however, that the meetings generally go overtime by 15 or 20 minutes.

Couples generally are one male and one female, but Toohey said the group thinks about the partnerships more as "leaders" and "followers," and students can fill the role they prefer.

Swing dancing is more informal with regards to leading and following than some other dance forms, such as the waltz and tango, in which men always move forward and women always move backward, according to Toohey.

"Some guys just don't get [leading]," Toohey said, "but it's important to have someone who can follow well—otherwise leading is really hard."

Toohey said that at the end of last year, she and Hyatt had talked about the possibility of a square dance group, because of the number of students in the square dance portion of ARD's "Over Time..." show.

However, because of the recent popularity of swing dancing, and because Toohey herself enjoys it, the group will spend at least this semester focusing on swing.

"The point [of starting this group] was really so I could have somewhere to go and swing dance," Toohey said with a laugh. "I thought maybe other people would enjoy it too."

Toohey took a social dance class during her sophomore year, and

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Wise weekends coming

By DIXON STARZ
Assistant Sports Editor

Live from the Wise Center, it's Saturday night!

Allegheny College students soon will have the chance to escape their usual Friday or Saturday night routine—several after-hours weekend events at the Wise Center are scheduled to begin in November.

Some of the activities planned include an ultimate frisbee tournament, ASG Night, the Wise Gladiators Team Challenge and the Schick 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. The events are open to all students and spectators are encouraged to attend. In addition, Pizza Hut pizza and sodas will be served at the conclusion of each event.

Assistant Athletic Director Jeff Groff, who helped to organize the events, explained that the weekend events give students a chance to utilize fully the new facility and to do something productive on nights that often involve binge drinking and party-hopping.

"We think [the Wise Center] is a great building and we'd like to use it more than we have in the past. This is just another way to give our students a chance to come in here and participate in something really worthwhile," Groff said.

The first event, the ultimate frisbee tournament, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 14. Teams of six will compete against each other in a tournament format to eventually determine the champion. Rosters will be collected throughout October and tournament brackets and schedules will be set by Nov. 5.

The lone Friday night event, ASG Night, is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 4. From 8 to 10 p.m., students will participate in events chosen by ASG representatives. Though not yet determined, these events may include volleyball and racquetball tournaments.

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Summer jobs bring challenges, inspiration

By PATIENCE L. BARTUNEK
Assistant Arts and Living Editor

Long hours, runs to Starbucks for coffee, new challenges and inspiration for the future—three Allegheny students found all of this through their summer jobs, which went above and beyond the call of pad-your-wallet duty.

Jackie Skroupa '00, Julie Barkovich '00, and Emily Kelly-Padden '99 found positions as apprentices at Pittsburgh's Civic Light Opera. Skroupa and Barkovich were apprentices to the director and the stage manager and Kelly-Padden was an apprentice for props. They worked through 4 shows—"GiGi," "Phantom" (not "of the Opera"), "On the Town" and "Camelot."

Not only were they involved in the aforementioned performances, they got to rub elbows with the stars. Gavin MacLoud (Captain Steubing on "Loveboat"), Patrick Cassidy (David Cassidy's brother), Jerry Tellier (from Broadway's "Smokey Joe's Cafe"), Newel Harrison (son of Rex Harrison), and Kellie Rabke (narrator in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" on Broadway) were just a few people the three were amazed to meet.

However, the summer was not all shows and stars; it was a lot of hard work. "I worked 6 to 7 days a week, 12 hours a day. It was intense. I've never worked that hard in my entire life," said Kelly-Padden. As the props apprentice she made props—out of anything and everything.

The first set of props were the rehearsal props. These are comprised of anything similar to what the actual props will be. While the actors worked with these Kelly-Padden helped to create the real props.

This meant shopping, sewing and painting. After these were completed, some had to be redone to please the director.

Kelly-Padden didn't spend much time with the cast, but got to meet plenty of characters anyway. Props were painted in an alley behind the theater adjacent to the Pittsburgh Culinary Institute and she said she was hit on about five times a day by "random, scary-looking little chefs in training."

Although she didn't find that special chef, she made plans for her future. After graduation she said she expects to get her MFA in design and then move into directing.

Barkovich also put in plenty of hours. "I had to be at rehearsals daily from 10 to 6 and at the 8 p.m. performance—14 hours a day, seven days a week for six weeks" said Barkovich. Her main job was to help run the shows—to know where everything and everyone needed to be and when they needed to be there, she said.

Barkovich dealt with a variety of actors. Those with big egos posed a challenge—that of keeping her mouth shut. However, not all the actors had big egos.

"Newel Harrison was so approachable, he was a real person," she said. Her work also brought her close to the ensemble, sometimes too close. The last night Barkovich "got flashed by a 40 year old member of the ensemble—it was embarrassing but funny!"

Barkovich found out about the position through Kelly-Padden. She is planning on a career in stage managing and has gained plenty of connections.

"I ran for lots of coffee from Starbucks," joked Skroupa. She was required to be at every rehearsal sitting beside the director "on book," running lines for all the actors on stage. "Captain Steubing asked me for a line," she said. "It was awesome!"

Skroupa's position kept her in close contact with the ensemble, which not only led to great connections, but also friendships. Two of the actors have been keeping in close touch with Skroupa. She even went to New York to visit them—they are connections that Skroupa is glad to have.

However, these are not the only connections she made. "I was kissed by every gay male in the ensemble," she said.

Skroupa learned about this position through the Office of Career Services. This position has cemented Skroupa's career choice—she plans on going into arts management to become a producer.

Grads, students mingle at career dinner

By KRISTY L. WHISKER
Assistant Arts & Living Editor

Decorated with silver candles, tablecloths, linen napkins and live plants, Schultz dining hall was transformed last Friday night to kick off Homecoming '98 with the Office of Career Services' (OCS) fifth annual Career Connections Dinner.

In attendance were some 40 alumni and friends of the college representing various career fields, as well as seventy-six Allegheny students of mixed majors and interests. According to OCS Assistant Director Virginia Marbella, the purpose of the event was threefold: to give students more reinforcement and information about their field of interest, to help them determine what fields might not be for them, and to open up new possibilities students may not have previously considered.

Divided into 20 tables representing the fields of business, health, government/law, social services, arts/communication, technology, science, education and physics/ engineering, students were matched with alumni and professionals from the Meadville area currently employed in careers in which the students expressed interest.

In addition, students were not limited to their assigned tables, but rather were encouraged to talk to professionals seated at other tables to acquire as much information and advice as possible.

Many students took advantage of the opportunity to mingle with alumni both before and after dinner. One such student, Jennifer Scaringe ('02) said, "The dinner was very helpful in that it gave students a chance to hear people in the field talk about their experiences, giving us a better perspective of what those jobs are really like. "

Planning for event began in August when over 700 letters were sent to alumni and friends of the college living primarily in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Erie, and the Meadville areas. Thirty-four additional letters were sent to Alumni Council members.

Many phone calls were also made, both by OCS and alumni. According to Marbella, some alumni called other graduates to ask if they'd be interested in attending. Others called OCS directly to volunteer their Friday evening to attend the dinner. "It's very encouraging to see such a commitment to students by alumni," said Marbella.

Leah Lubin ('00) said Ann Areson ('67) spoke with such sincerity that it truly made me believe that anything is possible. Now all I have to do is take that first step."

One senior student, who wished to remain anonymous, expressed disappointment in the recruitment of computer technology alumni for the dinner. "It was helpful but did not represent a big part of the computer and technological field. So in that manner it was lacking."

At the dinner, students were provided words of advice from Allegheny grads responding to the question, "What is the best piece of advice that you can give to a college student regarding their career development?"

Senior Vice President of National Retail Bank John Kutz ('83) said, "As with life in general, treat people fairly and with respect; honor their different views."

Managing Director of Cornerstone Research Chris Nelson ('73) replied, "Spend the first half of your career exploring new opportunities and the second half focusing on specialization."

Museum Educator Judy Mitchell ('60) said, "Don't be afraid to reach for what you want, but remember that most goals are reached one step at a time."

This year's dinner, the largest since its creation in 1994, had a waiting list. Senior Michael Hinzman said, "I wish I would have gone to that. I missed it because I wasn't on the ball. I hear it was a good dinner."

Allen schtick not so annoying— "Antz" a good bet

By BOB BRITTEN
Arts & Living Writer

Like Woody Allen? Go see "Antz."

Hate Woody Allen? I'm going to hazard an opinion here (a daring chance for a film reviewer to take, but we all need to try new things), and say that you should go see it anyway. If you really can't stand him, you might want to stay away, because he lays on the schtick pretty heavily. I'd say grin and bear it though, because this is a movie you shouldn't miss. Risking an Exacto-knife stabbing by my editor (I do it all for you guys), I'll make the effort to back this up. Read on, True Believers.

Movie Review

Who's involved in this little film venture? Probably every voice in "Antz" is a celebrity of some sort. It has everything from the aforementioned Allen to Stallone to Danny Glover to Ann Bancroft—and then some. As for directing, this film is headed up by Eric Darnell and Lawrence Guterman.

I've never heard of them, either. If this is what you base your film-viewing decisions on, I'm afraid you're flying blind on this one.

To clarify things for a few people who said they had no idea how all these people could star in a movie that was supposed to be about ants: This movie is computer generated, courtesy of the fine folks at Dreamworks.

There are no real ants here—not one. Woody Allen did not strap on an extra set of arms and some antennae for the role. With the exception of a few disappointed entomology majors, I think most viewers will probably find this preferable. Real ants tend to burn up and die under a 5,000-watt Kleig light.

The film begins with a voice-over by Worker Ant Z-4195 (Allen). In a bold career move, Allen plays Z as a neurotic, repressed kind of ant with overwhelming feelings of inadequacy and a lack of satisfaction with the way his life is going.

All ants in the colony have a specific niche to fill, be it worker, soldier, or royal-family-type ant. Z isn't happy with this and says he's always felt inadequate as a worker ("I've never been able to lift more than maybe ten times my body weight"). With millions of ants in the colony, however, it's not terribly likely that Z is going to find any kind of fulfillment any time soon.

The real industrial-tire-iron-to-the-head here appears in the form of Princess Bala (Sharon Stone), who comes into the workers' bar looking for a good time. As if I needed to tell you, Z meets Bala, falls in love, finds out too late who she is, and so on.

To get close to her, Z switches places with his soldier friend, Weaver (Stallone), but ends up getting shipped off to war against termites, being a soldier and all.

Z attains hero status when he returns as the sole survivor of the war and encourages ideas of individuality within many ants in the colony.

From this point, the movie goes on through various scenes involving pseudo-communist messages, a quest for the promised land, and some morality lessons that are actually not overly painful. The individuality of each ant is placed in the balance against the necessity of the totalitarian colony. It's no "1984," but it's not too bad.

I wasn't sure what complaints I would have about this film. Though I love Woody Allen, he's not doing anything different than he's been doing for the last 20 years in terms of his monologues and one-liners.

Sylvester Stallone as the good-hearted soldier and Christopher Walken and Gene Hackman as the corrupt military officials are all playing very comfortable and established roles for themselves.

But that's part of the beauty of the movie. All of the characters in "Antz" are stereotypes, which is precisely the message the film is bringing to the table. These characters are all carbon copies of archetypes from any number of movies and TV shows, which helps to illustrate the demand for conformity here, even in the quest for individuality.

I don't know what kind of message you can take away from this—you could come to some existence-affirming epiphany about all life being precious, or you could just conclude that life in an anthill really sucks. Either one is valid. But don't let the blatant typecasting sour you to the movie, because it is definitely intentional.

Enough of that. Why does your inner seven-year-old want to see this movie? Well, it's about talking ants, for crying out loud. The computer generation is incredible, probably some of the smoothest stuff I've ever seen.

You've also got a "Starship Troopers"-esque battle of the ants vs. the termites, the talking severed head of Danny Glover, Woody Allen's mouth running on overdrive (it's nothing new, but I still love it), a couple of insect stoners with a fecal habit, and more celebrity insect cameos than you can shake a plastic whiffle bat at, most notably Dan Akroyd and Jane Curtain as a pair of WASPs at a picnic.

Although only rated PG, "Antz" isn't really a kids' flick. Not because of any excessive gore or sexuality (I was impressed that the animators resisted the urge to give the female ants the typical cartoon C-cups), but because most kids probably wouldn't get it. A lot of the jokes are more mature and a great deal of the subject matter is related to political matters and such.

If we keep putting out films like this and shows like "The Simpsons" (yes, you read that right), maybe the stigma that cartoon productions lack any real intrinsic value can be eliminated.

Of course, maybe that wouldn't be such a good thing—I have a full collection of "Space Ghost" tapes in the closet.

"Antz" is a film you'll laugh at, think about, and probably enjoy in spite of any dislike of the characters. I'd say full price is fair for this, because it's definitely worth seeing on the big screen.

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New student-run dance group has that swing

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spent time in a swing club last summer, where she learned the tricks she teaches during the meetings.

Toohey said the group is very social and relaxed. "You can ask somebody to dance but not be coming on to them," she said. "It's not like in a bar or a club or something, where you dance with someone and then you're stuck with them until you leave."

She added, "People don't just dance with the partner they come with. You can dance with someone, and then say, 'OK, thanks for the dance,' and go dance with someone else." In this way, Toohey said, students learn more about the dance because they deal with different partners.

The group uses no funding from the dance department. It uses the Playshop Theatre's sound equipment, students bring their own CDs, and sophomore Adam Chaiten deejays.

As for the problem of overcrowding in social dance classes, even more students are becoming enthused about social dance now that this new, informal group has formed. Toohey said that at last week's meeting, "People came up to me and said, 'I'm coming back next week and bringing 20 of my friends.'"

"I don't know where we're going to put them all," she said.

Alternative to aimless weekend wandering

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The Wise Gladiators Team Challenge, an Olympics-like event unlike any the campus has seen, will be held the following night, Dec. 5. Student teams will compete in various challenges testing their speed, stamina and strength on both the interior forum and the upstairs track of the Wise Center.

An obstacle course organized by Bill Ross, head coach of men's and women's track and women's cross country, and the track team, will also be held that night.

At the conclusion of the event, points will be tallied up and T-shirts awarded to the overall winners.

March Madness comes four months early for the final event, the Schick 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, on Saturday, Dec. 12. The field will be narrowed down to the Final Four through a series of half-court contests, and eventually a champion will be crowned. T-shirts and bags will be awarded to each team which reaches the Final Four and the winners will walk away with new intramural mugs.

Overall, Groff stated, early response to the program has been positive and enthusiastic and he is optimistic about the future of the Saturday night events.

"We'll see how it goes this fall, and hopefully we'll have more events planned this spring," he said.

Though some students might still prefer to wander aimlessly around campus on their weekend nights, at least now there is an alternative.

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What Dreams May Come (2:15; 4:30; 7:15; 9:30; Wed. 4:10)

Bride of Chucky (2:25; 4:35; 7:25; 9:35; Wed. 4:35)

Afternoon times are for Saturday and Sunday only

A new physical education class, PE 204: Introduction to Butoh Improvisation, a Japanese avant-garde dance form, will begin Oct. 22 and run until Dec. 15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:45. The course is open to dancers and non-dancers; no experience is necessary. It will be taught by dance instructor A. Lani Fand in Montgomery Dance Studio. Butoh's principal founder, Tatsumi Hijikata, created it as a form of dance which allows the spirit and the soul to guide the body. What to expect? A stimulating challenge for your mind and body.

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Kristy—Sleep is important for proper body function!!!!!

Personals

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Happy Fall Break—try and miss me!
Love, Che-Na

A&L would like to tell Perspectives that we OWN all those Exacto knives. And the rulers. And stop trying to strangle Jen. She's had a rough week, man.

Tim...Everything in Bio was all your fault...you imbecile!!!!!!

Personals

Lauren — no children or small animals...that's sick!!!

Meghs—You live in BROOKS...not the basement of Carr!!!!!

A&L wishes everyone a happy fall break, because it's a very nice section. When you get back, write for it. Not that you owe us anything.

I think Luke has been denied the use of the personals section.

Jen would like you all to know that she did NOT forget about page 12. Eat that, Luke.

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Eyes wide open



Sophomore midfielder Meredith Stone looks to pass to an open teammate in Saturday's loss to Ohio Wesleyan in NCAC competition. With the loss, the Gators fell to 6-7-1 on the season and 1-2 in NCAC play.

—photo by Robin Marjoram

Will you be here over fall break? Need something to do? Make the trip to Robertson Field on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 to watch either the men's soccer team or football team take on their respective NCAC opponents. The Sports section guarantees, you'll be glad you did.

Defense dominates in Gators' win

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seconds left to play.

The Gators' final stats for the game were dominant, as the defense allowed just eight first downs and an average of 1.8 yards per play to the Quakers. Allegheny's offense totaled 27 first downs and 7.2 yards per play for the game.

Senior linebacker Corey Belaney led the way defensively for the Gators with a team-high 11 tackles and 3-1/2 sacks. For his efforts, Belaney was named NCAC Defensive Player of the Week.

Senior defensive back Matt Pierce made eight tackles in the win and had two sacks. Junior Liam Brennan added eight tackles, and sophomore Joe Rossi and freshman Ralph Tune each finished with a sack.

Miller led the team in rushing with 77 yards, while Buchanan (66), Ream (61), Snyder (55) and sophomore Adam Stanley (57) each contributed to the ground game for the Gators.

Miller finished eight of 14 passing on the day for 138 yards and three touchdowns. Six led the way with three receptions for 32 yards, while Francis hauled in two balls for 67 yards.

The Gators game this weekend will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Robertson Field. Allegheny then goes on the road for two weeks, playing against Wooster on Oct. 24 and Ohio Wesleyan on Oct. 31.

Men's soccer win streak ends at four

By PAT SHELDON
Sports Editor

Allegheny's men's soccer team stretched its winning streak to four on Oct. 7 with a 1-0 victory over Case Western Reserve University, but fell to Ohio Wesleyan on Saturday in a tight NCAC contest.

The Gators' defense was strong against Case Western, limiting the number of shots on goal, while junior goalkeeper Rich Phelps also turned in a strong performance. Phelps made four saves and picked up his first shutout victory of the season.

The game-winning goal against Case Western was scored by freshman Patrick Redman. Redman delivered the score on a penalty kick.

It was the third time this season Redman has scored the game winner for the Gators. He currently leads the team and is fourth in the NCAC in scoring with 10 goals and two assists.

Redman also scored against Ohio Wesleyan last Saturday, as did senior John Kapsiak, but it wasn't enough for the Gators in the 3-2 loss.

With the loss to Ohio Wesleyan, the Gators dropped to 7-4-3 on the year and 2-2 in the NCAC, which places them in a tie for third place.

Yesterday Allegheny hosted Wooster, but results were not available at press time. Saturday the Gators play host to NCAC rival Oberlin in a 1:30 p.m. start.

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David Wells says "This one's for you" with strong pitching performance in game four win

CLEVELAND (AP)—Last week, the battle cry in New York was "Remember the Alomar." By the time Game 6 started Tuesday night, it might have been "Do it for David's Mom."

"To those idiots out there, this one's for you," Wells said Sunday after the Yankees beat Cleveland 5-3 to take a 3-2 lead in the AL championship series.

Wells doesn't take any guff from Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, whom he confronted in August 1997. So he wasn't about to take it quietly when some fans taunted his late mother.

Eugenia, who died in January 1997, was known to some of her friends as Attitude Annie. She taught him to be proud and to be tough, and her name is tattooed on his back.

After Cleveland fans booed him when he walked off the mound in the eighth inning, Wells doffed his cap and waved it at the crowd. Then he took more shots at the fans than their heroes got off him.

"The first inning I was a little disturbed because of some reactions I got out there when I was warming up," Wells said. "When you get a bunch of clowns out there that start talking about your mother and not knowing that my mom passed away a year-and-a-half ago, it really bothered me. What got me more was some little kids out there starting to do the same thing."

Now the fans at Yankee Stadium are known for their talents at coming up with new combinations of taunts. There's a reason it's called The Bronx Zoo.

"I played against the Yankees for a long time and I never heard anybody get personal with my family members," Wells said. "They can be crazy, can be wild, and that's part of the game. That's fine. They're entitled. But I think it's only fair you talk about that individual instead of bringing other people into it. This is not the first time it's happened in Cleveland with me."

At times, he leaves the impression he carries all of the Yankees' hopes across that burly back—a rock 'n' roll biker who's not afraid of any challenge, a Terminator who will blast through any barrier.

"He's the leader on this team," Steinbrenner said. "I know when Baltimore let us have him, they thought they were giving us a problem. I'll take problems like that anytime."

Sometimes, Wells doesn't need to be a superhero. Sometimes, he struggles. But even then, he's no average pitcher.

"He's an animal. He goes at you. Tonight was a really gritty performance on his part," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He fights it, he battles it. I'm probably prouder of this effort tonight than maybe the shutouts or the perfect game for that matter because of when it happened and what it meant to us and he didn't panic."

Wells struck out 11, his highest total in 19 career postseason games, allowing seven hits and one walk in 7 1-3 innings. He improved to 3-0 in the playoffs this year and 7-1 overall in postseason play.

"I think it's a real testimony to his ability that he was able to pitch as deep as he did into the game and to limit a very good ballclub to three runs," Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove said. "It didn't look like he had command of his pitches like he has had in the past, but he still went out and did what good pitchers do and found a way to keep his team in the ballgame."

Who's too short to play quarterback in the NFL now?

ORCHARD PARK, New York (AP)—Rob Johnson may be the Buffalo Bills' quarterback of the future. At the RCA Dome in Indianapolis on Sunday, Doug Flutie was the quarterback of the moment.

If Johnson is the franchise, Flutie is the corner store.

For years and years the 5-foot-10 (1.75-meter) Flutie—every backyard quarterback's hero—heard the same thing: You're too small, too small, too small.

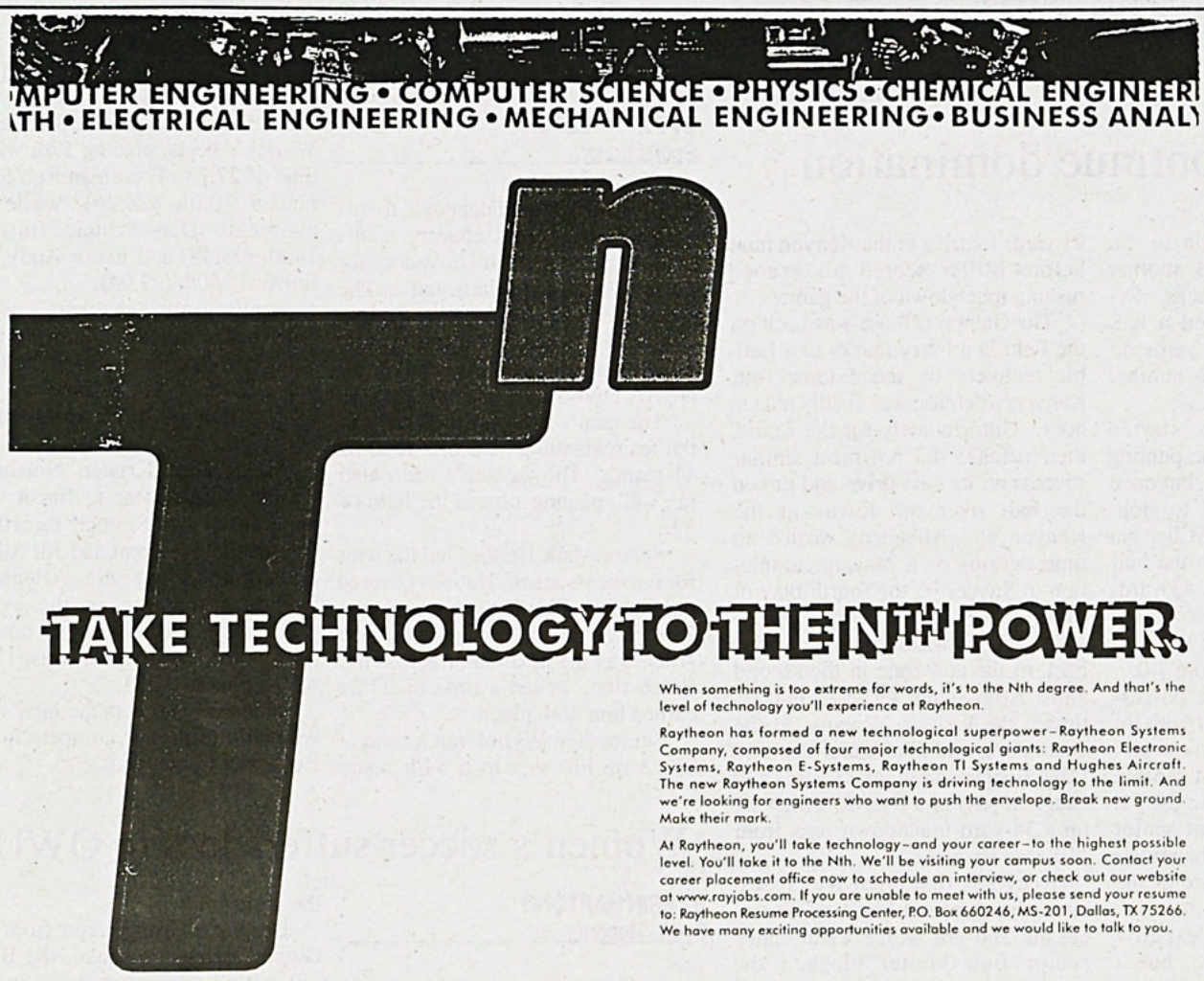
Even when it wasn't worded exactly that way, that's what it always sounded like to him. But on Sunday, the 35-year-old got a big chance to prove he can play. And he made the most of it.

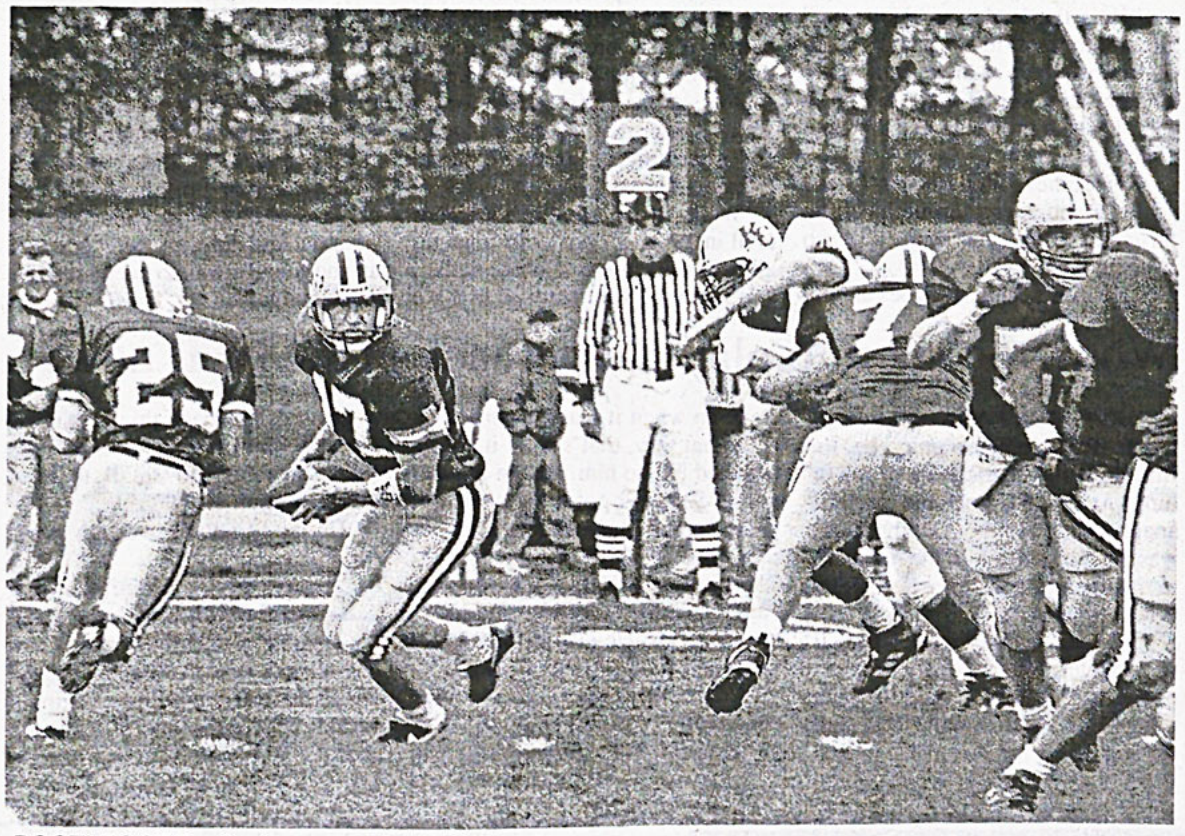
Flutie was 23-of-28 for 213 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. He also rushed for 23 yards and avoided getting sacked.

As good as Flutie looked on paper, though, he looked even better on the field. He scrambled, he ran, he passed. He made things happen. On this day at least, nobody told Flutie he was too small to be a quarterback in the NFL.

Certainly not Bills coach Wade Phillips.

"Doug had an outstanding game," said Phillips, who noted that on a couple of occasions when Colts quarterback Peyton Manning had his passes batted down Flutie jokingly yelled, "He's too short! He's too short!"





BOOTLEGGER—Senior quarterback Chris Miller fakes a handoff to senior halfback Dave Buchanan and prepares to roll out in Saturday's 56-0 victory over Kenyon. Miller led the Gators in rushing with 77 yards and passing with 138 yards.
—photo by Nathan Hedin

Allegheny football looks to continue domination

By PAT SHELDON
Sports Editor

A week after being shut out by Wittenberg, the Allegheny football team handed out its first shutout since 1995 in a convincing 56-0 win over Kenyon. This week the Gators will look for their second dominating performance in a row when the 1-4 Earlham Quakers come to town.

The Quakers face tough odds coming seven hours to Robertson Field to face the Gators. Earlham has never beaten Allegheny in 13 attempts, including nine losses since the Quakers joined the NCAC in 1989. The Gators got a scare last season when the Quakers took a 14-13 lead in the third quarter, but Allegheny bounced back to take a 35-21 win.

This season Earlham has struggled in almost every phase of the game. The Quakers' rus' ng offense is averaging just 10 .4 yards per game, but that is 20 y ds better than the 80.4 yards Ea' nam's offense generates through .e air. The Quakers also have bee held scoreless in the first half e every game this season.

Defensively, Ea.lham has not fared any better. The Quakers' opposition has rolled up 185 yards per game on the ground and 224.4 yards per game through the air. In addition, Earlham allows an average of 39.2 points per game.

If the Gators play the way they did in last week's win, Earlham should pose no challenge. Allegheny set an NCAC and school record by limiting Kenyon to -56 yards rushing, as well as another school record with nine sacks. Offensively, the Gators used a balanced attack to gain 418 yards on the ground, while adding another 148 through the air.

Allegheny's offense started somewhat slowly last week, punting on its first two possessions, but once it got started it was hard to stop. Senior quarterback Chris Miller got things going when he kept the ball on the option and sprinted 43 yards for a touchdown. Senior kicker Kevin Bowser hit his first of eight extra points, making the score 7-0.

On their next offensive possession, the Gators ran the ball with increasing success to the Kenyon six-yard line before an illegal motion penalty pushed them back to the 11. Two plays later, Miller hit senior tight end Nathan Six over the middle for the Gators' second score of the day.

The Gators began their next drive on their own 20-yard line, but it proved to be one of their quickest scoring drives of the day. After runs of 16 and 11 yards by sophomores Shane Ream and Justin Shear, Miller found senior receiver Jason Francis wide open on the Allegheny sideline for a 33-yard gain. On the next play, sophomore tailback Jeremy Snyder wove through the Lords' defense on a 20-yard touchdown run.

The Gators' offense orchestrated its fourth successive scoring drive, using its strong ground attack and two completions to Six for a total of 21 yards to drive to the Kenyon nine before Miller scored his second rushing touchdown of the game.

The Gators' offense was back on the field in a hurry thanks to a fumble recovery by the defense, but Kenyon's defense was finally able to hold. Unfortunately for the Lords, their offense did not meet similar success on its next drive and turned the ball over on downs at the Kenyon 45. Allegheny wasted no time, scoring on a 24-yard completion to Snyder on the fourth play of the drive for a 35-0 half time lead.

Allegheny wasted no time getting back to the end zone in the second half. After senior Chad Paolini returned the kickoff 37 yards to the Gators' 42-yard line, senior halfback Dave Buchanan ran for 13 yards and caught a pass of 11 yards, which set up a 34-yard touchdown pass from Miller to Francis.

Kenyon's first offensive possession of the second half was unsuccessful and got worse when Gator senior Bob Matter blocked the Lords' punt. Allegheny regained possession at the 17-yard line and scored on the fourth play of the drive, a five-yard run by Buchanan.

The Gators' offense switched gears to a ball control-type attack and gave the non-starters a chance to gain some playing time after taking a 49-0 lead with 10:49 left in the third quarter, which resulted in a long but meaningless scoring drought. Allegheny added its final score on a 12-yard touchdown run by freshman Matt Majocka with 23

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Volleyball splits NCAC matches

By TIM BAUMGARTNER
Sports Reporter

The Allegheny volleyball team traveled to Ohio last weekend, opening up NCAC play at Denison University. Earlham College was also on the schedule for the Gators.

Allegheny fell to Denison, but rebounded in the next match, defeating a solid Earlham squad. The split kept the Gators one game under .500 at 13-14 on the year and 1-1 in NCAC play.

In the opening match against Dension, the Gators were unable to get any momentum early on and dropped the first two games by scores of 6-15 and 3-15.

Allegheny managed to come out on top in the third game (15-13), but ended up on the short end of the fourth game 14-16.

Leading the way for the Gators was the trio of Tonya Andrews, Wendy Turkovich and Bobbi Ruddock, who have each anchored the team throughout the course of the season. Andrews added to her team leading total of kills with 19 on the match. Turkovich continued her role as defensive leader with 13 digs, while Ruddock was credited with 38 assists.

The Gators did not let the loss affect them in the next match, as they rolled past Earlham 3-0 (15-7, 16-14, 15-7).

Andrews and teammate Amanda Heikkinen led the way on offense, tallying 25 and 14 kills, respectively. Angie Feathers played solidly, recording 17 digs. Ruddock paced the squad in assists with 45.

Up next for the Gators are two away matches. Allegheny took on a tough Slippery Rock team last evening (results were unavailable at press time) and travels to Wooster on Saturday to resume NCAC play. The Gators will also face Ohio Wesleyan at Wooster.

Cross country runs well at Dickinson

By PAT SHELDON
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This weekend Allegheny's men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Dickinson University for the Dickinson Invitational. The meet was held on the same course that will be used for this year's NCAA Mideast Regional and NCAA Division III Championships.

The men's team finished sixth in the team standings out of a total of 41 teams. The women's team also ran well, placing 12th in the field of 37.

Senior Mark Hudson led the way for the men's team. Hudson covered the course in 26:56 on his way to a 23rd place finish. Sophomore Brice Allen was the next Gator across the finish line. Allen's time of 27:21 earned him 46th place.

Senior Ben Wyrick ran a time of 27:35 on his way to a 54th place finish. Freshman Ben Pealer was on Wyrick's heels, placing 59th with a time of 27:38. Freshman Rob Shaw placed 106th (28:26), while his classmate Dan Princic finished 140th (28:49) and junior Andy Cyr finished 160th (29:04).

Senior Amy Schuckert was the top finisher for the Gator women. Schuckert ran the course in 19:44 to place 34th. Sophomore Alyssa Mack's time of 20:55 was good for 86th place.

Sophomore Kristen Neirinckx was the third Gator to finish with her time of 21:08, good for 101st. Freshmen Tara Trent and Jill Atherton rounded out the Allegheny women competing in the event. Trent placed 110th with her time of 21:11, while Atherton was 136th with a time of 21:31.

This weekend both the men's and women's team will compete in the Rochester Invitational.

Women's soccer suffers loss to OWU

By ERIN HARTONG
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Continuing its up and down season, the women's soccer team had its first tie and suffered another loss this past week.

The Gators traveled to Mount Union last Wednesday and tied 0-0. Allegheny's defense was strong and freshman goalkeeper Chris Terraferma had two saves.

Last Saturday the Gators took on NCAC opponent Ohio Wesleyan. Senior Alexis Emrick put the Gators on the board unassisted in the first five minutes of the game. OWU answered two minutes later, making the score 1-1.

Despite a strong effort from the Gators' defensive squad, the Bishops netted two more goals in the second half, making the final score 3-1.

Terraferma made 14 saves in the game. She has a total of 74 saves on the season.

Senior co-captain Allison Pyewell still leads the team in scoring with 10 points this season.

The Gators played an NCAC match against Wooster yesterday, but results were not available at press time. The Gators take on Kenyon and Penn State-Behrend in the upcoming week.