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Michaels named new Dean of the College

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As of July 1, 1999, Professor of English Lloyd Michaels will assume his new position as Dean of the College. President Richard Cook announced the decision shortly before the end of the fall semester.

Michaels started teaching at Allegheny in the 1972-73 academic year as an assistant professor of English, was promoted to associate professor in 1980, and to professor in 1987. Michaels is currently the Frederick F. Seely Professor of English.

Michaels graduated from Brandeis University in 1966, received his Master's from Ohio University in 1967, and his doctorate from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

According to current Dean of the College Bruce Smith, the decision was the culmination of a process initiated earlier in the semester. The president asked for nominations, and requested that letters be sent directly to him. From these nominations he compiled a list which was sent to the members of Faculty Council, with whom he discussed the candidates, generating a short list of candidates. Based on earlier discussions with faculty members, Cook then made his decision and released it to the public.

To more fully prepare Michaels for his new position, he will not teach class this semester, but instead will work closely with Smith to learn the dean's daily routine.

"We spent the first two weeks in January meeting on a regular basis. In those conversations we discussed the faculty department by department, focusing on the strengths and weaknesses of each and the dynamic within the faculty as a whole," Michaels said. "I'm trying to familiarize myself with the lay of the land."

"[Michaels] and I have been working closely. We meet on a regular basis, discussed every academic

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Reaching Out



Mohammed Bilal from "The Real World" and Will Power performs for the "Midnight Voices" opening ceremony for Black History Month.

—photo by Giancarlo Bonilla

Community reacts to impeachment procedings

By ROXANNE SCALA
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As the impeachment trial escalates with Monday's deposition of former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and Wednesday's depositions of Vernon Jordan, a personal friend of President Bill Clinton, and Sidney Blumenthal, a White House political strategist, local reaction to the Senate hearings becomes the center of attention in the Allegheny political community.

Robert Seddig, chair of the political science department, thought the impeachment process brought about many surprises.

"I was surprised it has gone as far as it has and at the strength of Henry Hyde [chief prosecutor, Representative of Illinois], and the tenacity in pursuing it beyond the House," said Seddig. "I wasn't surprised with the impeachment coming from the House, though."

Seddig went on to mention the issues of proof. "The level of proof necessary is fairly demanding and to substitute the same standards in the Senate is insufficient."

Irwin Gertzog, professor of political science, commented on the handling of the House judiciary committee.

"If the judiciary committee concluded they had to undertake impeachment," said Gertzog, "they should have been much more careful and more drawn out. They acted hastily."

Gertzog continued, saying there was insufficient attention given to the charges not only by the House judiciary committee but now by the Senate. "That failure to give attention to the record made a more partisan conflict than it should be," Gertzog added.

"The Senate is desperately looking for a way to end this trial. Representatives and senators who come from the states Clinton carried in '96 are at risk in their own re-election," attributed Gertzog. "That's why they are exploring other alternatives of convicting Clinton."

Freshman Jim Wetzel, a member of the College Republicans, commented on the division between parties. "The senators took an oath to be non-partisan, which is not true—the senators don't care," Wetzel said. "There are a lot of closed-minded senators."

"If he committed the crimes, he deserves to be tried and it says so in the constitution," said Wetzel. "With him going on television and lying, I can't trust him. His wife can't trust him!"

Junior Michael Palmer, president of Allegheny Student Government said he thinks the impeachment hearings of Clinton are partisan and not handled very well. "The Senate should have the public interest in mind."

Palmer said the trial is taking up unnecessary time. "Clinton was wrong, but it is not an impeachable offense. More things can be worked on, especially with the popularity of the president," commented Palmer. The senators could be working on an issue such as Social Security instead of the President's impeachment, Palmer continued.

Allegheny Young Democrats President Shelly Currence, a senior, shared Palmer's sentiments. "They are handling the trial poorly. I don't feel they should be looking into the president's personal life. It's partisan all the way. It's all very unfair. If they went into the senators' lives, they would find the same thing," she said.

Inside this week's *Campus*:

—changes in the college's computing system
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—Bill Clinton's "kangaroo court"
—NCAC basketball showdown with Wittenberg

College shifting computer platform NeXT year

By TIFFANY HRACH
News Writer

Starting next semester the NeXTSTEP system will no longer be available for Allegheny's population. The system is being phased out and replaced by Windows NT due to the unavailability of software and applications for NeXTSTEP. Members of Allegheny College Computing Services (ACCS) are preparing the systems and members of the college community for the changes—and the justification.s

NEXT will be phased out based on the decision of the Summer Working Group, a committee of faculty, staff and administrators from different departments. The process will be overseen by ACCS, which wants to keep things calm and running smoothly, so the transition from NeXTSTEP to full Windows NT will be easier on faculty, staff and students.

"The NeXT hardware hasn't been available for years and as far as the technology of the replacement program goes...every year one-quarter of the equipment on campus should be changed out," said Tim Hunter, Director of Technical and Network Services (TNS). "For many years that never happened...so this year and next year we're playing catch up." Two hundred and fifty new Dell machines were installed in the labs and in faculty and staff offices over the summer.

Hunter is concerned because there is not a lot of software being developed for the NeXTSTEP operating system. With the world shifting to Windows, and the increasing popularity and availability of Windows software, the NeXTSTEP system's popularity is decreasing.

Why was Windows NT chosen over Windows 95?

According to Hunter, "The bad news is that the operating system (Windows 95) is a very unstable, unreliable operating system. People are becoming aware of how wonderful Windows (95) is not. It sounds very good and promised a lot of things, but the reality is quite different from the ad. That's one of the reasons we're trying to stress NT in as many areas as possible because it is a much more stable environment. I use the comparison that the Windows (95) locks up two to three times a day, while NT locks up two to three times a month."

Other problems with NeXTSTEP include the spinning disks with which most students are familiar Hunter said that spinning disks are caused by a network or server error. Since NeXT machines are server based, when the network goes down, they all spin. Windows based machines are basically stand alone machines, except things like e-mail and the Internet.

If the network does go down with Windows machines running, students will not lose their files. Students merely will not be able to access Internet or e-mail until the work of server problem is fixed. They can still save, print and work on their files without losing them. Hunter said, "That was one of our

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)—With the NATO chief warning that talks in France are the "last chance to reach peace," Kosovo rebels Monday delayed announcing whether they will attend and Slobodan Milosevic bucked the decision to Serbia's parliament. The government in Belgrade said the Serbian Parliament—dominated by hard-liners and ultranationalists—will decide Thursday whether the Serb side will participate in the talks, which begin Saturday in Rambouillet, France.

In the Kosovo capital Pristina, the representative of the Kosovo Liberation Army, Adem Demaci, met for more than an hour with American and European envoys but refused to give them a commitment. U.S. envoy Christopher Hill said Demaci promised an answer on Wednesday. Hill told Associated Press Television News that Demaci "was very careful not to provide much information."

RICHMOND, South Africa (AP)—Police and soldiers put up road blocks and searched cars for weapons Sunday in a rural South African town for the funeral of opposition politician Sifiso Nkabinde, gunned down down last weekend in a political feud here. Nkabinde was national secretary of the United Democratic Movement opposition party which is caught in a deadly fight with Richmond supporters of President Nelson Mandela's ruling African National Congress.

The murder and the subsequent massacre of 11 ANC supporters has raised fears of disruption to national elections later this year. The ANC victims were buried on Saturday amid a 1,000-strong police and military presence that preserved order. ANC Chairman Patrick Terror Lekota told mourners to respect the right of other people to join different political parties.

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuela welcomed 16 heads of state and delegations from 45 other countries Monday ahead of the inauguration of former coup leader Hugo Chavez, who promised to install "a revolutionary government." Chavez is to be sworn in as president on Tuesday. Two days later, Venezuela marks the seventh anniversary of Chavez's attempted coup, when he and several thousand rebel soldiers stormed the presidential palace in Caracas and tried to wrest power from then-President Carlos Andres Perez.

At a news conference Monday, Chavez pledged to undertake "a peaceful revolution, a revolution in democracy." Among those attending the inauguration Tuesday will be Cuban leader Fidel Castro, Spain's Prince Felipe and the presidents of Argentina, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador and Bolivia. Representing the United States will be Energy Secretary Bill Richardson.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Impeachment prosecutors expect Monica Lewinsky to support an obstruction of justice charge against President Bill Clinton with "almost total recall" of her conversations with him, officials say. Rep. Ed Bryant, a soft-spoken former federal prosecutor and small-town lawyer, was assigned to question Ms. Lewinsky. He must skillfully use the former intern's interpretation of events to overcome her statement that "no one ever asked me to lie, and I was never promised a job for my silence."

Meanwhile, The *New York Times* reported in Sunday's editions that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr has concluded he has the constitutional authority to seek a grand jury indictment of Clinton before the president leaves office. Attributing its account to several unidentified associates of Starr, the newspaper said Starr has not decided whether to do so.

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Indian and American negotiators on Sunday ended the eighth round of talks aimed at nudging New Delhi into signing a nuclear weapons treaty without making any breakthrough. Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh and Deputy U.S. Secretary of State Strobe Talbott said the two sides would meet again before the middle of the year.

The talks began after New Delhi set off underground nuclear tests last May, following which neighboring Pakistan retaliated with its own explosions. Washington joined many other countries in imposing sanctions and opened talks to try to persuade India to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. India has so far refused, saying it needs a defense against the threat it sees from China and Pakistan.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

•Students wishing to take courses at another school during the summer should have these courses approved for transfer credit prior to taking them. Please follow these guidelines: Obtain a course description of the course you plan to take; obtain a transfer credit approval form from the Dean of the College office, Bentley 117; take both items to the chairperson of the department into which you want to transfer the course for approval; take approval form to your advisor for signature, and return completed form to the Dean of the College office.

•Thomas Sayers Ellis will read from his work at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11 in Ford Chapel as part of the Single Voice Series. The reading is free and open to the public.

•The 1999 edition of the "Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges" includes the names of 27 Allegheny students who have been selected as outstanding campus leaders. They are as follows: Amy Amuso, Andrea Antolik, Christina Balmos, Robert Buchanan, Michael Crawford, Sarah Davitt, Gina Duffin, Elizabeth Eichenlaub, Kimberly Fry, Beth Gardner, Alyson Getty, Cynthia Giffen, Michelle Greiner, Chris Hill, Amy Hilyer, Tim Hindes, Mark Luellen, Stacey Miller, Allison Pyewell, Kim Retetagos, Ann Richardson, Jeff Rimer, Laurie Roberts, Daesha Six, Hilary Stavovy, Andrew Twigg, and Kristy Whisker.

•A movie funfest will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6 in Shafer Auditorium, featuring "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" at 1 p.m. and "The Neverending Story" at 3 p.m. The funfest is free and open to the public.

•A valentine gift sale will be held in the Campus Center lobby on Friday, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sales of jewelry, candy, flowers, balloons and more will benefit the ACA Continuing Education For Women Scholarship Program.

•Co-ed singles Ping-Pong league games will be held in the rec room of the Campus Center. Sign-ups for the league will be due by Monday, Feb. 8. For further information, stop by the Intramural Office in the Wise Center, call at x4782, or send an e-mail to <im>.

The Campus asks ...

What would you like to see the next Allegheny Student Government administration accomplish?

compiled by Ben Wyrick



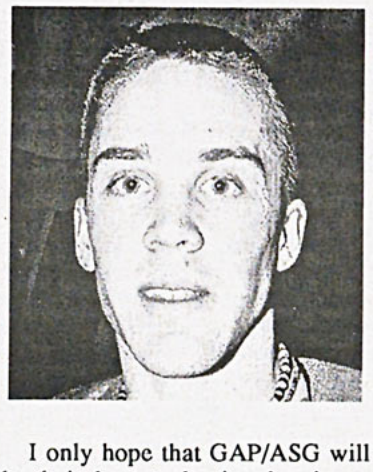
Bigger, better field trips. NYC-Moma, Whitney, Guggehheam. This would benefit all art students and those who aren't as well. Damn it.

Eli Whitney
Class of '00



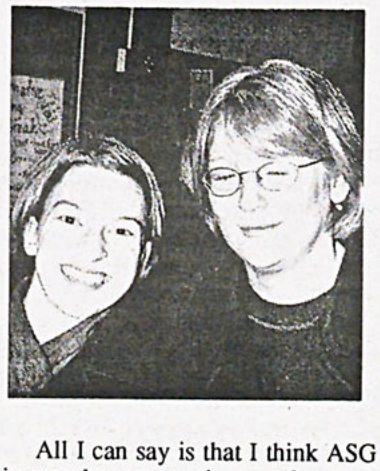
Computers in the CC! We're sick of pulling all nighters in here with no way to procrastinate, and no contact with the outside world.

Meggan Madden
Ellen Micoli
Class of '99



I only hope that GAP/ASG will do their best to begin planning a shopping center.

Mark "Pre" Hudson
Class of '99



All I can say is that I think ASG is great because seniors get free beer at the Sports Garden...All thanks to Kathy!

Bobbie Rae Erickson
Aisling O'Harra
Class of '99



It would be nice to see ASG pla a more active role in providin services for students. Moreover, w are in need of a studen administration consisting of divers backgrounds.

Annastasin Kovscel
Class of '99

Candidates announce for Allegheny Student Government Presidency

Jason Owen/ Dana Brown

A vote for Jason Owen and Dana Brown is a vote for student representation that encompasses experience, leadership and service. Jason is a junior political science major from Erie, Pa. He has served on ASG for three years. As current ASG controller, Jason has been a vocal member of the all-college Finance and Facilities Committee.

Jason also served as a student coordinator in the Collegiate Leadership Conference (CLC) last year after attending it the year before. His greatest leadership opportunity was representing New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania to a national staff and board of trustees concerning college health issues.

These leadership opportunities resemble Dana's experience over the last three years. She has served on ASG for two and a half years before she left this semester for Washington, D.C. Dana's most recent position was Director of Educational Affairs.

Dana has served two years as a resident advisor in Brooks Hall and thinks that opportunity has educated her about relationships, resources and student concerns. Dana's hard work ethic is illustrated by her induction into Lambda Sigma and Omicron Delta Kappa. She also has been a dynamic student representative on the all-college Curriculum Committee for two years.

Jason Owen and Dana Brown work well together and they have since entercd Allegheny as freshmen. They have served together on the Class of 2000 Senate and the ASG Finance Committee for two years and worked together on ASG Cabinet this past semester.

They have worked together as orientation leaders. Also, they both attended CLC two summers ago. But it is their work on Senate and Finance that they would like to stress. That opportunity has educated them about the finances and the infrastructure of the student government. They feel a strong fiscal knowledge is important to lead the Allegheny student body.

They also feel that an understanding of student government operations is just as important to maximize the efficiency of the student representing body. It is with this efficiency that they would like to represent the students of Allegheny. Their experience, leadership and service will be a strong foundation to build upon. They feel the following suggestions need to be priorities of ASG for the following year.

First, we will research and develop a proposal to put a pub on Allegheny's campus. Jason and Dana have met with upper level administrators about this possibility and have not met strong opposition. We feel that devoting ASG time and resources will generate a business plan to be discussed with students, faculty, administration and the Board of Trustees by next February. In the past, bar-attempts have been dismissed as effortless, fleeting and license-less.

However, Jason and Dana feel strongly about this initiative. They realize the need for a social gathering center on our campus. We believe this proposal could build a strong sense of community and provide safer and healthier alternatives than going downtown does.

Second, we will create a cabinet position in charge of community donations. This Director of Development will work with the Allegheny Development Office and other student groups to organize the efforts of student fund-raising in the Meadville community. The purpose behind this is to maximize the donations to Allegheny-student efforts. We see the same business being petitioned for donations every year, and these wells begin to dry up and are not as receptive to students as they have been in the past. We believe that the organization of these efforts and spreading around the requests can keep the student-efforts well supplied and the community businesses generous.

Third, we will work with the Office of Diversity Affairs and ASG-recognized organizations to create a greater sense of awareness and representation of Allegheny's diversity. We think that promoting Allegheny's diversity will enhance the quality of Allegheny's education and the college experience. We believe that our experience, leadership and service will be a step in the right direction to unifying Allegheny as a whole, while still keeping a diverse integrity.

Fourth, we will work towards a more efficient ASG Senate and Cabinet. We feel that the Senate and Cabinet are not working at their most optimum efficiency. We know from our experience on Senate for two years and our experience on Cabinet that cooperation, increased communication and a stronger sense of community will provide for a better ASG. We feel that empowering the Senate to undertake its own initiatives and working with them on those proposals can double the out put of the Allegheny Student Government. We would like to see Dana work closer with the presidents of the classes, as well as the rest of the Senate, to increase the Senate's capabilities. We know the potential of the Senate and we would like to work to unleash that ability.

We believe in the Student Leaders' Organizations/Joining Our Leaders Together effort. We will continue the SLO/JOLT legacy that has been initiated. We will increase the support for this endeavor from ASG through working with a more efficient Senate and Cabinet and utilizing all available resources. We understand the importance of communication between student groups and the understanding of the resources available to those groups on our campus.

We will also begin exploratory research into increasing the number of courses offered on campus. We realize the struggles of the student body during registration. We know the problems with getting all of the classes needed for academic requirements. We look forward to working with the new dean of the college to address this student issue.

In those discussions with the dean we would like to work on increasing the availability of academic buildings. Keeping academic buildings open all night and increasing the hours of the library are important academic concerns that continually need to be addressed. Until the library is open and available to the college student's schedule and academic buildings are opened all night, the student representatives should not give in.

Our final priority is the creation of a New Initiatives Resource Area. Last year we saw severing cutbacks throughout the college community. A new idea from those cutbacks was earmarked dollars for New Initiatives. These initiatives are supposed to enhance the education and preserve the distinctiveness of Allegheny College. Of the numerous requests for these monies only one was completely a student initiative.

We would like to see more proposals come from the student body. We think this resource area can help students with questions they have about this process and we are willing to work with them to create proposals that will benefit the student body, as well as the campus community. With our years of service on the Finance and Facilities Committee we know where money can be found to support student initiatives and student-sponsored New Initiatives.

We would like to mention that we have been and still are working with the current ASG administration. We believe in continuing the things that they have been working on. We will continue to work on with the dean of students and the director of student activities; we will continue to meet with the administration through the Administrative Executive Council (AEC) and we will continue to work with the Board of Trustees.

We will expand upon the communication needs of the student body and campus community. We will work with Gator Activities Programming (GAP) and promise to have a good relationship between the two organizations to satisfy the needs of the student body. Most importantly we will work with the students and administration to address their needs and concerns of the campus community.

We want to work for the students and with the students. We have experience with the ASG infrastructure and we want to put that knowledge to good use. We have been fortunate to have been selected and appointed to various leadership positions and we have been molded by those positions as student leaders. We feel that we are the best candidates for the job and we want to serve you for the next year. In that service we will be your voice to the administration and the Board of Trustees.

Our experience, leadership, and service will provide for a better Allegheny community and we ask for your support in the coming weeks. A vote for Jason and Dana is a vote for Allegheny students!

Bernie Clark/Chris Stromski

You, the students of Allegheny College spend over $24,800 a year on your education. You deserve and should expect the best from the college and your peer-elected student government. In short, we plan to give students what you truly want. We have many ideas, but we believe that there are several things the students really want.

First, we propose a meal plan system that makes sense and revolves around students' schedules. Second, we plan to restructure the bookstore into a more efficient resource. Finally, we want to work with the Office of Residence Life to improve living conditions in all college-owned facilities. These are just several of the issues we plan to set forth on our agenda and accomplish.

Voting for Bernie Clark and Chris Stromski as your voice in ASG will enable a system of government that works with students and not above them. Bernie, a junior psychology major here at Allegheny, currently serves as treasurer of the Gator Activities Programming executive board. Bernie has also held positions on the Honor Committee, in his fraternity, and on the Inter-Fraternal Council executive board. He is also an orientation leader and an Admissions tour guide for the college.

Chris, a junior political science major, has been active in ASG for the past two years, holding the position of co-director of concerts and special events. Chris also has been a member of the Allegheny men's swimming team and men's volleyball team, and has also served as a student athlete mentor. A Cancer, Chris enjoys romantic movies and walks on the beach.

Together, Bernie and Chris believe they have the experience and determination to not only effectively govern ASG, but also to listen to the student body and address your concerns.

There have always been strong feelings about the dining services offered here at Allegheny. Our current meal system lacks the flexibility and sensibility enjoyed at many other schools. If you are a student who enjoys a large lunch and a small dinner, you end up paying more at McKinley's for your meals. Do you ever wonder what happens to the meals you don't eat each week? Bernie and Chris plan to propose a new meal system much like the successful one implemented at Penn State University, Behrend campus. Their students' meals are purchased on a point system, where not only do they eat when they want, but they pay for what they actually eat.

No one will dispute that you need books for your classes, but are you purchasing your books at a competitive price? Bernie and Chris spend roughly $800 on books this semester alone. It was discovered by one of Bernie's classmates that the main text used in one of his classes, priced at $85 in the bookstore, could be purchased for $35 less at Amazon.com. Obviously, the system in place now has room for improvement. Our plans include researching the most cost-effective way to purchase necessary texts, and keeping students more aware of alternative means of purchasing books.

Paper towels and hand soap should not be a luxury in residence facilities. One particular hall in Brooks was threatened to lose their paper towel privileges if any more fell from the sink onto the floor. Are towel and soap dispensers in our residence hall bathrooms too much to ask for? It's the little things like these that can add to the quality of life in a residence hall.

Our primary goal is to address and resolve the issues and concerns that you face every day as a student at Allegheny. We are excited at the prospect of working with students and campus organizations to make ASG a more open and productive forum for student debate.

NeXTSTEP system to give way in favor of Windows NT in 1999-2000

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big pushes to go to that type of environment."

How much does the transition cost?

"Cost is fairly minimal, " Hunter said. "Right now, because we're buying two operating systems they're actually more expensive this year than they will be next year, so the actual machine costs will go down next year."

When asked how easily students would adapt to the transition, Hunter said that, "obviously for the students that have come this year and the students coming next fall it will be the easiest because they've come from that (Windows) environment. It's going to be the students that have really been using NeXTSTEP for the last two (or more) years that will have the most difficulty." According to Hunter there will be workshops offered in the spring to facilitate the transition. Hand-outs and webpages will also help in the transition.

David Anderson, director of Educational Computing Services (ECS) said that Windows training is already being offered this semester. One-hundred and fifty hours of training in the very basics of Windows is offered as well as advanced. Training will continue next semester, though definite schedules have not been made yet. The training is for everyone on campus.

"We tend to have faculty/staff and then student training (training sessions)," Anderson said. "Students tend to prefer rather short training in the evening, whereas faculty are more likely to want a more intense (training) and once they get here they'll spend an hour and a half to two hours in the morning. We've recognized there are different needs, so we have some that are primarily focused on faculty and staff and the other is focused on students."

Concern for preparation runs among the members of ACCS.

"When I walk into the labs, I'm continually amazed at how many people are continuing to use NeXT," Anderson said "And it's mostly the upperclassmen level. Most of that (the transition) will be done through web page. We're trying to get every question that somebody could ask, and have a web page so we can just point people to those. Our major concern is providing the kind of stuff that people want."

Anderson added, "If people have some ideas about how this can be done better, we're interested in learning how to do that. The usual concern is that everybody will wait until the last minute. How we can begin so that [you] don't panic and if [you] don't understand what's going to happen."

Sharon Reitz, manager of Educational Operations and Support, expressed concern for the student body. Reitz oversees the training of the CA's, who work to help students, faculty and staff with their computer problems and needs.

"My goal is to try and prevent as much chaos and confusion in the next September as possible," Reitz said. "That's why we're trying to head this off now and get the word out to everybody and get the computer assistants [CA's] trained so that they're going to be able to help everybody."

Losing files for NeXT applications has been a concern of many students. Hunter said, "Your [student] accounts are not going away. In other words, you can file transfer (ftp) all of your data to and from your NeXTSTEP home account to the Windows machine. That's your primary method of storage."

Reitz also commented on file transfer and conversions. "We've got a lot of tutorials out there right now, right off the homepage to help the students to try to do some of the conversions on their own. "

Chris Sherman, systems manager and network administrator said it is important for the students to know it is usually possible to transfer their files over to a format that Windows will read.

"This is a big deal," Sherman said. "People really do need to think about it, because depending on how things go, there really will not be any NeXT computers (next) September. So hopefully we're giving everybody enough lead time so that won't be a problem."

Rich Metzger, director of Administrative Computing Services (ACS), is less concerned with the administration and staff's adjustment. "Luckily on my side, most of the people did not use the NEXT machine. A couple other offices have already switched over to Windows. There are a couple of offices left, like the Registrar's office and Public Affairs, but they're being phased over to the Windows side this next summer."

According to Metzger, "The biggest problem for us is going to be how we're going to handle the registration process, which is NeXT driven. We're working on that now to replace that, probably with some web applications." The decision about the registration process will be made sometime in late January.

Metzger continued, "I think as far as the administration, we're pretty well covered. We are offering classes for staff/ administration for some of the Windows applications. We started that last summer, and we're going to definitely continue it next summer in trying to have some more classes offered."

About 60 percent of the faculty members have Windows/NeXTSTEP machines on their desks, according to Hunter. The transition was announced last year at this time to the faculty members through the *Memo* and letters. "This was the year of the transition so that you (faculty/staff) have both available," Hunter said.

Are Alleghenians who have the capability already starting the transition?

"Some of them are, some of them haven't even thought about it," Hunter said. "We hope the transition will be complete by the beginning of this up-coming school year," he added. "When you (students) come back in the fall, you'll be sitting down to a Windows machine doing your e-mail, word processing and all."

Tutorials about Windows NT can be found at http://www.alleg.edu/admincomputing/tutorials. Other questions or concerns about the transition from NeXTSTEP to Windows NT can be directed to the ACCS help desk at x2755.

THERE IS NO LIBERTY WITHOUT FREE SPEECH AND OPEN DEBATE

"... the fanatic hides from true debate.... He knows how to speak in monologues only, so debate is superfluous to him." **(Elie Wiesel)**

$250,000 Offer

Every historical controversy can be debated on national television except one–the Jewish holocaust story. Why? Who benefits? Open debate, nothing else, will expose the facts behind this taboo.

To this end **Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust (CODOH)** offers **$250,000** to the one individual instrumental in arranging a 90-minute debate on National Network Television, in prime time, between CODOH (Bradley R. Smith, Dir.), and the

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL)

Issues to be debated (1) Were "gas chambers" used during WWII by Germans to kill millions of Jews as part of a program of "genocide?" (2) Did key "eyewitness" survivors give false testimony about "gas chambers?" (3) Is the *Diary of Anne Frank* an authentic personal diary or a "literary" concoction? (4) Is either the book or the movie *Schindler's List* true or an intentionally corrupt version of the facts? (5) Are Jewish organizations like the **ADL** and campus Hillel committed to the censorship of revisionist theory on the Jewish holocaust? (6) Should the **ADL,** campus Hillel and other mainline Jewish organizations respond with a "suspicious silence" when a sister organization encourages violence against revisionists? (7) Should a documentary film maker be made the target of violence by the **Jewish Defense League** (or any other "league"), as was David Cole, the Jewish writer and director of CODOH's video on Auschwitz, *David Cole Interviews Dr. Franciszek Piper* (called "The Video of the Century"), for exposing on film the fraud of the Auschwitz gas chamber?

Marcy Kaptur (D), U.S. Congresswoman, Ohio writes: "Mr. Cole has obviously invested a great deal in researching his subject and I admire his tenacious curiosity. Again, I thank you for sharing this documentary with myself and other Members of Congress." **Yehuda Bauer,** head of the **Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry and Humanities (Jerusalem),** writes: "A powerful, dangerous video...."

The Jewish Defense League writes (in a "Wanted" ad for Mr. Cole, on the Internet, which includes Cole's photograph): "An evil monster like this does not deserve to live.... We must get rid of this monster.... There needs to be ... the elimination of the Holocaust deniers. JDL wants to know the location of ... David Cole. Anyone giving us his correct address will receive a monetary reward."

The FBI has termed the JDL a "terrorist organization."

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith refuses to publicly condemn the **Jewish Defense League,** for this language of hate. The reason is clear. The **ADL,** by proxy, is "using" this threat of violence against a Jewish scholar in its own struggle to help censor open debate on the Holocaust controversy. This betrays our First Amendment and runs contrary to Article 19 of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Who benefits from such censorship? Americans?

Over the past decades there have been thousands–if not *tens of thousands*–of hours of one-sided Holocaust allegations broadcast to the American people. Is it not fair that those of us who are not anti-German bigots, who no longer believe the gas chamber stories but do believe in intellectual freedom, should be given 90 minutes--***only 90 minutes!***--to debate the Anti-Defamation League over the suppression and censorship of holocaust revisionism? (12.2.9)

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Cook announces new Dean of the College

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tend regular meetings the dean must attend. The conversations between the dean and the dean-in-waiting are intended to make the transition as seamless as possible."

According to Smith, this "understudy" continues a process that was initiated in the transition from former-Dean and Professor of English James Bulman. When Smith was named dean in 1996, he and Bulman met and started to prepare for the transition.

"When I was appointed dean it was within the context of [then-President] Daniel Sullivan leaving. He had a terminal sabbatical which started on April 1," Smith said. "[Bulman] and I worked closely together in early 1996, until Bulman became interim president upon Sullivan's departure and I became dean. I have consulted with Bulman over the past three years and he has helped me greatly."

According to Bulman, the arrangement between Michaels and Smith has the advantage of time, which was not present in the previous two transitions. Michaels has six months in which he can learn from Smith.

"When [Smith] was appointed dean I was tapped to stand in as president. We had a really hectic two months where he was learning deanship and I was learning the presidency. [Michaels] has six months to learn while [Smith] and I had a much more intense arrangement," Bulman said.

Bulman was the first dean chosen from the faculty in the wake of former Dean Andrew Ford's decision to leave the college for a presidency elsewhere.

In the meantime, Michaels said he will begin the transition from his current position and duties and the added workload of the dean.

"This is going to be a tremendous lifestyle change for me," Michaels said. "I'll have much longer hours at the workplace, fewer dinners with my family, fewer opportunities to play tennis, and I'll have to move from reading novels to reading reports."

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EDITORIAL

On Nov. 12, 1998, *The Campus* printed an editorial describing an incident which allegedly occurred between an Allegheny College student and an unidentified officer of the Meadville City Police Department. While our intentions were to stand behind our fellow student in a situation we perceived as threatening, according to the principles of journalism, we did not handle the situation in the best manner possible.

Upon hearing the story of the alleged encounter, this Editorial Board became extremely concerned about the implications of the story for the student body and the entire Allegheny community as well. The incident related in the editorial was a matter of a student's word against a police department's, with neither side able to prove beyond any reasonable doubt what exactly occurred on the evening in question. Unfortunately, emotion clouded our judgment about what was fit to print.

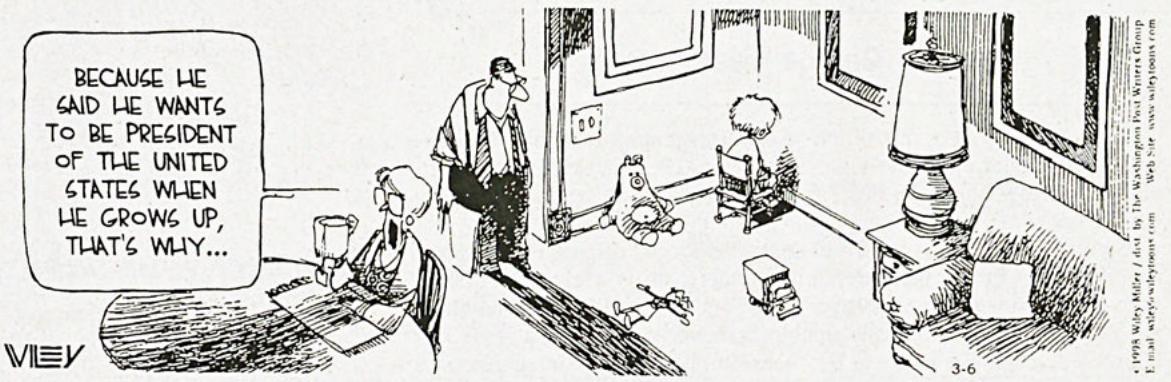
The alleged incident should have been treated as a news story, investigated and supported, if possible, with at least two corroborating sources. Also, while the Meadville City Police Department was offered the opportunity to print a Letter to the Editor countering the statements made in the Nov. 12 editorial, proper authorities within the department should have been contacted immediately and allowed the chance to give an official statement.

The Campus Editorial Board recognizes and values the relationship which exists between Allegheny College and the people and institutions of the city of Meadville. It certainly was not our intention to print any item which would damage or jeopardize that relationship, and we hope that by this statement we have made steps toward repairing and preserving our shared sense of community.

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Letter to the Editor

Simon enters race

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I announce my candidacy to fill the vacancy in the ASG Senate for the Class of 2001.

Jacob Simon

My decision to run is a result of my desire to help the Allegheny College student body. I have great faith in Allegheny College and its people, and I would be honored to serve them in my fullest capacity.

Now, during this period of great change and transition in American higher education, I feel that the time is ripe to enhance dialogue, both internal and external, on our campus. I have met with many different segments of the Allegheny community, and I hope that this experience, coupled with my prior exposure to the governing structure of higher education administration, will enable me to bring a fresh perspective to the workings of the ASG Senate.

Again, I wish to state my fervent desire to help the students of Allegheny College. If anyone wishes to ask me any questions, they can contact me via electronic mail. My address is simonj@alleg.edu.

Thank you for your time.

Jacob Simon is a member of the Class of 2001.

Clinton trial transforms partisan Senate into kangaroo court

The ongoing trial of the president has occupied news coverage since early January, but in all the talk about the facts of the case and the gravity of the proceedings, it has rarely been mentioned how misleading the term "trial" is in this case.

John O'Connor

In the United States, the judicial system usually operates much differently than it has in determining whether the president is fit to remain in office. First and foremost is the lack of any burden of proof for the prosecution in this case. For a criminal case, such as the president's, there must be proof beyond a reasonable doubt to convict. No such level is necessary to convict the president. Is he 50 percent guilty? Ninety percent? Ten percent? Does it matter? The Senate has acted solemnly, taking oaths, calling themselves jurors, and acting as though this is a regular trial, even though the proceedings follow very few standard procedures.

Procedure is the essence of the court system, and the design is to ensure that every citizen is treated equally in the eyes of the court. For the president, the rules are made up as the trial progresses by a simple majority vote, controlled by the opposition party. Therefore, there is the potential to veto every witness for the defense, or even to deny the defense the opportunity to present their case.

This will not happen in President Clinton's case, but the rules do not rule out the possibility. None of these procedures matter, though, when the jurors have already made up their minds.

Grand jury materials and deliberations are usually kept secret, but in the president's case, the information is contained in the Starr Report, the compiled volumes of evidence, the Tripp-Lewinsky tapes, and other sources, all public record. Senators have seen, heard and read all about this body of evidence.

This fact would disqualify most senators from sitting on a jury in a U.S. court, but they are perfectly eligible as jurors for the president. Jurors have entered these proceedings prejudging guilt and non-guilt. A jury of one's peers, impartial and imbued with civic virtue, allows the U.S. court system to work.

Neither side is given the opportunity to dismiss jurors whom they perceive to be unsuitable. Senators are allowed to question witnesses, should they be presented. Both of these procedures are different from those of the U.S. court system. The president is stuck with elections of the U.S. Senate.

Many members of Congress have stood on their soapboxes and proclaimed the law to be highest standard; the law must be protected at all costs. However, in defending the law through impeachment, the law can be bent and distorted according to a majority vote. This is the only courtroom in America where the defendant is guaranteed no rights. In contrast, though, the president has yet to show up at any of the hearings.

While these facts are public knowledge, what is not acknowledged is that this trial is a political process. We watch Chief Justice William Rehnquist "preside" (he can be overruled at any time by a simple majority vote by the "jury") and presume this to be just like a courtroom.

The House of Representatives, both Democrat and Republican, have already shown how political impeaching a president can be, and now the assumption is that this stage will be different.

Many of the procedures in President Clinton's trial are intelligent. I don't advocate a jury of regular Americans, but all parties involved should not deny the actualities of the president's trial.

Senators should recognize that they are more arbitrators of the charges than they are a true jury. As arbitrators, politics and value judgments are part and parcel of rulings. The framers of the Constitution were wise in keeping this spectacle out of the judicial system.

John O'Connor is Assistant Perspectives Editor for The Campus.

Football perjury isn't *really* perjury

The Clinton administration has indicted some former Northwestern University football players for lying to a grand jury about betting against their own team, then playing poorly to win the bets.

George Kiser

To bolster his case, one of the prosecutors emphasized that lying to a grand jury undermines the judicial system: "[Perjury] can bring an investigation to a halt or in this case prolong the investigation for an extensive time."

So what? When all is said and done, the alleged offense is "just about football," so whether the players lied under oath is irrelevant. Asking such questions is clearly a "perjury trap" because bad football playing is not a crime—many Americans gamble, and everyone lies. If a prosecutor knows a defendant is likely to lie, there simply is no legitimate reason to call that person before the grand jury.

If these young men really did lie under oath, their perjury is understandable. Telling the truth surely would have embarrassed them, their friends and their families, their teammates, their school, and football fans around the country.

Even if they are guilty, two of our nation's most cherished principles suggest that these players should be honored, not indicted. First, haven't we all been taught that loyalty to friends and close associates is admirable? And second, don't we rightly chastise those who seek to win at all costs? This nation has sunk to a new low when loyalty becomes indictable and law enforcement turns its big guns on players who unselfishly help opposition teams.

Another serious problem is that these prosecutors obviously had a get-the-players mentality. If they had no bias against their targets, why did they even investigate them? Why did they indict them when all Americans are presumed innocent? And how can Clinton prosecutors possibly be unbiased against their targets when one of the avowed goals of the Justice Department is to indict and prosecute suspected criminals?

Let me make clear that I don't approve of football players betting on their own teams or deliberately fumbling plays or misleading grand juries. In fact, these are despicable acts. However, such wrongdoing simply doesn't rise to the level of an indictable offense. Stern punishment is in order, but it should take one of the following forms.

First, we could let the American people decide—in a democracy, all legitimate power is grounded in the people. Thus, if the polls show that Americans would rather get this matter behind them, President Clinton should ask the Justice Department to drop the charges.

A second punishment is premised on the fact that even prosecutors recognize that gambling point-shavers naturally will attempt to hide their wrongdoing from public view. In light of this privacy interest, we could just let the defendants' families and Northwestern University decide. If they're willing to forgive them, why shouldn't we?

Third, if the defendants are found guilty, we ought not even consider the penalty authorized by law: up to five years in prison for each count of perjury before a federal grand jury. Inasmuch as these young athletes have already suffered terribly, we could settle for a public apology, a brief period of counseling, or partial repayment for the cost of the government's investigation.

If the latter punishment is chosen, perhaps the fine could be paid by Northwestern University, the teammates of the accused, or football enthusiasts around the country.

My final proposal: a pardon from President Clinton. As a recent prosecutorial target, surely he can "feel the pain" of these young men now so cruelly victimized by his own Justice Department.

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Don't let your babies grow up to be smartasses, but let them grow

I have had the rare pleasure of being born in one town, leaving in first grade, and moving back when I was in college. As a result of this, I've learned how critically stupid most people act when it comes to the inevitable growth of children.

Luke Boger

This includes myself, mind you—my nieces and nephews, believe it or not, are bigger every time I go home to visit. It's astonishing, for some reason. So what goes through my idiot head and out my mouth? "Wow, you are *really* growing up!"

As if I'm surprised this has happened. As if I couldn't possibly comprehend the process without seeing it with my own eyes.

Unless you grew up with Emmanuel Lewis or Gary Coleman (even though we kind of did), you should be fairly used to people getting older. When I say, "getting older," I mean not only when you are watching or near them, but also when you're nowhere close to them. People *do* have the nerve to change while we're not paying attention. Get over it.

Things we should all try to remember while we're still young are the asinine things adults said and did to us as children and young adults.

Why should we remember? We should remember so that, when we interact with children in the future, we won't sound like the morons our parents' generation sounded like to us.

And logically, if they don't think we're idiots, they'll probably respect us more. Why should they respect their elders when their elders point out blatantly obvious realizations?

"Thanks, Nana, I really took it to heart yesterday when you were saying how plastic makes life a lot easier. I think I love you more now that you've brought that vital piece of information into my own ignorant existence."

Here—I'll teach you a little sign language. Stand up. I'm serious, do it. We're wasting valuable news print here. Okay, now straighten your preferred arm down your side. Finally, straighten your fingers and make your palm parallel to the floor. You should look like half of Charlie Chaplin. The only thing missing from the gesture is the exclamation, "Last time I saw you, you were only this high."

Congratulations You've just learned my sign. Next time someone asks you for your sign, you may now say, "I'm not sure what mine is, but I know Luke's." Then again, maybe it's your sign, too. We should get together.

So every time I go home, I invariably get "the sign" and the phrase at least once. I smile and reply, "Yep. Growth happens," my mother gives me the "don't be a smartass" look, and then we go home.

It's annoying, but it happens. You can't blame the offender too much, though. People often have the inability to stop when they realize that they are in the midst of relating something that is painfully apparent to everyone else. Besides, it generally means that they're expressing some interest in you as a person. I can live with "the sign."

However, something related to the sign happened over break, and I can't seem to let it go.

I can't remember where we were. I have it narrowed down to being one of two places: K-Mart or church.

Either way, it's somewhere you're expected to leave a donation before you go home.

While there, my mother bumped into a person who fell into the "acquaintance I could care less about, but to whom I (and my son) need to be polite" category. Nothing needs to be said to these people outside the boundaries of superficial conversation. "How are you?", "You remember Luke—my baby!—don't you?", and "Take care!" will evidently fit the bill nicely.

By the way: my mom has high blood pressure. As she gets older, she gradually transfers it to me. Devious woman.

Anyway, it comforted me to know that since I'd never had the distinct pleasure of meeting this woman, I was clear of any danger of confronting "the sign" . . . until she did something much worse. She looked right through me and said, "He looks just like his mother." I felt like I was five again. She would've patted me on the head, had I not been a foot taller than she.

I think it is safe to say that, no matter where you are in life, you DO NOT want to hear that—especially when the source is some lady you don't know with an ugly purse and a fur-lined coat, who resembles the aunt you're relieved you never had.

Because in the 1990s it is socially unacceptable to haul off and deck a woman in her 60s or 70s (and probably still living in them), I choked back my pride and said nothing.

But man, did I want to.

We have established that the "last time I saw you were . . ." bit is a nearly unavoidable human flaw. This comment, however, went far beyond imperfection or even stupidity into the realm of social ignorance and disrespect. It would be insulting to a thirteen-year-old, much less someone four years into what the government has established to be adulthood.

I couldn't reply, "Yes, he certainly does"—not only because I'd be directly admitting to the family resemblance, but also because she spoke of me in the third person.

I was standing right there! I wouldn't have enjoyed it if she told me, "Why Luke, although you are male, you really look quite womanly today—much like your mother here—an actual woman." But at least then I could have been made to feel like a sentient entity.

Did I say, "Aww, look mom! It's so cute. Her mustache looks just like Uncle Don's!"?

No, I did not, because I have *tact*, lady.

Of course, it probably didn't help that my mother called me her baby. That's another lesson to be learned here: don't refer to your youngest child in public as "my baby" once they're past eight grade.

Would you call your oldest child "my geriatric"? I think not.

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The truth behind lying eyes: covering up the "smuttiest of affairs," previous presidential lies

I have a friend who tried to watch the impeachment proceedings but quickly clicked them off. Watching, she says, was too frustrating.

Donna Britt

Besides, she kept seeing something else: herself many years ago, and the young man with whom she was then involved. "I can still see him looking me in the eye," she says, "Telling me that he had been faithful."

"You promise?" she asked him.

"I promise," he told her.

"You *swear*?" she pushed.

Her boyfriend hesitated. "I don't like to swear, not about anything," he said, and she understood. We learn as children that it's sinful to swear. But something made her need this most ultimate declaration.

"OK," she says he told her, his eyes locking with hers. "I swear."

Weeks later, after spending the night in his apartment, she answered his phone on the assumption that he was calling to discuss their evening. On the line was the woman whom her boyfriend had been secretly dating.

"Believe it or not, I understood," she says now. "He lied to save our relationship—and his butt...But for months, I was haunted by the look on his face as he swore, with God and me listening, to something he knew was a lie."

"That *hurt*," she says. "Clinton's lies just irritate me."

In the last several months, I have read thousands of words, inspiring and excoriating, from pundits, politicos and genuine truth—lovers about the gravity of lying under oath. Words about the seriousness of that act, about what it means when those charged with the public's sacred trust lie, after swearing they won't, in our faces and God's.

But I can't shake my friend's story. Clearly, it's one thing for an endangered president to eyeball the American people and lie, and to appear to lie under oath to a grand jury. It's another for a young man to swear to his suspicious sweetie that she's the only one.

But somehow, I can't separate the two.

I suspect countless American people who abhor and resist lying, whose admiration and respect for President Clinton have long since vanished, who are outraged by what his mendacity is costing an undeserving nation—are like my friend: haunted by somebody's lying eyes.

Something about them makes us unwilling to overturn an election and tear apart a government because a man lied—*perhaps even under oath*—about having been sexually involved with someone he shouldn't have.

And we can't stop feeling that if a presidency is to be toppled, it should be by something bigger.

Part of me is repulsed by my own tepidness, by the lack of zeal that keeps me from mentally hurling this man to the impeachment wolves. Clinton deserves to hurt, and badly, for lying and then arrogantly dissembling about it. For thumbing his nose when he perceives the public supports him, and for tossing apologies when polls say that's what we crave.

I said as much to a woman I know who had the misfortune of discovering her own husband's marriage—and butt—saving lies. "You want Clinton to hurt?" she asked.

"I know that he's hurting—look at what happened to his legacy, to his family," she said. "And you know what? I know he'll never change without professional help. People say they want the truth. Do they want him to stand before the American people and say, "I'm addicted to sex, and like all addicts, I have to lie?"

"How much truth do they really want?"

Enough to make it all go away. When I asked a reporter covering the impeachment hearings his impression, he paused. "It's so...*small*," he said. "What's happening is important; on TV it looks more momentous. But in reality, it just seems small."

How fitting. A huge and potentially shattering proceeding that originated in human smallness—a reckless man and a needy woman pursuing the smuttiest of affairs—seems tiny. A proceeding marked by small-minded partisanship, which purports to be about expansive things like honor, truth and the nation's well-being, actually concerns pettier stuff—vengeance, vanity and voting patterns.

The human eye is small, too. Yet how many of us have looked into a pair and seen such a universe of truth that it crushed us to discover they had lied?

The last time I looked in a president's eye and trusted all I saw was sometime between Watergate and Iran-Contra—or was it before reading about the Bay of Pigs? My vision has been skewed by lies far more consequential than Clinton's concerning moans and sighs in a White House hallway. Skewed by lies that didn't matter because they weren't "under oath."

Surely the swearing makes Clinton's lies worse than his predecessors'.

But my eyes can't quite see it.

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Healing old partisan wounds with new, patient Congress

The House of Representatives will be a long time healing from the partisan warfare of last month's bitter impeachment battle. But on the opening day of the new Congress, as the Senate braced for its trial of President Clinton, you could see the first glimpses of a better time ahead for the House.

David Broder

The atmosphere, as always, was festive, with children joining their lawmaker parents on the House floor to share the big moment. Fitted out in their Sunday best and clearly instructed to mind their manners, they soon began to fidget and squirm and wander just as kids will—and their proud parents realized this was not the time to administer a healthy swat.

This year, the new speaker, Republican Dennis Hastert of Illinois, and the returning minority leader, Democrat Dick Gephardt of Missouri, added to the sense of family reunion with a pair of speeches that sounded a genuine desire to improve the poisonous atmosphere that has prevailed through most of this decade.

The hope for change was even more palpable a block away on the fifth floor of the Cannon House Office Building, where freshman members were holding open houses all afternoon for friends and supporters. Those offices—invariably assigned to the newcomers—are buildings—a top-floor slum where newly arrived Republicans and Democrats are randomly made neighbors.

I looked in on a couple of freshman members I had met one evening last month, when they were getting together for a post election issues orientation at Harvard's Institute of Politics. The camaraderie that night crossed party lines, and I was curious to see, a month later, whether the anger engendered by the impeachment debate had begun to poison the well.

To the contrary, Rep. Dennis Moore, the first Democrat elected from his Kansas district in 40 years, said, "People back home are sick to death of the name-calling, the lack of civility they saw in those (Judiciary Committee) hearings and floor debate last month. They are hungry for bipartisanship."

Down the hall, Rep. Steve Kuykendall, a Republican who won an open Democratic seat of the Pacific coast edge of Los Angeles, said, "There's a broad level of agreement among the freshmen of both parties—we need to talk to each other and find common ground. We watched from our districts what was happening here last year, and we saw what the divisiveness was doing to Congress and the country. Maybe, with a little luck, we can pour some oil on troubled waters."

I think the freshmen reflect what their constituents feel—a very different mood from the Class of 1994 that swept in on Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America," giving the GOP its first House majority in 40 years. Those freshmen came aflame with the fervor of their convictions, ready to flex their ideological muscles but unwilling to compromise with colleagues who did not share their views.

This year's freshman class is smaller, more evenly split between the parties, older and more experienced. The 23 Democrats' average age is 48; the 17 Republicans', 45. Moore is 53, a former county prosecutor and successful criminal defense attorney. Kuykendall is 51, a Marine veteran of Vietnam and two-term member of the California Assembly. These are grown-ups, not youngsters out for a lark.

The difference was notable on the House floor. Four years ago, exultant Republicans chanted "Newt, Newt, Newt," as Gingrich took the gavel, while Democrats glowered in anger at seeing the man who had baited them unmercifully for years being installed in power. Two years ago, opening day was marred by the controversy over Gingrich's ethics violations and tension about the possibility that Republican defections might defeat hi— for speaker.

This year, the ceremonial roll call in which Democrats shouted out "Gephardt" as their choice for speaker and Republicans hollered "Hastert" had all the nervous edge of kids choosing players for a neighborhood pickup softball game. None at all.

Gephardt presented Hastert the ceremonial gavel and—with the perfect pitch he's struck in all his recent House floor speeches—said, "Let's bury the hatchet."

Hastert, in turn, broke with tradition and asked Gephardt to preside over the House while he delivered his acceptance speech from the floor. It was a modest speech by a modest man—less a manifesto than a pledge to get the bills out on time. And the applause came as easily from Democrats as Republicans.

Opening day was just the overture to the opera. But it raised hopes.

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Students share methods of coping with stresses of academic work

By KEYSHA MOON
News Reporter

Each semester, student groans about academic workload and the tortures of a "hell week" are heard around campus, especially as semesters draw to a close. There are as many different concepts as to what constitutes a "hell week"—and how to survive it—as there are Allegheny students.

Junior math major Nadya Davis said her worst week this semester consisted of a take-home exam, a research paper, four homework assignments and four chapters of reading. She focuses on staying organized to accomplish the work. "I try never to procrastinate. I also have a chalkboard that I use to outline all of the work I have due for each week so that I know how to manage my time."

Junior Alison Losey said she does not handle stress as well. "I don't sleep; I don't cope. I deal with all the stress after the fact even though I do run around like a lunatic all week." Losey is a political science major. Her "hell week" this semester was to complete 30 pages of various papers along with three homework assignments (approximately eight hours of work each) and two exams.

Freshman psychology major Pency Smith also believes that the academic stress here at Allegheny is intense. How does she cope? "I pull a lot of all-nighters, but at least I know that my professors are understanding and I'm getting a first rate education." Losey said she does not feel quite so optimistic about the value of stress. "They say pain builds character. Hopefully there is some truth to that. I guess I will be better off in the end and if I'm not, I won't be too happy."

Some students think that the classes students take are sometimes the cause of work overload. Environmental science major Robyn Nicoll '01 aid, "Before Thanksgiving break I had a research paper,two exams, and a quiz all in the span of three days. Needless to say, all the classes were science classes." Nicoll's solution is to cut down on sleeping time. "I stay up until about three or four in the morning and drink lots of coffee. You have to stay up late so you don't fall behind in your other classes."

Is "hell week" a myth? According to Melissa Malacki, a sophomore economics major, "I create my own stress by procrastinating. I have never had a week where I had more work to complete than I could handle."

Students who feel they often have more work to do than they have time must make choices about what work is more important. Davis decides what holds more precedence by whether the class is in her major and whether or not the professor will give her an extension. Losey said she simply works on what is due first until it is completed and hopes to manage her time well enough to get it all finished.

Outside activities sometimes contribute to stress. Losey said, "Yes, outside activities are sometimes an addition to stress, but it also gives students a break from school work that is definitely needed."

Davis agreed that activities add to stress but she doesn't believe this is the real problem. "Professors need to be a little more understanding. It is important that they realize that we take 3-5 classes and not just theirs."

Nicoll agreed with Davis where professors are concerned. "Sometimes I don't think the professors care about the other work you have to do. A lot just look at what they are doing. The education I am getting is good, but it is also discouraging. Students here bust their butts and sometimes they don't see any rewards."

A question many students ask every day as they complete another task rings through the residence halls and student apartments: "Is it worth it?" Davis said, "I think that I am getting a wonderful education but I hope the work world will still understand and give me a job when I have a B or C from Allegheny and my job competitor has an A from Edinboro or Penn State."

Yeltsin urges restraining measures for Neo-Nazis

MOSCOW (AP)—A top aide to President Boris Yeltsin said Tuesday that the president will act by decree to block growing expressions of political extremism if parliament fails to endorse bills against such movements.

The comments by Yeltsin's deputy chief of staff Oleg Sysuyev followed a march Sunday by some 150 members of a neo-Nazi group in northern Moscow, and the outrage provoked by the failure of police to intervene.

Russian law bans statements "inciting inter-ethnic strife," but authorities have been slow to respond to them.

On Tuesday, a presidential panel on combating political extremism also urged stronger action against neo-Nazi groups, including prohibiting them from disseminating their literature and symbols.

If the Communist-dominated lower house of parliament stalls on enacting a government-proposed bill that would strengthen the punishment for extremist statements, Yeltsin will "fill the legal vacuum with his decrees," Sysuyev said.

"The president will not remain aside."

Communists in parliament have been reluctant to act against political extremism, partly because many of them, and of their voters, are openly anti-Semitic.

In another sign that Communists would oppose harsher punishment for extremist acts, the speaker of the lower house of parliament, Communist Gennady Seleznyov defended hard-line demonstrators who disrupted a democratic congress Sunday.

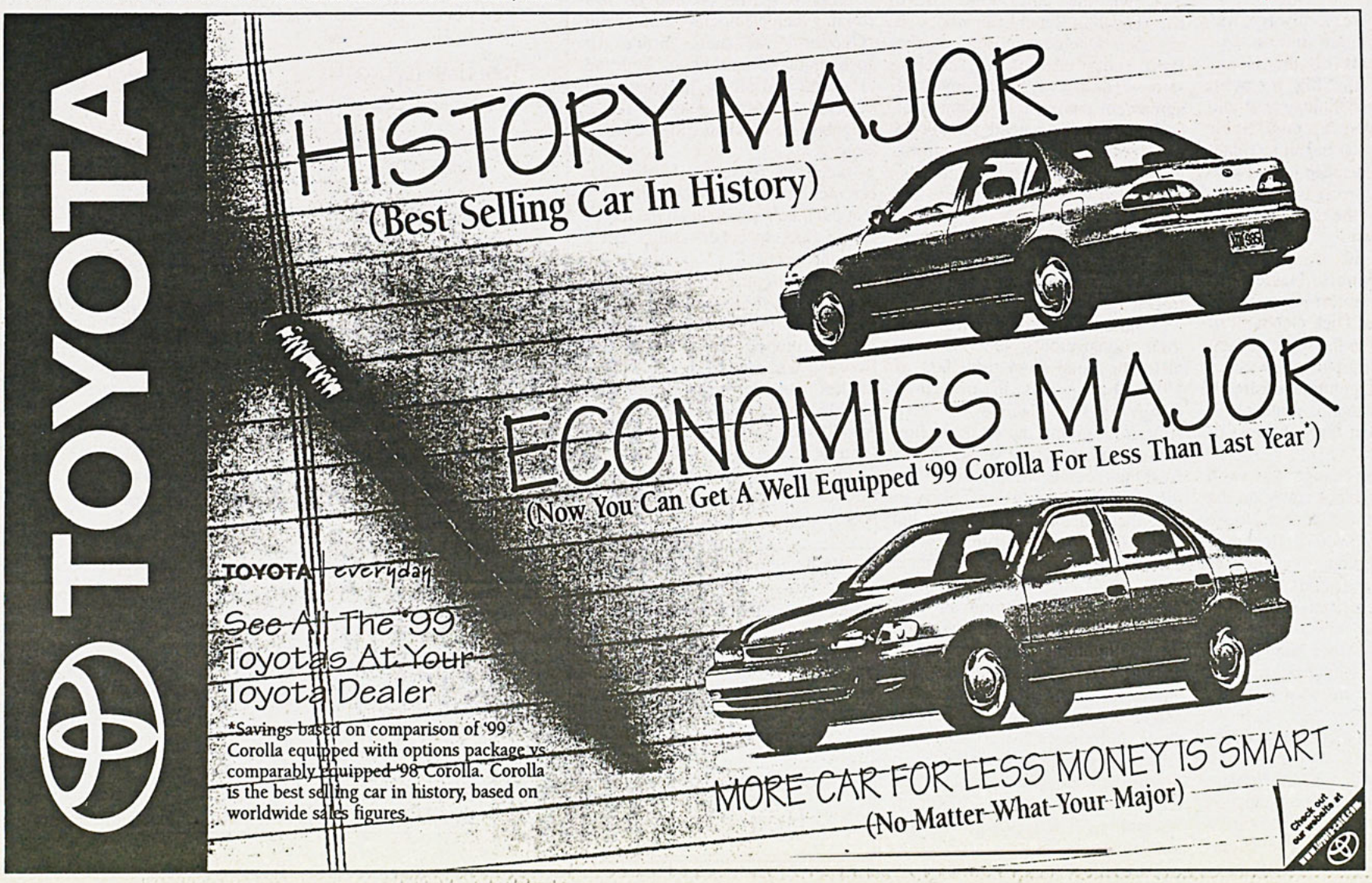
Members of former Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar's Russia's Democratic Choice party drove the demonstrators out of the hall, beating some, as congress delegates shouted "Shame!"

Seleznyov, the parliament speaker, blamed Gaidar's reformers for the clash.

"You saw footage of the congress, you saw ... what they (Gaidar's allies) did to those little boys," Seleznyov said.

"I believe that the boys were brave. It was not them who put up the skirmish. It was Gaidar's democrats who beat then up. That shocked me most of all," Seleznyov was quoted as saying by the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Meanwhile, Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov has harshly criticized police for tolerating the Sunday march by neo-Nazis, and again stressed on Tuesday that "fascism will not be tolerated in Moscow."



Arts & Living

Matthews serenades us

By ELENA HURLEY
Arts & Living Writer

Allegheny students were rewarded for their camp-outs in Campus Center ticket lines with a low-key, high-quality concert from Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds on Saturday, Jan. 24.

During the two-hour, 45-minute concert Matthews continually interacted with the crowd He pronounced Allegheny the most receptive audience of the five recent acoustic shows he and Reynolds have performed.

Freshman Tara Davis, a Matthews enthusiast, said Matthews and Reynolds probably enjoyed our audience because "we were attentive during the show, which is what they like. Dave and Tim fed off the crowd and that's why the show was so good. There were into every song because we were into every song."

Davis said her favorite part of the show was "when Tim danced in the earlier part of the show. His solos completely blew me away."

According to Jessica Frieder, a sophomore member of Gator Activities Programming (GAP), the group responsible for bringing Matthews and Reynolds to campus, the process of getting Matthews to come to Allegheny was initiated last year, when rumors of a possible Matthews performance were flying all over campus.

Last summer, flyers were sent to Allegheny students and those that were returned indicated that there was still a strong interest in the potential concert, Frieder said.

Campagna explained that GAP works with Harris Goldberg, a booking agent who lets them know which acts are touring. Goldberg told them that Matthews was going to be doing an acoustic tour with Reynolds "and two seconds later we put in a bid for him," Campagna said.

The bid was placed in mid-November and GAP learned that it had been accepted in early December.

Frieder said that Matthews' people were "very cordial and everyone enjoyed themselves. It was very low-key."

Rachel Campagna, a junior member of GAP, said Matthews was "really outgoing and not at all stuck-up." She said Matthews enjoyed the audience he found on campus.

Frieder also said that GAP members were able to meet Matthews briefly and take pictures with him. "I got a nice little kiss on the cheek from Dave," she said.



LOW-KEY, HIGH QUALITY—Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds performed a two-hour, 45-minute concert Saturday, Jan. 24 in Shafer Auditorium. The concert, arranged by Gator Activities Programming (GAP) left students with a "Crush" on Matthews.
—photo illustration by Ben Wyrick

Interesting break adventures

By KIMBERLY REHAK
Assistant Arts & Living Editor

It seems like such a simple question. What did you do over Christmas break? What if I were to ask, "What did you do that was *interesting* over break?" What was once an innocent inquiry turns sinister with this little addition.

It seems that most of the people I talked with spent the lapse between semesters as I did. Some worked like me; most spent too much time inside because of the weather as I had. I also heard the responses: "I hung out with my friends, mostly" or "I slept" quite often. Personally, I did not have much time to do either of those because of the first two common replies I have mentioned.

If I were to answer the second question (what was the most *interesting* thing that happened), I would have to respond with a tale of the two and a half hours I spent with a friend in traffic for a 20 minute ride home. This friend and I had only the oldies station and a few Band-aids to serve as entertainment.

Or I could also mention the following evening when that same friend and I were stranded until two in the morning in a movie theater parking lot because neither of us knew that rubber did not conduct electricity and would not start a dead battery.

A similar situation happened to freshman Pepe Abola. "I got stuck in a car for over two hours during rush hour and a snowstorm. It was just crazy. I went shopping with my friend and we decided to try a short cut through the middle of town. The weather suddenly got bad and the traffic worse. We were so bored, we ended up listening to the oldies station and singing along."

Others related stories of woe. "I got stranded in Grand Central Station with no money for a ticket home," said junior Marie Elia. "A few days later, I got stranded in Springfield, Ohio for a wee while—I was snowed in while visiting a friend."

"I went dancing in New York City," said senior Topher Stoppenbach, "and traveled home on the train while a bunch of drunken children were trying to get it on right next to me."

Some lucky ones got to travel over their break. "I went to the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill for a meeting with liberal environmental student activists who my

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"Uniquely different" Blake brings her life's lessons to AC through interactive lecture

By KRISTY L. WHISKER
Arts & Living Writer

Her days begin at 5 a.m., long before the sun peeks its head over the horizon, and end at midnight, long after the sun has disappeared. Self-described as "uniquely different and refreshing," and "totally wacko," this is a woman who has survived three attacks of cancer and two heart attacks, was born deaf (and remains hard of hearing), is dyslexic, lives with muscular dystrophy and refuses to be labeled "disabled."

"I am differently abled," she said in a phone interview, "not disabled."

Robin K. Blake, or Doc Robin, as she's called, will visit Allegheny on Feb. 10 to present an interactive lecture, "Living in Love with Yourself," at 8 p.m. in Ford Chapel.

Despite being told as a child that she was dumb and unable to succeed, Doc Robin has far exceeded anyone's expectations and used her unique opportunities to reach out to others from all walks of life. "If you like yourself and are comfortable with yourself, " Doc Robin said, "you can go out and help others. Everybody has the potential to be a great leader."

In addition to being fluent in several languages, she holds a Ph.D. in Wellness and Human Relations, a Doctor of Divinity, is a fully ordained minister, and is a certified therapist in four different disciplines. While no two of her days are the same, she has a private practice as a therapist where she helps the sick when they are near death. Additionally, she works with the Marion County court system in Indiana as a chemical dependency therapist.

"I am differently abled," said Robin K. Blake, "not disabled."

Doc Robin has spent much of the last five years on the lecture circuit as well, where she has been recognized for her work in the areas of self-esteem, chemical dependency, special communications, death and dying, etc.

Her lively interactive lecture "Living in Love with Yourself" is a humorous but introspective look at interpersonal relationships, the differences between men and women and self-esteem. The lecture, she said, is a form of therapy that participants will either love or hate, but regardless, they'll be changed upon leaving.

"It all boils down to choices, " she said, "You have to be willing to take a chance and 'no' doesn't mean you shouldn't try." Her lecture is designed to explore both self-esteem and interpersonal relationships so as to help participants gain an appreciation for "their own uniqueness."

The problem, Doc Robin claims, is a societal tone. "We are victims of our society. We learn in society that what is normal is extremely abnormal. Stuff is not important; "the stuffing of your own self is what's important," she said. "Who are you? What do you want to accomplish?"

According to Doc Robin, her lecture shows the audience different choices and encourages them to think about and question what is truly important in life.

Doc Robin's appearance in Ford Chapel is being sponsored by Allegheny Student Government, Students Educating About Responsible College Health (SEARCH) and the Office of Residence Life.

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Just Plain Folks fall into anarchy when "A Simple Plan" goes awry

By BOB BRITTEN
Arts & Living Writer

"Things fall apart, the centre cannot hold. Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world." Yeats is overly poetic for a hack film review, maybe, but those lines are a very apt summary of "A Simple Plan." It's both a typical and atypical movie involving the plans of some Just Plain Folks gone horribly awry.

Film Review

The Just Plain Folks here are played by Bill Paxton (who still looks like Chet from "Weird Science") and Billy Bob Thornton ("Sling Blade"), who incidentally is sporting a mouthful of teeth that would make Austin Powers blush.

As is indicated by the kind-of-well-known status of these two, this is not a movie with a star-studded cast. In fact, the only other recognizable face is Bridget Fonda's. She plays Paxton's horrible, conniving, backstabbing, avaricious wife. Whom I did not care for.

Paxton and Thornton are brothers in a small Minnesota town. Paxton is successful (in a small Minnesota town kind of way), while Thornton is more rustic.

The two, along with Thornton's backwoods pal Lou (who I think populated most of my hometown, somehow), stumble upon a crashed plane, inside of which they find $4.4 million. They keep the money, with the (simple) plan of not splitting or spending it until the spring, just to be safe. The rest of the film involves the obvious parade of bitterness, rivalry, complications and things basically falling apart.

The story here is textbook, and at first glance it's easy to call it "Fargo" and decide to see "Varsity Blues" or some equally high-caliber film instead. Don't be fooled. The beauty here is not in the subject matter, but director Sam Raimi's way of handling it.

Yes, I said Sam Raimi. Yes, he's the "Evil Dead" guy. No, Bruce Campbell does not appear in this film. But take all those wonderfully bizarre camera techniques from the "Dead" trilogy, add about a zillion crows, put them in a serious movie and you've got "A Simple Plan."

There are single scenes in this film that are visually astonishing, and the cinematography qualities of framing, color and shadow used to portray the bleakness of the situation put a stranglehold on the viewer. Also, a lot of people die.

Well, that's not entirely correct. The death tally only reaches about six, but before all the "Faces of Death" fans decide it's small change and opt to rent "I Spit On Your Grave" again, I'll say that the unnerving quality of this film is not so much that people are killed, but that the deaths are dealt with in such a drawn-out and personal manner.

Except for the woman who gets blown across the kitchen by a shotgun, but I think Sam Raimi has something in his contract about that.

I realize I'm gushing about this one, but it's really that good, and definitely worth the cash. Don't limit yourself to expecting it to be another Coen-esque conspiracy flick, because it's a lot more than that, although to an extent it is that too—we respect our influences.

The vile two-backed devils at Tinseltown have fiendishly raised their prices ($4 matinee, and I think $6 or so for night shows) in a diabolical effort to keep people out of the theater, but don't let that dissuade you. Support capitalism—see "A Simple Plan."

Characters entertain with Super commercials

By PATIENCE L. BARTUNEK
Arts & Living Editor

On Sunday, Jan 31 a phenomenon occurred. Most of Allegheny's student population was poised in front of their television screens watching Super Bowl XXXIII. Most watched to cheer on one of the two competitors—the Denver Broncos and the Atlanta Falcons. I watched the Super Bowl with as much interest as the next guy—but not because of the teams.

Okay, here comes the honest disclosure: I do not appreciate football. Actually, I did not know who was playing until I turned on the game. So why did I watch the game? Well, the commercials. Some may watch the Super Bowl for the football, but I am a commercial fan.

With the huge cost of Super Bowl commercial slots ($1.6 million for 30 seconds), most advertisers bring out the big guns on Super Bowl Sunday. Prior to game day I had seen at least two talk shows showing the first excerpts of the new commercials. I saw a glimpse of the First Union commercial, as well as the M&M and Macintosh commercials, well before Sunday. So I was excited about the new commercials I was going to see.

I tuned in just in time to watch Kiss playing during the pre-show, and I was ready. I figured the new commercials would begin right before the national anthem. I was wrong. The first four commercials were old, and for the most part boring or cheesy. At this point I was slightly disappointed.

After Cher's original rendition of the national anthem I was ready, and I wasn't disappointed.

The best commercials throughout the game were definitely the Budweiser commercials. The first Bud commercial featured the frogs ("Bud-wei-ser") and the lizards. The lizards got canned, and we finally heard the frogs talk. The next commercial showed the frogs and lizards fighting and that was the last we saw of the swamp dwellers for the evening.

Budweiser's next non-human endorser was a lobster. This guy would do anything not to get cooked. He took a bottle of Budweiser hostage. The lobster managed to escape unscathed, but he never did give back the beer.

A creepy mouse with goggles helped one guy get the girl—and the Bud Lite—in another commercial. The use of the humanized animals was creative and humorous. The mouse giving the audience a thumbs-up was adorable.

Budweiser did revert to all humans in one of its commercials. Picture two guys who need beer and toilet paper. They go to the store—but only have money for one product. Of course they buy the beer. They just ask the bagger to use paper. I asked a few of my fellow commercial fans, and this was one of the highest-rated commercials in their humor category.

My second choice for best commercial sequence was M&M. They were launching their new

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Get ready—"The Gong Show" is coming, says S.E.T.

With the new cable access, many students spend time flipping through the vast selection of channels. S.E.T.'s favorite of our newfound channels is the Game Show Network. This, combined with our effort to focus on the **E** in S.E.T., inspired us to capture the fun and excitement of "The Gong Show" in our very own Campus Center on Friday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m., but we need your help. We need individuals or groups willing to share their talents, impressions, or gross tricks with an enthusiastic audience. Encourage your organization to participate in this fun-filled evening!

Please send in the name of the contestant(s) and a little blurb we can use to introduce the act by e-mailing <set> or mailing to Box 189 by Feb. 14. Spur-of-the-moment creative visions are welcome, but priority goes to those who register! Questions? E-mail <set> or ask one of the friendly S.E.T. members.



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Glimpse into the life of the Computer Man

By TIFFANY HRACH
Arts & Living Writer

Hastily he crossed the room, threw his chewing gum in the trash and pulled out a chair for me. Then he was back at his desk, poised and ready to answer any question that might come his way. His blue eyes watched me carefully as I set up my tape recorder.

Not many students on campus know his name, but when they see him walking briskly from dorm to dorm, they call out, "Hey, Computer Man!"

Jonathan Southwick works for Allegheny College Computing Services. He said his job "consists of making sure students get connected to the student network and taking care of any network problems they might be having, and personal computer problems they might be having, and making sure the network stays up and running."

A 1997 graduate of Allegheny, Southwick said he applied and reapplied for jobs on campus because he "wanted to give something back to the college."

Finally, Tim Hunter, the head of Technical and Network Services, called Southwick to ask if he'd be interested in a job that had just opened. Southwick, of course, said he would, and his official title is now Residential Network Support Technician.

I wondered aloud how he feels about the Allegheny students he spends so much time helping. "I enjoy helping them," Southwick replied. "One of the best things for me is to be able to go over and help a student and to see them smile and to be happy that they're finally getting somewhere with their computer."

Southwick also said he plans to remain at Allegheny for a while. "I plan on staying at Allegheny for as long as possible. I enjoy working here and it's a good career move on my part."

Southwick also runs his own small business, specializing in computer consulting and selling computers. "I've started a new life here," he said, and leaned back in his chair, satisfied.

Is his life oriented mainly around computers? When I asked, he replied, "I enjoy working with people, because computers can be a real pain. I enjoy working with people, so this kind of job has helped me."

I started to ask him about his outside interests, but he interrupted me with a huge grin on his face. "Soccer," he said.

"I *love* soccer," he crooned. "I coach soccer every summer up here for the recreation league, I coach down in Titusville for the fall league and now I'm coaching indoor soccer for the winter league. I love coaching and I'd like to play, but right now I just don't have the time."

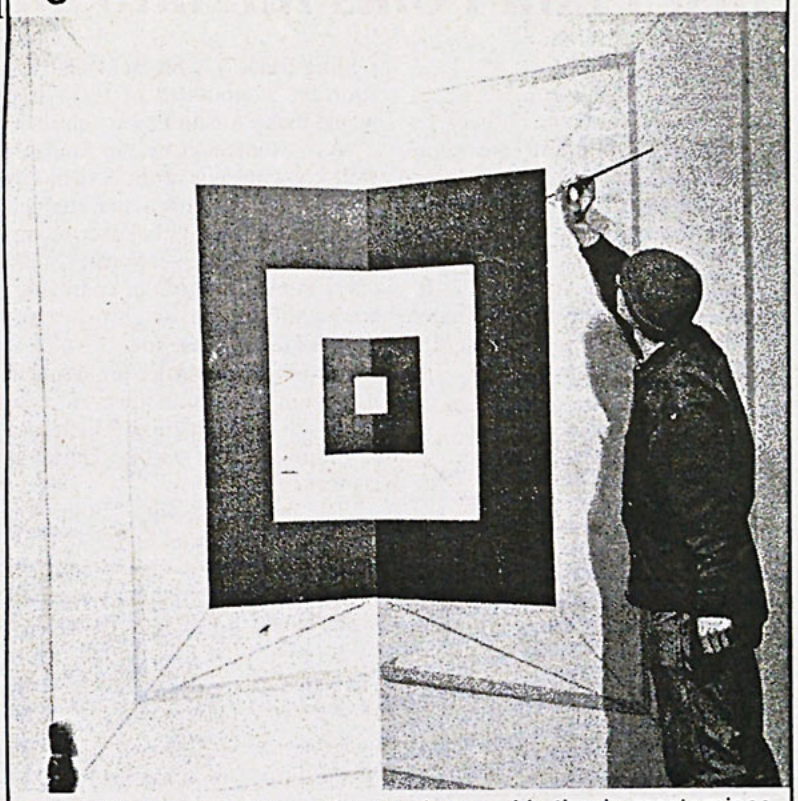
Southwick coaches all ages, from first-graders to ninth-graders. He said he prefers the older kids, "just because they already have most of the skill developed, and they focus more on strategy." I asked about coaching the smaller children and he laughed. "It's funny, but it's a challenge."

We were friends by this point and I asked who he is outside of coaching college students with computers and ninth-graders with soccer. "I'm a very active person," he said. "I'm not the kind of person who likes to sit around and watch T.V. I like doing things—mountain biking—just staying active."

He laughed. "That's kind of weird, because here I have a job where I don't get a whole lot of exercise." I reassured him that whenever I see him around campus as the Computer Man, he's moving full-steam.

As we concluded our interview, Southwick stated once again that he enjoys his job, and that if anyone needs the services of the one and only Computer Man on campus, when ethernet cards get cranky or computers go on the fritz, just call extension 2755 and he'll help you out as soon as he can. That's what he likes to do.

Eight-hour art



Lowell Brown, a visiting artist, touches up his timely masterpiece. Brown and others spent eight hours or less creating works of art on the walls of the Bowman and Penelec galleries while students watched. —photo by Gioncarlo Bonilla

Krispy fights for life, lizards are sacked

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M&M flavor—Krispy.

Krispy is a cute little candy. He first appears swimming in a pool with actress Halle Berry. He introduces himself and she thinks he sounds pretty good. As he swims away he shouts that you can't eat for an hour after swimming.

He appears later sitting on a couch. "Puddy" from "Seinfeld" walks in and makes reference to the fact he must taste pretty good and Krispy falls on the floor. He tells the guy you can't eat a piece of candy that's been on the floor—it is a rule.

The long-awaited return of E.T. occurred during the Super Bowl. We saw E.T. in his ship with others like him, explaining our modes of transportation and insurance. With a cute cameo from old astronauts, E.T.'s ship almost collided with a space ship, and E.T. also asked that you buckle up. These commercials were cute, but didn't really live up to all the pre-Super Bowl hype.

There were also many good one-run commercials. Macintosh took a simple approach. Set after the year 2000, Hal from "2001: A Space Odyssey" explained why he wasn't working. If only he were a Macintosh, he said. They had been taught to register the year 2000 while the others hadn't. It was a plain commercial, but funny and creative.

Land Rover also had a cute commercial. A little boy walked up to the Land Rover and knocked on the door. A woman rolled down the front window and the boy asked if Jason was there. The mom rolled up the window and the audience watched the little boy wait around. A little later she rolled the window down and said she was still looking. The boy just stood there looking dejected while she searched the huge Land Rover.

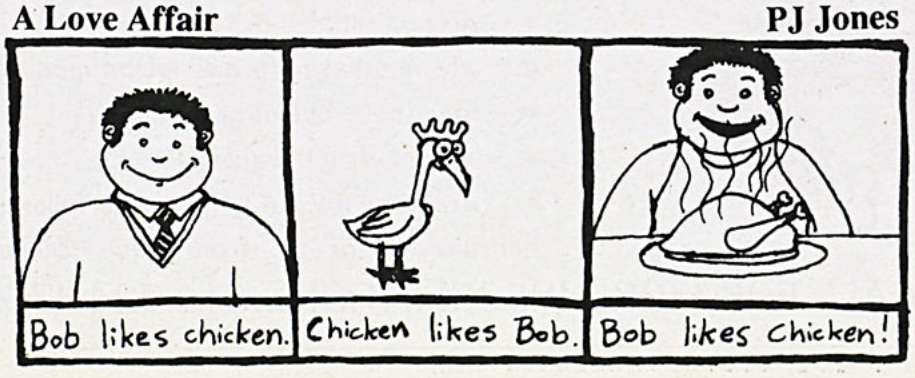
However, not all the commercials were great. The First Union commercial mentioned earlier was strange, with no real point except that it used lots of new technology.

The WWF commercial also fell into this category. It was full of stunts, but basically it was dumb.

What really got me was the number of old and local commercials that received air time. I did not watch the Super Bowl to see an ad for Edinboro University or some cheesy H. Jack Langer plumbing commercial. Nor did I watch to see repeats. How many times can one watch a Pepcid AC commercial without getting heartburn?

In general, the commercials were not a disappointment (as the game was to the Falcon fans), but they left me wishing for something a little more exciting to cheer.

A Love Affair **PJ Jones**



Snowfall benefits librarian

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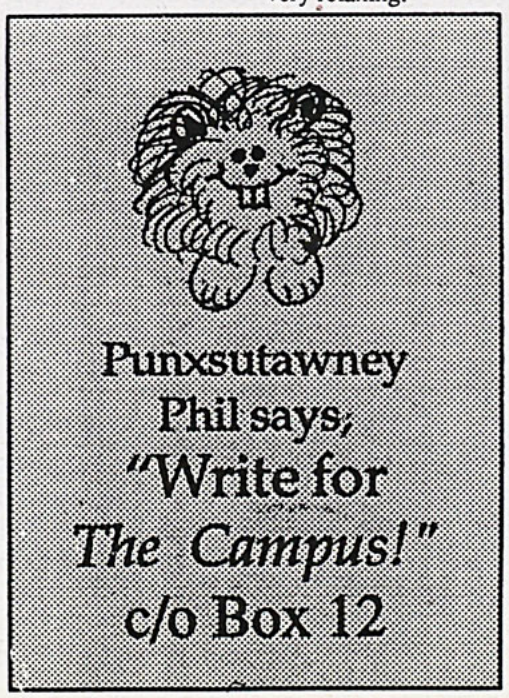
mom described as 'emaciated weird people,'" said sophomore Steffany Yamada. "I saw them as unique, non-apathetic, caring people. They are a great group of diverse individuals."

Junior Remlee Green and her mother "went to Germany and England. We spent New Year's Eve in London with a bunch of crazy drunks and could not get away because they were everywhere. I also got to see some castles, hang out with the cool little locals in the Alps, and I got to see lots of cuckoo clocks and snow."

Others traveled not so far from home. "There's nothing like moving in with a good friend when times are rough at home," said freshman Nina Carpico. "Even better is making a hot lunch for them as they come home from a break at work. It was like an eerie, sort of whacked-out '90s version of "Leave it to Beaver."

Some just got lucky over their holiday. Nancy Brenot, employee of the Pelletier Library, elaborated, "For the last five or six years Jeron Jewelers has run a Christmas promotion where anyone that bought and fully paid for any item in their store would receive their money back if it snowed more than six inches in Edinboro on Dec 30. Well, at 10 p.m. on Dec 30, Edinboro had more than eight inches of snow. So everybody won. It's just too bad my husband didn't buy me a big rock."

Most just relaxed. "I loved watching 'South Park' and skating in my friend's backyard on the slush that had turned into ice," said freshman Aysha Rehman. "It was very relaxing."



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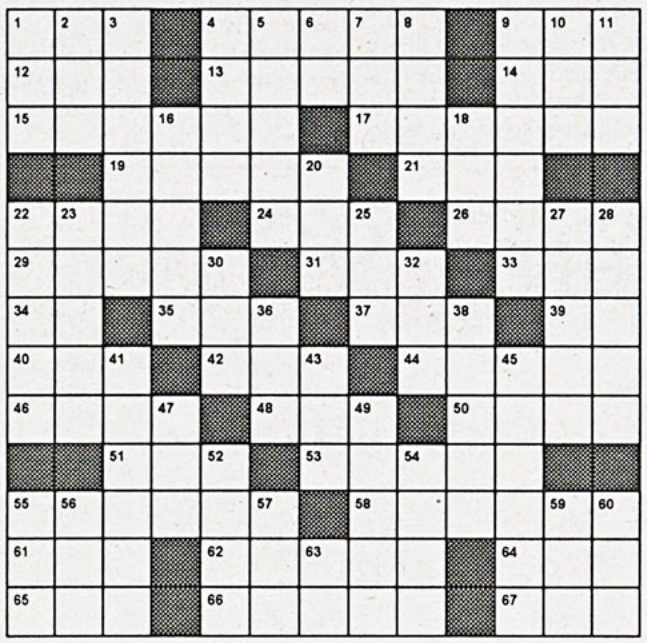
Varsity Blues – 7:05, 9:30

Patch Adams – 7:10, 9:35

A Bug's Life – 7:15, 9:25

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1 Also
4 Tantalize
9 Before (poetic)
12 Southern general
13 Within
14 Flightless bird
15 Mother or father
17 Tree wood
19 Change
21 Ever (poetic)
22 Opera solo
24 Sailor's brew
26 Sort
29 Dirt
31 Elongated fish
33 Over (poetic)
34 Am
35 Age
37 Scottish cap
39 Preposition
40 Color
42 Made a hole
44 Wanderer
46 Ireland
48 Pave
50 Story
51 Cry
53 Weighed down
55 One who kidnaps
58 Foul language
61 Spanish expression of approval
62 Free-for-all
64 7th Greek letter
65 2nd smallest state (abbr.)
66 Dull edge
67 Sleep stage (abbr.)

DOWN
1 Mountain
2 Education group
3 Off track
4 Color shade
5 Come in
6 Indefinite article
7 Put
8 Great lake
9 Organism in early stages
10 Fish eggs
11 Auricle
16 Make happy
18 Came upon
20 Mat
22 Burning
23 Vertical part of stair step
25 Floor pad
27 Part of flower
28 Wash away
30 Trough for carrying bricks
32 Raced
36 Cashew
38 Overnight accommodations
41 Put to rest
43 Female (slang)
45 Infant Jesus' bed
47 Negative
49 Blackbird
52 Explosive
54 Two singing
55 Fish
56 Beer
57 Electric reluctance unit
59 Consumed food
60 Male sheep
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I Was Just Thinking...

A humor column by Gail Giewont

When I was originally asked to write humor columns, I thought, "Sure, I can be funny. I think." I will be more funny if my readers understand that I don't view this as my column. I see it as a column for all of us, a place where we can be unified. This week, for instance, we'll be unified about vinegar.

It is also important to know that I love receiving ideas and comments, especially from those who give me money. Those who participate in the creative process have a good chance of having their idea mentioned, even if I ignore it. Everyone has now been fairly warned.

This story begins innocently enough. I needed two one-gallon plastic containers for my introductory photography class and since my parents were visiting for the weekend, I entrusted this solemn duty to them. My professor had suggested that milk or bottled water containers would be adequate containers for photography chemicals.

My parents are far more economically minded than that, though. Far cheaper than milk or water is another substance: vinegar. My mother further explained that the plastic vinegar containers were thicker than the milk and water ones. This was comforting.

So I had the two gallons of vinegar, and nothing to do but stare adoringly at them. A friend departing from my house on the happy day of the vinegar's arrival commented, "Have fun with your vinegar."

This got me thinking. Can you really have fun with vinegar? Could it be more entertaining than, say, vegetable oil? Not to suggest that I really think anything is more fun than vegetable oil. But I decided to find out.

The one thing I knew for certain was that I could not simply throw the vinegar away. What if there were a sudden shortage in the world's vinegar supply? I would regret having dumped it unceremoniously into the vast wastelands of the Meadville water system, never to be recovered.

Especially since, if there were a vinegar shortage, I could sell my two gallons' worth on the black market for a whole lot of money and buy something really fun, like a rutabaga.

And I wouldn't want the vinegar defense groups after me if they found out I'd been abusing my vinegar privileges.

Inspired, and slightly frightened about the persecution that could result from making the wrong decision, I set about discovering the various uses of vinegar. People are far more imaginative about vinegar than you would think.

The first and most important thing to know about vinegar is that it is a rather smelly substance (which is probably why it's cheaper than both water and milk). As my housemate, who wants me to call him "Nza" for the purposes of this column (which I'll do because he knows where I live) said, "That stuff makes my hands smelly."

This quality of vinegar was definitively established early on in the vinegar fiasco, when during the transfer of the vinegar out of the useful containers, my housemate "Jeff Heller" (who I will be calling "Jeff Heller" to preserve his anonymity) stuck his nose dangerously close to the vinegar and gave it a good sniff.

From the way he jerked back and shrieked, I surmised that he didn't enjoy the experience too much. My mother (who I will be calling "Bubba") suggests that vinegar can be used to clear one's sinuses, which is certainly believable.

Numerous people suggested I use the vinegar to clean coffeemakers. I don't have a coffeemaker myself, but I could probably clean a whole neighborhood full of them. I could be the Coffeemaker Elf, visiting people's houses at night and cleaning their coffeemakers. In the morning, they'd be surprised and happy to know the Coffeemaker Elf had been there to visit. People like to feel special.

Along the line of cleaning, I received a suggestion from my friend Erin Wood's mom (imaginatively referred to as "Erin Wood's mom") that I could take a bath in vinegar to see if I "get real pruney." I think I'll pass on that.

I like the idea of giving vinegar as a gift, for Valentine's Day perhaps. Your loved ones will enjoy vinegar.

Remlee Green thought I should give the vinegar to slugs, probably because I was taking my stuffed animal slug Banana for a walk when I talked to her. I offered Banana some vinegar, but she didn't seem too enthusiastic about it. I can't imagine why.

The aforementioned Erin Wood suggests that a slug given vinegar would probably shrivel up and die (I presume that she meant real slugs, but it's hard to be sure). That is something I think I'd really prefer not to see. Although I guess it could be interesting, if you're the type of person who's into that sort of thing.

Vinegar is also good for pickling things. Many people suggested just making regular pickles, but I rather liked Adam Kukic's plan to make pickled eggs. Except for the fact that I don't like eggs and I dislike pickled eggs in particular since they're scary and purple and rather negatively aromatic, this is a great plan.

Besides, it would be more fun to pickle other things. A pickled street sign would probably make a better gift than just vinegar alone.

Perhaps the most obvious thing to do is to make a big volcano. There are too many variations on this idea to go into all of them, but my favorites included building a really big one on the Campus Center balcony and running away, or having a big volcano party with friends.

Here's an interesting idea: keep the volcano in some sort of container, under extreme and perilous pressure, and then aim the blast at the side of the David Meade Field House. This idea came from an economics and math double major, so it must be something that would work.

Not only would that be fun, we'd be doing something nice to help the deconstruction crews. And I think that's something we can all feel good about.

Sports Column

Jordan's departure leaves NBA title chase wide open for teams from the East and the West

The majority of public opinion polls show that fans in general have lost interest in the NBA after the lockout. In spite of this fact, I am writing an NBA preview column, mainly because football season is essentially over and there isn't much else to pay attention to. I'm sure in the next couple of weeks boredom will set in and most of the rest of you will come back to the NBA, too.

Pat Sheldon

I'll begin in the Eastern Conference, which is pretty much wide open this year.

In the Central Division the Indiana Pacers are the team with the edge. After taking the Bulls to game seven in the Conference Championship Series last year, Indiana was the only team to work out together during the lockout. That should allow Reggie Miller and the rest of the Pacers to get out of the blocks quickly and never look back on their way to the top seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

The Pacers' top challenger in the East should be the New York Knicks. Assuming that Jeff Van Gundy doesn't do anything stupid to make Latrell Spreewell snap, the only thing standing in the Knicks' way will be themselves as they try to learn to play together.

When the playoffs roll around the Knicks should have overcome that obstacle, allowing them to use their multi-faceted offensive attack to beat the Pacers from the outside and in the paint on their way to the Eastern Conference Championship and a berth in the NBA finals.

There are several teams in the East that could challenge if the Pacers or Knicks stumble. The New Jersey Nets are young, but Keith Van Horn and the team in general can only get better.

The Miami Heat also should be tough, especially if they add Dennis Rodman, but I'm not sure they have enough consistent offensive weapons to beat the Knicks or Pacers.

The West is a little more difficult to pick. The Jazz, Spurs, Rockets, Lakers and Sonics all have what it takes to win it all.

I automatically eliminate the Lakers from the Conference Championship race because they don't have anyone on the team who can actually play the role of a leader in a tough playoff series. They also don't play much defense most of the time. They'll win their division, but lose in the playoffs.

The Jazz are sort of a sentimental favorite because John Stockton and Karl Malone have played so long without winning a Championship.

The Spurs have a good combination of experience and youth, as well as the deadliest front court in the game, with David Robinson and Tim Duncan.

The Rockets maintained a pretty solid nucleus and added Scottie Pippen, which can only make them better. Pippen's desire to win a Championship without Jordan, combined with Charles Barkley's desire to win a Championship before he dies, will make Houston dangerous.

The Sonics are obviously on the decline as far as I'm concerned, but they can still win the West. Gary Payton and Vin Baker are two of the best players in the league, but Seattle's chances for a Championship left with George Karl.

Having eliminated the Lakers and Sonics from the Western Conference title chase, the three remaining teams with a shot are the Jazz, Rockets and Spurs. Again, simply because of the determination of aging superstars, I'm picking a Jazz/Rockets Western final. The Jazz will win, setting up a Knicks/Jazz final.

Despite the many different ways the Knicks will have developed to beat teams, their offense will be nothing compared to the offense the Jazz faced in the finals each of the last two years. Combine that with the experience of Malone and Stockton and the Jazz should win in five games with Malone taking home the finals MVP honors.

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Women's track takes second place at NCAC Relays

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The Allegheny men's and women's track teams began their indoor seasons on Jan. 22 at the Baldwin-Wallace Open Meet and continued it last weekend at the NCAC Relays.

Senior Amy Schuckert highlighted Allegheny's competitors at the Baldwin-Wallace meet, capturing first place in the 500-meter dash and the 1,000-meter run. Schuckert's time in the 500 was 1:22.23, while her time in the 1,000 was 3:09.26.

The men's squad was paced by Rob DiLoreto and Mike Keglovits, who finished third and fourth in the 400-meter dash. DiLoreto finished in 51.76 seconds, while Keglovits followed in 52.00.

The Allegheny women got strong performances from Tammy Jolly, Donna Donnelly, Erin Switzer and Shaughna Loncar as well. Jolly picked up a second place finish in the women's pole vault, and Donnelly and Switzer finished second and fourth in the women's triple jump with marks of 32-04.75 and 31-09.50. Loncar earned third place in the 55-meter high hurdles with her time of 9.26.

Rounding out the notable men's performances, Nick Radio picked up a fifth place finish in the 500-meter dash with his time of 1:10.55. Brett Zook, Rob Shaw and Jason Hunter each earned seventh place finishes in their respective events. Zook finished the 800-meter run in 2:08.27, while Shaw ran the 1,000-meter in 2:46.32 and Hunter triple jumped 37-10.

The Gators competed in the NCAC Relays on Saturday, a meet which combines the times or marks of two competitors from each team in several different events. The women's team finished in second place with a score of 67, while the men's team finished fifth with 55 points.

The women's team picked up several second place finishes in the event, but Donnelly and Switzer led the way for the team with their first place finish in the triple jump relay. Donnelly leaped 31-7 1/4, while Switzer finished with a mark of 31-4 for a combined mark of 61-11 1/4. The total outdistanced the second place team by nearly a foot.

The Gator women finished in second place in the 800-meter relay, the distance medley relay, the 55-meter hurdle relay and the 1600-meter relay.

Loncar, Switzer, Carolyn Sikora and Donnelly combined for a time of 1:55.19 in the 800. The distance medley team was made up of Kelly Hazen, Kathy McFadden, Jill Atherton and Schuckert, who combined for a time of 13:06.20, and the 1600 team, which was comprised of Switzer, Donnelly, Sikora and Schuckert, finished in 4:26.22.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Loncar's time of 9.54 was paired with Tiffany Weaver's 10.01 for a total of 19.55.

Kathy McFadden and Meghan Radkowski combined for a fourth place finish in the high jump, and Stephanie Herndon and Jolly picked up a fourth place finish in the pole vault relay.

Sheryl Escalon and Ilda Oropeza teamed up for a fifth place finish in the shot put relay. Radkowski and Switzer combined for a fifth place finish in the long jump, and Loncar, Radkowski, Atherton and Tara Trent comprised the fifth place sprint medley team. Alyssa Mack and Mandy Carlson rounded out the women's competitors with their sixth place finish in the 5000-meter relay.

The men's team was led by third place finishes in the long jump relay and the distance medley relay. Hunter (18-7 3/4) and Ryan Christy (19-2 1/2) paired up in the long jump for a total of 37-10 1/4. Zook, Seth Houwer, Radio and Shaw combined for a time of 10:58.89 in the distance medley.

Fourth place finishes for the Gator men came in the 55-meter hurdles, the 3200-meter relay and the 5000-meter relay. Joel Doty and Marty Mahoney ran the hurdles in times of 9.15 and 8.27, respectively, for a total of 17.42. Shaw, Zook, Houwer and Daren Morgante finished the 3200 in 8:37.45, while Ben Wyrick (16:24.3) and Brice Allen (16:42.6) combined for a total of 33:06.9 in the 5000.

The Gators took fifth place in the 800-meter relay, the 1600-meter relay, the high jump relay and the pole vault relay. DiLoreto, Hunter, Chad Booker and Mike Mellish comprised the 800 team and had a time of 1:38.34. DiLoreto, Houwer, Radio and Shaw teamed to finish the 1600 in 3:41.22. Booker and Christy each high jumped 5-8 for a total of 11-4. Bob Matter was the Gators' only competitor in the pole vault, clearing 13-00.

Calvin Perine and Pat Madigan teamed up for a seventh place finish in the shot put. Chris Godios, Doty, Booker and Dan Princic combined for seventh in the sprint medley relay.

The men's and women's teams return to action this Saturday at the Mid-West Elite Invitational.



IN FULL STRIDE—Brett Zook ran the second leg of the men's 3200-meter relay at the NCAC Relays last Saturday. Allegheny's men earned fourth place in the event. —photo by Ben Wyrick

Steelers may move if they don't receive state funding

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The Pittsburgh Steelers would think about doing an end run out of Three Rivers Stadium if the state does not provide money for a new stadium, a team executive said.

Steelers Vice President Arthur Rooney II said the team would "seriously consider" such a move.

Rooney told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette the failure of a Feb. 10 vote on paying one-third of the cost of new stadiums for the Steelers, Pirates, Eagles and Phillies could provoke the Steelers to terminate their lease at Three Rivers Stadium.

The Steelers can break the stadium lease with two years notice.

"I would have to believe that one of the options that will be seriously considered is exercising the escape clause if there is no vote by Feb. 10," Rooney said.

Rooney would not say where the Steelers might play if not in Three Rivers Stadium. Officials in Washington County have said they would welcome the team.

Rooney said he was not overly optimistic the Legislature would vote as scheduled and said he was frustrated by the delays in fulfilling Gov. Tom Ridge's promised one-third state funding for the stadiums.

Ridge's promise amounts to about $150 million in Pittsburgh, where two-thirds of the money for both stadiums has been made up of public and private money.

The Steelers stadium was estimated at $233 million; the Pirates stadium, $209 million. Philadelphia hadn't yet set a funding formula.

"If this financing plan falls through, there would, at a minimum be a different attitude on our end as to how we approach this whole thing," Rooney said.

Pirates owner Kevin McClatchy has said design and site preparation for a new baseball stadium would stop if the Legislature doesn't vote Feb. 10. He hoped to start construction April 1 so the stadium would be ready for April 2001.

The Steelers hoped to begin construction on their stadium in June and open the new facility in August 2001.

Ridge had proposed to fund the four stadiums and economic development projects around the state by getting the Legislature to approve a measure raising the state's debt ceiling.

But a new idea floated by House Majority Leader John Perzel, R-Philadelphia, calls for loaning teams the money. Critics have suggested that loans rather than grants could force the state to float taxable rather than tax-free bonds at considerable more cost to taxpayers. Nonetheless, Ridge and legislators were talking over Perzel's proposal.

Rooney said the Steelers were against accepting a loan. He said the team had considered borrowing some portion of the $76.5 million it had pledged for the stadium.

"The net result of $80 million in loans is that we would have over $100 million in loans on our books" and might not have enough money to compete for players, Rooney said.

NFL star goes back to school

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP)—Tim Dwight had better remember the limousines, the catering and the star treatment he received as a Super Bowl player for the Atlanta Falcons. All that is about to change dramatically.

Dwight—a rookie who set a Super Bowl record with a 42-yard average on five kick returns, including a 94-yard touchdown dash—is returning to Iowa to finish up his degree and run track one more time for coach Larry Wieczorek's Hawkeyes.

When he played football at Iowa, Dwight also ran track in the spring. This time, though, he's returning with celebrity status after his electrifying performance in Atlanta's 34-19 loss to the Denver Broncos on Sunday.

"It's going to be interesting when we get him back here and we throw him in our gray-issued practice uniforms, put him in the back of a van, take him on a five-hour bus ride and give him $15 meal money that he has to sign for," Wieczorek said.

"And then we put three track guys in a room. He'll draw the cot in the motel room. That'll be his welcome back," he said. "We've got to humble him first, get him back to reality."

Wieczorek was only kidding. He knows that Dwight won't raise a fuss and isn't looking for special treatment.

"The interesting thing about him is that he'll take all that right in stride, at least he has in the past. I don't think they've spoiled him yet. He was a big star anyway when he was here, and he never asked for anything special," Wieczorek said. "He was just one of the guys, so I'm sure he'll probably fall right back into that."

The NCAA requires athletes to take a minimum of 12 semester hours unless an athlete is in his last semester. Then, as in Dwight's case, they need only to finish up the courses that are left.

Wieczorek said he expects Dwight to run in the outdoor season that begins in March, although he may not start competing until early April.

A year ago, Dwight finished second in the Big Ten in the 100-meter dash, was fourth in the 200-meter event and led off Iowa's 4x100 sprint relay team, which won the title.

Dwight, who finished third in the 100-meters two years ago, was nosed out last year by Minnesota's Fred Rodgers, who also plays cornerback for the Golden Gophers.

"I'm sure Tim will be ready to go when he gets here. He wouldn't be coming back unless he really had some high aspirations," Wieczorek said. "I'm sure he feels like he feels he's got some unfinished business to do here, some goals that are unaccomplished."

Men's basketball prepares for NCAC showdown with Wittenberg on Saturday

By PAT SHELDON
Sports Editor

The Allegheny men's basketball team has played several solid games since returning to action in early January. The Gators, who began the new year with a 5-4 overall record, have improved their mark to 11-7 overall and 7-4 in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

On Jan. 2 the Gators downed Ohio Wesleyan 70-62 in an NCAC matchup. Todd Gozur paced the squad with 17 points, shooting a perfect five of five from beyond the arc. He also added four steals. Jake Delsandro scored 11 points in the win and Kevin McGarrah added nine. Chris Creahan grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

Allegheny returned to action on Jan. 9 against conference leading Wittenberg. The Gators played a strong game, but fell 62-55 to the Tigers. Creahan led the team in scoring with 14 points and also added 11 rebounds. Chris Good scored nine points in the loss and Delsandro added eight points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals.

The Gators bounced back from their loss the next day with a win over the Earlham Quakers, 72-60. Delsandro netted a team-high 16 points with three rebounds and three assists to lead the attack. Creahan continued to play well with 12 points and nine rebounds, while McGarrah scored 11 points and Gozur and Steve Felton each scored nine.

Allegheny made it two wins in a row with an 80-73 victory over Thiel on Jan. 14. John McLaughlin was the team leader in scoring with 19 points in the win, while Delsandro followed close behind with 18 points. Felton turned in a solid performance in every aspect of the game with 12 points, four rebounds, five assists and three steals in the win, and Gozur netted 10 points to round out the Gators' notable performers.

The Gators returned to action against Ohio Wesleyan on Jan. 16. Allegheny trailed by nine in the second half, but came back to force overtime and earn a 69-66 victory. McGarrah topped the Gators with 16 points in the win. Delsandro added 10 points, four assists and three steals and hit the shot that sent the game into overtime with nine seconds left. David Sites added 10 points in the Gators' win.

Case Western Reserve snapped Allegheny's winning streak on Jan. 20 with a 85-75 victory over the Gators. McGarrah hit five three-pointers to lead the team with 19 points in the loss. Delsandro had 12 points, six assists and four steals.

The Gators rebounded from their loss with a 85-66 win against Denison on Jan. 23. McLaughlin led the squad with 15 points. He was followed by Delsandro, who added 14 points and six assists, and Felton, who had 12 points, five rebounds and five assists.

January 27 brought the Wooster Scots to Meadville for a crucial NCAC matchup. The Scots made the opening basket and the foul shot that followed to take a 3-0 lead just under a minute into the game, and they never gave up their lead.

The Gators played well, but trailed by as much as 15 in the first half before a late rally made the score at the half 47-40 in favor of Wooster.

The Scots pushed their lead to 17 with 8:56 to play on an easy layup in transition, but Allegheny responded with one last surge.

Damon Clayton started things off with a layup to cut the lead to 15. After the Scots missed a three, Felton grabbed the rebound and found Gozur, who sank the layup and pulled the Gators within 13. Clayton cut further into the lead with two foul shots, and then Felton converted a steal into three points with a layup and a foul shot.

Wooster responded to the Allegheny run with a Ryan Gorman layup that made the score 67-77, but Delsandro sank a layup and McLaughlin added a short jumper and a foul shot to cut the lead to five at 72-77.

Allegheny could get no closer, however, as missed shots and turnovers hindered the Gators offense. Wooster made its foul shots down the stretch, setting the final score at 96-83.

Creahan led Allegheny with 18 points and also contributed seven rebounds. Felton tallied 16 points, while Delsandro added 10 points and a career-high 11 assists.

Last Saturday the Gators took on Kenyon College. Delsandro started things off for the Gators with a three pointer, but after five minutes of the game Allegheny trailed. Kenyon played a solid game through the remainder of the first half and took a 40-30 lead into the locker room at half time.

The Gators wasted little time staging a comeback in the second half, however. After falling behind by 11, McGarrah made a layup and converted a foul shot to cut the lead to eight. McLaughlin sank another layup, cutting the lead to six and forcing Kenyon to call a timeout.

Allegheny was not slowed by the play stoppage, and after a layup from McGarrah, a three and a layup from Delsandro and two foul shots by Felton, the Gators had their first lead of the second half.

Kenyon led just one more time in the remainder of the game, and Delsandro hit seven of eight foul shots in the final minute to seal the win.

Delsandro had 18 points and six assists in the win. Felton added 16 points and McGarrah netted 12. McLaughlin scored 10 to round out the Gators in double digits.

Allegheny returns to action tomorrow, hosting Earlham in a 7:30 p.m. game. Saturday the Gators will play first-place Wittenberg at 4 p.m. in the Wise Center.

Women's basketball splits despite freshmen performances

By DIXON STARZ
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It took a combined 62 points from freshmen Kim Burke and Alyssa Hinkle last week, but the Allegheny women's basketball team managed a split against Wooster and Kenyon that evened their overall record at 9-9.

In Wednesday's 78-69 home loss to Wooster, Hinkle collected team-highs in both points and rebounds. Hinkle, a forward, complimented her 19 point effort by grabbing nine rebounds.

In the backcourt, fellow freshman Burke was equally up to the task. But despite Burke's 15 points and seven rebounds, and junior forward Shannon Keller's 12 points, the Gators failed to close the gap on Wooster's lead.

On Saturday, the team traveled to Kenyon with a chance to notch their fourth conference win and regain a .500 record.

Once again, it was the trio of Hinkle, Burke, and Keller that did most of the team's scoring. This time, however, the Gators came away with a thrilling 59-57 victory.

Burke, the NCAC's leading three-point shooter (34/70, 48.6 percent) led her teammates in scoring as she racked up 17 points. Keller, who averages 6.9 points per game, continued her hot streak by scorching the Lords for 16. Hinkle, the team's leading rebounder and second-leading scorer chipped in with 11 points of her own.

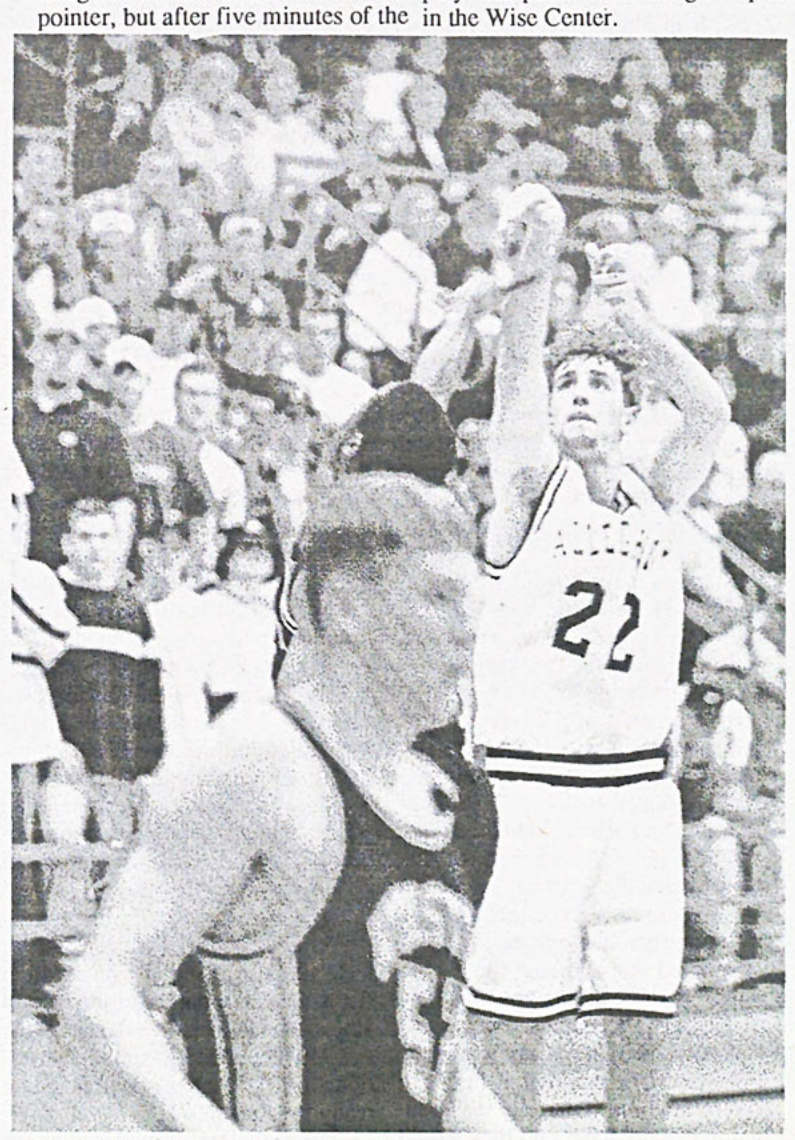
Between the three of them, they amassed 22 rebounds.

While Burke's 11.8 points per game leads the team, and Hinkle's 11.1 is a close second, it has been a balanced attack of smart passing from guards Jenn Weinel and Candi Pasquinelli and the contributions of veterans Michelle Innocenti and Brooke Bordeau that have fueled the team's success.

With that in mind, the Gators will definitely have to be clicking on all cylinders when Earlham and Wittenberg visit the Wise Center this weekend for consecutive conference games.

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POPPIN' A "J"—Jake Delsandro takes a shot during the Gators' game against Wooster on Jan. 27. Delsandro had 10 points and 11 assists, but the Gators lost 96-83. —photo by Ben Wyrick