

Dramatic increase in alcohol incidents marks crime statistics

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Recently, Allegheny's Office of Security released the "1998 Uniformed Crime Report Statistics." Under the Student Right-to-Know Act, colleges and universities are required to report security policies and crime statistics to the entire campus community.

While Allegheny's Office of Security has been reporting crime for several years, the pamphlet states that crimes reported to Residence Life have been included since 1992.

As required by federal and state legislation, all crimes are reported in accordance with the Pennsylvania State Police Uniform Crime Reporting Guidelines.

Director of Residence Life, Allen Blattner, commented on the purpose of the report. "It is basically a consumer law geared for prospective students looking at colleges. It is very important for us to remain consistent and accurate with these crime statistics," said Blattner. "There will be no confusion."

According to the pamphlet, the Uniform Crime Report Offenses are divided into two groupings; Part I and Part II. Part I offenses include such crimes as criminal homicides, forcible rape, aggravated assault, other assault, and larceny/theft.

Part II offenses include vandalism, sex offenses, drug abuse violations, liquor violations, drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

With the release of Allegheny's 1998 report, some interesting trends emerge, specifically under larceny/theft (Part I), vandalism (Part II), and liquor law violations (Part II).

A larceny/theft violation is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from a possession or constructive possession of another. On Allegheny's campus, there has been a gradual decrease in the number of these incidents reported. While 52 incidents were reported in 1996, and 48 in 1997, there were only 35 in 1998.

In reaction to this trend, Blattner suggested the new key system which was installed in residence halls four years ago might have had an affect on these statistics.

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School Daze



While Associate Professor of Communication Arts Michael Keely displays the "Documentary Tradition," the fancy of students turns lightly toward spring break, palm trees and Cancun. The Campus wishes all of the college's students, faculty and staff a relaxing spring break.

—photo illustration by Ben Wyrick

Legitimacy of tenure debated by Allegheny faculty

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The process of tenure has been drawing criticism from bigwigs in the government, most recently from Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci. Cellucci recently announced his desire to eliminate tenure at a number of public colleges, thus giving new life to a continuous debate over tenure in universities.

Critics and defenders have long argued over the validity, efficiency, and methods of the tenure process. Among the supporters of the process is Dean of the College Bruce Smith. Smith believes that legislators are the driving forces behind the efforts to eliminate or modify tenure.

"[Legislators] are primarily interested in showing the public that they can be tough minded with the universities," Smith said. "Institutions that succumb to the pressure to modify or eliminate tenure will be diminished, and their best teachers will find positions elsewhere."

Tenure was designed to insure academic freedom for faculty. Tenured faculty members are free to conduct and publish research while maintaining their position at the university. Critics, however, fear that the job security provided by tenure ultimately will lead to apathetic, stoic professors. Smith disagrees. "If a faculty member demonstrates commitment and talent over the course of the tenure process, there is every reason to believe that those commitments will remain strong and that those talents will continue to flourish," Smith said.

In addition, critics argue that tenure prevents new professors with innovative ideas and recent training

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Survey reveals decline in social activism

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"Hell no, we won't go!" was the battle cry of a generation. The 1960s was an era of marches, sit-ins and a generation of social activists struggling for influence and power. Now, almost 40 years later, civil action has shifted from heated debates to helping hands.

In a massive survey of the nation's college freshmen reports that record levels of academic and civil apathy are continuing to embrace more conservative social values than college students from the last three decades. According to a Jan. 12 article in *The Washington Post*, researchers at the University of California at Los Angeles said they were struck by a pattern of growing indifference among many students.

The number of freshmen who believed it important to take personal steps to clean up the environment or promote racial understanding continue to decline. The researchers were heartened, however, that record numbers of freshmen were participating in service projects or volunteer work despite the rising political apathy.

"There is not a lack of strong faith," said Assistant Professor of

Environmental and Political Science Michael Maniates, noting that 82 percent of freshmen polled had participated in religious services. "There are, however, a lack of role models, a sense of why and how [the problems occur], and community support."

John Colatch, campus chaplain and head of the Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual People, agreed with Maniates, adding that the energizing leaders which characterized the 1960s is no longer prevalent.

"In the 60s, they had leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr. He was eloquent and infectious," Colatch said. "Now, we don't have that type of charismatic leader who can excite and galvanize students on a national level."

According to the poll, colleges increasingly are viewed as places for vocational assurance, rather than incubators for activism, self-discovery and social change. Only four percent believed they would participate in a student protest or demonstration.

"It's a different era now," Colatch said. "There aren't as many people protesting. Maybe this means we have come further or simply the ways we express it have changed."

In the 1960s, with the Civil

Rights Movement and the Vietnam War, many issues were at a zenith and as a result people felt an urge to get involved. In the 1990s, these issues are not affecting the masses in the same ways.

"Racism is still here and the world is certainly not at peace, but these issues are not in the forefront," Colatch said. "Students are still active, but rely on their faith to guide them because there are many more issues which affect quality of life."

Although there is not much overt activism, students are quite active in respect to issues of faith. Those who do rely on faith say they use it as a tool to teach service. Students actively pursuing a spiritual life participate in service not because it is "good" or right but because their

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PARIS (AP)—Former Prime Minister Laurent Fabius and another minister were acquitted Tuesday in France's highly charged tainted blood scandal, but a third minister was convicted for his role in the HIV contaminations. In what was clearly a compromise verdict, former Health Minister Edmond Herve was given no penalty despite his conviction. Judge Christian Le Gunehec said that due to the length of the scandal, Herve had not benefited from the "presumption of innocence to which he is entitled."

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)—Amid ongoing fighting in Kosovo province, ethnic Albanian rebels were inching toward signing a U.S.-backed peace deal. But Serb leaders remained opposed. U.S. envoy Christopher Hill met Monday with leaders of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army to urge them to sign the plan. The proposal would give the ethnic Albanian dominated province autonomy, but not full independence from Serb-led Yugoslavia, for a three-year period. After Monday's meeting, Hill's spokesman, Philip Reeker, said the rebels told the envoy that they accept the peace proposal.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—The United States outlined a \$3.2 billion military equipment sale Thursday to

Egypt involving some of the most sophisticated weapons in the U.S. arsenal. U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen announced details of the sale at a news conference following his meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who requested the purchase. It requires U.S. congressional approval, which is considered likely by U.S. defense officials. The sale would involve 24 advanced-model F-16 fighters, 200 M1-A1 tanks and one eight-unit Patriot missile battery. The F-16s, which will add to Egypt's existing force of 196 F-16s are built by Lockheed Martin Corp. in Fort Worth, Texas. The new fighters, the advanced Block 40 version, will cost \$1.2 billion.

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Notorious Khmer Rouge commander Ta Mok should be tried for genocide in Cambodia as soon as possible, Prime Minister Hun Sen said Tuesday, ruling out calls for judgment by an international tribunal. Hun Sen, in an interview with French journalists broadcast on local television, said the 72-year-old guerrilla chief would probably die before being brought to justice if Cambodia opted for an international trial, as recommended by a group of U.N. experts. "The main thing is that Ta Mok has been arrested. A trial should proceed without waiting

for those foreign countries to spend money and waste time until Ta Mok dies," Hun Sen said. "There should not be any more delay in proceeding with this case."

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The United Nations paid \$27 million in contested contract claims in the 1990s primarily because inexperienced purchasing managers signed sloppy contracts for peacekeeping missions, a U.N. report said Monday. In some cases, vendors delivered spoiled food or water to peacekeepers, but U.N. personnel

didn't report the incident soon enough, or to the right U.N. office, to avoid ultimately paying for the goods. In another instance, a U.N. procurement officer changed the wording in a contract for fuel deliveries, enabling the vendor to get away with delivering only a fraction of what had been paid for, the report found.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—Fighting broke out in southern Kosovo Thursday, just hours after the top U.S. envoy failed to persuade President Slobodan Milosevic to accept a Western-backed settle-

ment for the province. Yugoslav and Serbian forces descended on the southwest town of Prizren and new skirmishes were reported. "There has been some fighting, and there might be more coming," Dieter Wolf, a monitor with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said, speaking via telephone from the town. No immediate details were available on the buildup and

CAMPUS NEWS BRIEFS

•Allegheny will not be offering a traditional summer school. As in recent years, however, students may receive academic credit for work done during the summer in the following areas: Internships and Independent Study courses. Students interested in non-credit internships should contact Melissa Barnes in the Career Services office. Deadline information may be picked up at the post office or from the Dean of the college office, Bentley Hall 117.

•The Honor Code committee is now accepting applications for four Freshman representatives. Applicants should be in good academic

and judicial standing. For more information, contact Theresa Arena via e-mail <arenat> or in writing to Box 274. Applications can be picked up in the rotunda of Reis Hall and are due by March 30.

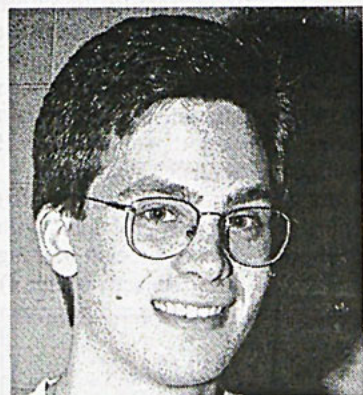
•The Art department is sponsoring its annual Student Show which opens on Tuesday, April 6 with a reception from 7:30-9 p.m. Students who wish to enter any type of art work should do so by Wednesday, March 31 at 4:30. This exhibit is open to all Allegheny students, and one need not be enrolled in an art class.

•Open rec hours at the Wise Center over Spring Break will be as follows: Friday, March 19, the activity areas close at 3 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21, from noon to 4 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 22-26, from noon to 2 p.m. and from 5-7 p.m.; Saturday, March 28, from noon to 4 p.m.; Sunday, March 28, from noon to 4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and Monday March 29, regular hours resume.

The Campus asks ...

How goes the comp?

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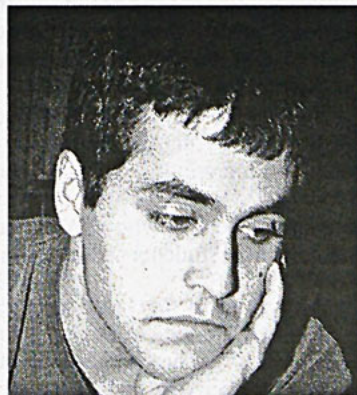
The one wasn't too bad. The second one is even easier.

Matt Mapes
History and Religious Studies



I'm mimicking the communication habits of ants in hopes of solving the traveling salesperson problem in polynormal time. I'm sick of classical music.

Sarah U. Toohey
Computer Science



Now that I'm de-comped, I have more time to prepare candle-light dinners, take moon-lit walks by the sea-shore and watch the "Legends of the Fall" and "Titanic."

Rob Ostrom
English



If (work-hard! = TRUE) {will-graduate = FALSE}
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Abhijit Das
Computer Science



Oh God—the dreadful "C" word! I wish everyone would stop asking about it. It'll get done, no worries mate. Just stop asking.

Juhee Kothari
English and Psychology

Allegheny unleashes new internal website for campus-wide use

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The new Allegheny internal website has been launched, giving students, administrators and faculty members more convenience to every day information.

Husky Labs from West Virginia was hired to help design the Allegheny websites with the help of Ed Blaguszewski, director of public information.

When users first access the homepage, they are presented with a list of the general activities happening on campus.

Surfers can access other areas including academics, commencement, Pelletier Library, computing help, registration, Allegheny College Center for Experiential Learning (ACCEL), *The Compass*, homepage connections to Allegheny students, alumni, administration, faculty, CEED, and other resources.

According to Blaguszewski, day to day work will be more efficient. The navigation is consistent and easy, making searches smoother.

"It's an easy one-stop place because it has all the information," said senior Ben Wyrick. "Also, it's a quick way to go to student organization webpages like GAP [Gator Activities Programming] and WARC." Wyrick said he can look up information like what GAP movie is playing and scheduled activities for the week.

Already students are benefiting from the easy accessibility. "It's user friendly," commented freshman Dave Beil.

Some of these advantages include being able to have on-line forms for the physical plant, work orders and motor pool requests. Freshman

John Carberry agrees that "it will be helpful."

This site also allows for feedback from a user by asking for suggestions to be sent to the webmaster.

Users can also read an account of minutes and other documents related to the work of the college committees such as, the Administration Advisory Committee, Faculty Council, Finance and Facilities Committee, and Staff Advisory Committee.

Once one accesses the academic section, each educational department can be explored. At a single glance, Allegheny's overall academic program can be previewed. This page leads to topics including courses of instruction, program structure, degree requirements, academic principles, academic regulations, records and reports, 1998-99 academic calendar, 1999-00 academic calendar, registrar, academic contacts, faculty home pages, and affiliated projects.

There is also a section entitled degree requirements. This sector include a detailed explanation of the seven different areas of requirements needed to be met upon graduation. The different distribution requirements within the three divisions: humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences can be explored as well.

The freshman seminars and the writing requirement are introduced under the "degree requirements" heading. Below is a highlighted box explaining the 1999-2000 incoming freshmen's new liberal studies requirement.

Other requirements explained include majors and minors, senior projects, grade point average requirements, physical education, and residency.

A copy of Allegheny's honor program and class standings can also

be found in at the intranet site. If one looks under "academic regulations," transfer courses, credits by examination, the grading system, courses taken on the credit/no credit basis, grades of incomplete and withdrawal, leaves of absence, and withdrawal from college and readmission are all explained.

Grade reports, student records, course registration, changing period, and repeated courses are explained in great detail under "records and reports." Finally, users can read all there is to know about each different department, from professors to the current classes being offered.

Another topic is "computing help," which includes computing services, Gatornet policies, tutorials, dial-in-options, explore the internet,

and support services. From here, the user has one-click access to send an e-mail for any questions concerning computer problems. The quick e-mail access also is available through registration, setting up an opportunity to contact Benjamin Haytock about concerns. After reading about ACCEL, questions and comments are welcomed by Carolyn Blattner with the same smooth access.

The Compass is another benefit to the new intranet site. Users can read and explore all that is found in *The Compass*, including all the essentials from rules and regulations to every good place there is in Meadville to order out food. This adds to the convenience that was not previously found in the NeXT sys-

tem.

From the homepage, one can search the Pelletier Library and all it offers. Not only can the user learn their way around the library, but get a glimpse of every piece of literature on the shelves.

With the master calendar site, any days' events are at the users' fingertips. One can choose any year between 1996-2000, and any week, will show all the activities and the calendar.

The "athletics" topic includes every sports' schedule and a biography about each coach. In addition, users have access to information about alumni, administration and faculty members.

Delta Tau Delta returns to campus activity

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In the fall semester of 1999, Allegheny's Greek system, which encompasses 25 percent of Allegheny students, will expand by one as the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity returns to campus after a two and a half-year hiatus.

Delta Tau Delta was removed from the Allegheny campus in the spring of 1997. Removal was the consequence of a series of events that included violations of campus alcohol policies and issues involving hazing of their pledges. As a result of these problems, the Delta Tau Delta national headquarters temporarily rescinded their chapter charter.

The Delts return to campus will entail certain challenges and obsta-

cles for the fraternity's members. According to Assistant Director of Student Activities Ellen Kauffmann, the tasks are formidable but possible. "Their legacy still lives on a little bit, some of it being accurate, some inaccurate," said Kauffmann. "But they have a lot of things in place to recruit a 'new type of man.' There's just a new expectation for Greek leadership these days." For example, they are planning an interviewing and screening process during their rush period.

Several issues have been discussed between the Delts and the current fraternities at Allegheny. For example, one concern was that the introduction of another fraternity would detract from the rush capabilities of the existing fraternities. Rush is the period in the fall when students are introduced to the campus Greek societies and an interest in pledging may come about.

Steps have been taken by the Delts' nationals to relieve some of this animosity. Instead of starting their rush period in September, the Delts are planning a delayed rush period starting in mid-October. At this point, they will recruit sophomores and juniors on campus through a series of recommendations, rather than freshman who might otherwise be interested in the other fraternities on campus.

One may notice the Greek symbols of the Delta Tau Delta still on the building now known as South Highland. Since their departure,

their fraternity house has been converted into a residence hall. While the Delts don't intend to move back into their old house until their chapter can attain financial solvency, future plans include a return to their former residence. The fraternity plans to move back into the house on Highland in the fall of the 2000-01 school year.

As recently as last week, representatives from Delta Tau Delta's national headquarters were touring Allegheny. The tour encompassed all of the fraternity houses on campus. This tour allowed the Delts to inform other fraternities of future plans for their chapter. Kauffmann considers the re-introduction as an exciting opportunity for the entire Greek system. "I think that they can inspire change on our campus," said Kauffmann. "They can challenge what we are doing now, and in general, raise the interest in Greek life."

Sean Houston, a national representative for Delta Tau Delta was pleased with the reception the touring group's ideas received. "People were very open and sincere with us," said Houston. "It gave everyone a clear picture of what we are expecting, and they seemed receptive to that. Kauffmann emphasized the importance of involving everyone in the process. 'They're taking a team approach to everything because it will impact everyone,' said Kauffmann. 'It could really help to pull the Allegheny community together.'"

Scholar's Weekend boasts more interaction

By ERIN BECKNER
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In droves, they come. They are shipped to a tiny hamlet in northwestern Pennsylvania, bursting with Marriott food, special events, tours and the benefits of an Allegheny education. But are they influenced?

Two weeks after the official end of three consecutive Scholars' Weekends, the Office of Admissions, parents and prospective students are reflecting upon the successes and shortcomings of the programs. At the end of each weekend, parents and scholars were asked to complete evaluation forms detailing the positive and negative aspects of their visit. Jen Decker, senior assistant director of admissions asserted that "[the Office of Admissions] wants both positive and negative feedback."

The weekends boasted an attendance of 644 students, 75 percent of whom stayed on campus with overnight hosts. The responsibility for matching current students with prospective students fall on the Admissions staff.

"We really try our best to match students with prospectives not only by major and minor interests, but also by lifestyles," said Decker.

Admissions used the results recorded in surveys of prospective students compiled throughout the year. Interest in activities such as theater, the outdoors, Greek life and sports were taken into account during the matching process.

This year, the admissions staff revised methods used in past Scholars' Weekends. The student panel which had answered prospective students' and parents' suggestions was dropped from the agenda. In its place, students were allowed to interact with the campus in what Decker called "more of an interactive experience."

To provide this interactive experience, the campus hosted a variety of open houses. The doors of the Wise Center were opened, allowing prospectives to explore the facilities and talk with coaches. In addition, an open house was hosted by Allegheny College's Center for Experiential Learning (ACCEL) allowing students to interact with ad-

ministrators and students who participated in ACCEL projects. For a taste of dorm life, the Resident Advisors and Resident Director of Baldwin Hall were available to give tours and answer questions about dorm life.

In years past, parents did not have to opportunity to meet with Allegheny faculty. However, this year, after the Scholars' luncheon at Schultz Dining Hall, parents were given the opportunity to meet with the faculty members who interviewed prospective students for the Trustee Scholarship. This year over 85 professors volunteered their time.

The changes in this year's program received positive feedback from many parents. "I was most impressed with the personal contact my daughter experienced from her host and the other students," said one parent who attended the weekend. "I couldn't believe it when Megan Murphy, the director of admissions, helped push my stuck van out of the snow on Saturday." The personal attention shown by Admissions, faculty, administrators,

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Most recent crime statistics may reflect changes in laws and reporting habits

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"Residence Life is continuously putting effort in educating the community on keeping their possessions safe," said Blattner. "As a matter of fact, just recently we have gone back to hanging up signs and fliers in residence halls reminding students to lock their doors."

While Blattner hopes this effort has helped to decrease larceny/theft on campus, he believes there are many other factors involved as well.

Director of Security Anthony Sabruno attributes the decrease in larceny/theft to the students themselves.

"I feel that students are assuming more responsibility of their personal things," said Sabruno. "They are perhaps paying more attention to belongings that are easily accessible to other students."

While larceny/theft has been steadily decreasing, other crimes have been showing drastic increases. Vandalism, which according to the pamphlet, is the malicious destruction, injury, disfigurement or defacement to public or private property without consent, custody or control, has been increasingly reported in the past three years. In 1996, 11 incidents were reported. This statistic jumped to 23 in 1997 and steadily rose to 28 in 1998.

"I definitely have actually seen the increase in vandalism both in my building and across campus," said senior Kimmy Retetagos, resident director (RD) of Walker/Walker Annex. "Being an RA [resident advisor] for the past two years, I feel that vandalism, especially in resi-

dence halls, has been much worse this year."

Blattner thinks that this statistic is dependent on how many people actually report these incidents.

"I don't think vandalism is necessarily occurring more often. I just feel that it is being reported more," said Blattner.

Sabruno agreed, adding, "I really think that if you research past statistics on vandalism, one would find similar increases and drops in occurrences."

Perhaps the most interesting and drastic increase of the Crime Report was the increase in Liquor Law violations. The numbers jumped from 40 incidents in 1996 to 122 in 1998. These violations do not include public drunkenness or driving under the influence.

Blattner said federal law changed the way they want colleges and universities to fill out the reports.

"They broadened the definition on what we are to report," said Blattner. "Now we are required to report all occurrences, not just those that would result in arrest or citations."

Senior Kate Warren, RA of Walker Annex, said some of the rules dealing with students and alcohol have become more specific in the past year. Some of these rules include the possession rule (students under 21 are not allowed to have alcohol in their rooms) and a rule in which students under 21 are not allowed to display empty alcohol containers in their rooms.

"By specifying the rules, it makes it a lot easier for RAs to determine what is a violation and what

isn't," said Warren. "There is not as much leeway in terms of what you can and cannot do."

Retetagos adds another argument to explain the increase in liquor law violations. "It isn't that people are drinking more; I feel that the staff has simply gotten better at catching and reporting people," said Retetagos. "I personally have become much better at realizing what things

are going on."

According to the report, all members of the Allegheny community are expected to be in compliance with the state and local laws as well as college regulations. While this article only covers crimes of the larceny/theft, vandalism and liquor law violations, a full account of all the statistics of offenses on the Allegheny campus can be found in the

"Student Right to Know Act and Uniform Crime Report Statistics" pamphlet.

Although a lot of people question these numbers, "it is important to note that it is as accurate as can be," Sabruno said. "Unfortunately things happen that are not reported. The statistics in this report are simply everything that has been reported either by us in security or by the Residence Life staff."

Tenure limits not foreseen in Allegheny's future

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from entering the system. Some universities, although not Allegheny, have instituted "tenure caps" to prevent this possibility. Tenure caps limit the number of tenured faculty in an institution. At many institutions, a high percentage of the faculty is tenured, but this is not true at Allegheny. Smith sees no need for tenure caps at Allegheny, however.

In comparison with other similar schools, Allegheny has less tenured faculty, and a greater number of assistant and tenure-track professors. Smith attributes this differential to random events, such as increased hiring, increasing the faculty body, and offering retirement to existing faculty. Last year, for instance, one professor was eligible for, and granted, tenure. This year, however, six professors are eligible.

The tenure process typically spans seven years at Allegheny. Faculty members are reviewed throughout the process, ordinarily during the fourth and seventh year. In the sixth year, a tenure subcommittee is formed and chaired by a member of the Faculty Review Committee (FRC).

"The FRC is made up of six fac-

ulty members, two from each division, and the dean," said Michael Barry, professor of mathematics and chair of the FRC. He also noted that having tenure is a prerequisite for membership.

Members of the FRC are elected by their fellow faculty. Membership on the committee is by election, rather than appointment, due to the importance attached to the tenure process.

"We want those responsible for its oversight and implementation to have confidence in their fellow faculty members," said Smith.

The tenure subcommittee reviews the candidate's file, which typically includes a teaching evaluation and evaluations by departmental colleagues, other faculty, and graduating seniors. The committee also requests recommendations from alumni in the candidates' graduating class. A candidate may also include any written work s/he has published in the file.

Professors are evaluated on the basis of three criteria: teaching, scholarship, and "maintaining a learning community." Unlike many research institutions, Allegheny measures scholarship qualitatively, rather than quantitatively. As a

teaching institution, Allegheny encourages publication and research projects.

"For someone to remain an excellent teacher, he or she should have an ongoing research program in order to remain up to date in his or her field," said Smith. The FRC looks for evidence of an ongoing research program, including presentations at conferences and through publications.

All evaluation materials are reviewed in the fall of the seventh year by the FRC. Both the FRC and the Dean make recommendations to the President of the Board of Trustees. The president then makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, which confers tenure.

The awarding of tenure does not, in itself, bring about a salary increase. However, it does carry with it an automatic promotion from assistant to associate professor.

Barry is satisfied with the process, and believes the criteria and the evaluations for tenure are fair.

"It insures that faculty who are tenured have met community standards for teaching excellence." There have been no significant changes to the tenure process for several years, and none are expected.

Scholars' weekend receives mixed views from parents

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students hosts, and the campus community was much appreciated.

Not all parents were as pleased. "We were disappointed that we were unable to meet individually with someone about our daughter's potential program at Allegheny," said one family. "We drove 10 hours to attend and were unable to get specific information about specific programs not included in the open house schedule."

Decker noted that hosts seemed displeased with the decision to discontinue the annual pasta dinner held at Schultz for hosts and prospective students.

"Past complaints were that we wine and dine scholars too much. They want the real college experience," said Decker in response to the decision to give hosts and scholars the choice of dining in either

Brooks or McKinley's.

In addition, some prospective scholars voiced concerns about host matching. One student suggested that juniors and seniors, instead of freshman, should host because they are able to offer a more accurate portrait of college life. In response, Decker added Allegheny juniors and seniors are less likely to volunteer to host prospective students. She also offered that freshman are able to better relate to the experiences and concerns of high school seniors in the final stages of the college search.

Scholars' Weekend was well received by the Admissions staff as well as most prospected students and their families. Decker attributes the success of the weekend to the cooperation of the campus community. "We are really happy with how cooperative the campus was with the changes."

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faith directs them. "When looking to make things better, we put our faith into action," said Lyn Goldsworthy, interim Catholic campus minister. "Often we start by wanting to help, whether it be by political protests or working at the soup kitchen. Then we realize we are becoming better people and the results aren't only being of service to someone—they change your life as well."

The connections between spirituality and service are core tenants in many world religions. Sister Pat Lupo, a member of the Benedictine Sisters in Erie, explained: "There is a strong thread in our religious traditions that should motivate us. We do things because of what we believe. Our belief system and even those of us who don't have religious tradition do believe in something, and that is spirituality. Out of that comes good work."

Many faiths call upon their

members actively to pursue, support and participate in social action. This doctrine includes following the actions of religious leaders.

"I feel that Christ showed us how to live, and as a Christian living today, I feel I should seek out injustice and try to reform it," senior Dina Ciabattoni said. "Making yourself aware of what's going on and how our actions can affect others is key to being Christian."

Ciabattoni is not the only student making the connection between faith and social activism. According to those interviewed, Allegheny is following a national trend toward volunteerism. Colatch, Goldsworthy and Maniates point to the variety of service projects in which Allegheny students participate.

"We used to do marches in D.C., but now we have over 500 students participating in Make-A-Difference-Day annually, and this week we had students volunteering for the Students Against Multiple Sclerosis

(SAMS) lip-sync contest, Habitat for Humanity's Hut-A-Thon, and Muscular Dystrophy's Dance-A-Thon," Colatch said.

In addition to these projects, Maniates cites a number of on-going projects of an environmental nature in which students participate.

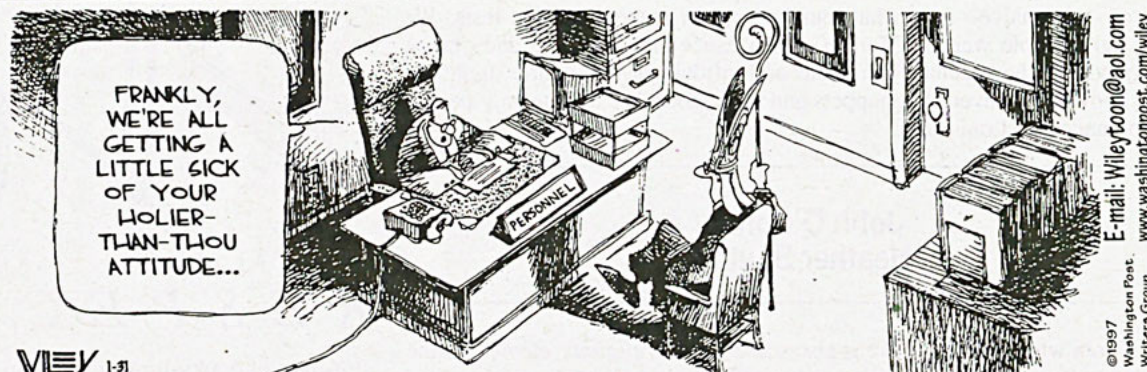
"With the coffeehouse, the Meadville Community Energy Project and activist projects in my class, my experience at Allegheny, more often than not, has been with people who yearn for a way to figure out how to translate concerns into actions," Maniates said.

Goldsworthy believes that despite the statistical decline in social activism, much of this energy is channeled through other organizations. She believes most students at Allegheny are active in some way.

"We are taking action and making choices in ways that make things better," Goldsworthy said. "Maybe we're not protesting in D.C., instead, we're looking to make a change, not get in the news."

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK

Perspectives



EDITORIAL

Ten professors are leaving the English department next year. The Political Science department has lost three positions in the last two years. Such turnover in academic departments can result in major disruptions in a student's academic life, and leads to concerns about the college's planning in relation to faculty leaves and sabbaticals.

Obviously, we realize that the extreme numbers of the English department and the political science department are justified, and this "exodus" does not reflect a general trend among faculty at Allegheny. Rather, such excessive situations are an aberration in the operation of a department. In spite of this admission, the planning, or lack thereof, which results in a large number of faculty members from one department leaving for a year is a subject which should be addressed both by the departments themselves and the office of the Dean of the College.

Students understand that professors have lives, and interests, and career pursuits which are equally as important as the students at the college. We are not suggesting that departments refuse to grant a faculty member the opportunity to pursue his/her academic interests. Rather, we are suggesting that departments account for these situations in advance, allowing both department members and students a chance to prepare for the upcoming year.

Faculty research is important; a professor can only remain at the top of his/her field through involvement. But senior comprehensive projects, letters of recommendations and the day-to-day coursework upon which our education is important as well. Not all situations can be foreseen, but some can, and preparation can ease the transition into a aberrant year such as next year.

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Abandoned for God: considering conversions, born-again

I am a confirmed Roman Catholic, but by no means am I a perfect angel—nor do I claim to be one. I've never really been one to pass up a chance to throw back some cheap beer and get rowdy with my friends. I'm not proud of it, but I've been on the other side of the law before. That's a life lesson for a different day. Don't get me wrong, I'm basically a good kid, but I'm definitely not an angel.

Dixon Starz

If I learned anything from my senior year physics class, it's the law that for every reaction, there is an equal and opposite reaction. Technically, the equation revolves around units of energy and force, but I'd like to think it is a lot simpler than that. When applied to daily life, it means that every decision we make and everything we do has 100 percent direct implications on something else happening in the world at that very same moment.

How this happens, I am not exactly sure. Coach Walkowiak never really got into existentialism.

But I am also a firm believer in accountability, and I refer frequently to the old adage, "If you can't do the time, don't do the crime." Sure, I'm a 19-year-old Allegheny student who waits in line for the kegs at parties like staving Russian citizens do for bread.

However, I know that if the party gets raided and I end up at the Meadville police station later that night, then that is the price to pay. This is an elementary concept that we as human beings are all taught at a very young age: if you are a bad little boy or girl, expect a spanking. So what exactly am I getting at?

Well, now that you know how I feel about certain things, you can begin to understand why I think the ideology behind born-again Christianity is, for lack of a better word, bullshit. And I have further proof.

Though his name has been changed to protect the guilty, Chris was my best friend in eighth grade. I had just moved to a new area, and Chris was the one who took me under his wing and helped me to become acclimated to my new surroundings.

In those ever-important first three or four days of school in the life of the "new kid," Chris introduced me to a group of friends, people whom I found to be very similar to myself. After spending an entire summer fearing that I would be destined to sit alone at the lunch table, I had struck gold.

As our relationship progressed and we drove full-speed ahead into our high school years, we experienced many famous "firsts" together. For example, the first

time I ever experienced total and complete inebriation, it was Chris who woke me up from my little "nap" on his neighbor's lawn.

We did all the things normal high school kids did together—sometimes in excess. Looking down my list of "been there, done that," I can picture Chris by my side for nearly all of them. Then something changed.

About midway through our junior year, my friend started attending a local church youth group to meet this girl he'd had his eyes on for some time. She was a knockout, and both Chris and I saw the whole "church thing" as a small sacrifice to pay for the wonderful opportunity to meet her. Yes, guys really are that shady.

So Chris met the girl of his dreams, and they started dating. He began attending church services with her every Sunday. They started dating seriously. He stopped drinking and swearing and all that other stuff. At first, I was happy for him and his newfound happiness.

Then he started pressing his new Christian ideals onto his friends, constantly reminding them what bad people they were for carrying on like normal teenagers. He started to flaunt a literal "holier than thou" attitude, and he always spoke in a condescending manner. Needless to say, he stopped hanging out with me.

Chris never actually called me a heathen, but I often suspected it was on the tip of his tongue. In those rare circumstances when he did talk to me, I would become infuriated when he would substitute our favorite expletive with words like "dang it" and "dam."

I believe I had a legitimate reason to be upset. In essence, it had taken my best friend a little more than a week to "find God" and ditch me. I'd say I'm a little bitter.

So the question remains: how can a person accustomed to living such a blatantly non-Christian lifestyle all of a sudden devote his entire life to God and still look himself in the mirror every morning? The answer is through born-again Christianity. And why not?

For some people, born-again Christianity is the only solution to life's problems. I can sympathize with a guy who turns to God after his wife runs off with the gardener and takes the kids with him. I can sympathize when someone is stricken with a terminal disease and decides he'd like to be on good terms with the Big Guy Upstairs before he passes on. That's okay.

What is simply unacceptable is when Karla Faye Tucker kills her two kids and becomes "saved" while waiting her execution on death row. Through God, she was able to find tranquillity and happiness, but did such an evil woman deserve those things? I certainly don't

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We go to church, sometimes.
Write for *The Campus*.

A users guide to Spring Break escapades

A friend recently told us about the Mardi Gras festival he attended in New Orleans. As humble editors of *The Campus*, we are somewhat sheltered—nay, naive—as to what actually goes on at these heathen-fests. We thought people went to Mardi Gras to dance and fornicate and prance around like the bacchanalian bards and infidels they truly are. It should be known, however, that puppets and party-goers are not the only people lap-dancing in Louisiana.

John O'Connor &
Heather Southwell

From what we hear, there is also some sort of *religious* element to the whole affair. Go figure—it's hard to tell sometimes. Apparently, there are people in the parade who carry crosses and statues and other such things, hoping to bring a spiritual message to the throngs of drunks around them.

One Mardi-Gras account we heard involved an individual who approached these pious partiers, knelt down, and then proceeded to baptize himself with a fish-bowl full of grain punch.

This account upset us greatly. It occurs to us that students—not Allegheny students, of course—sometimes fail to express the cultural sensitivity while vacationing that they otherwise would. It also occurs to us that, as our spring break falls later in the month than most others, many of us may have missed some of the more enriching spring break shindigs, hootnannies and brouhaha's.

In the true spirit of sharing, we at *The Campus* have taken the liberty of compiling some possible spring break adventures, as well as some priceless suggestions of conduct—helpful “do's” and “don'ts”—to assist you in behaving as upstanding representatives of Allegheny College, and to ensure you have the best spring break ever. Ever!!!

Should you be traveling to Panama City, Florida, we have one piece of advice: sun-tan lotion. They don't call this town the Red-neck Riviera for nothing. Be sure also to bring along your mid-80's Camaro or Trans-Am, and with a cell phone connected to a PC, you can get the Big Rock all the way down I-95 via the Net.

Other accessories for Panama City: booze of varying varieties, “Stone Cold” Steve Austin sleeveless T-shirt, fake ID, Tylenol, sunglasses, stereo with 300 watts of power per channel or more and lots of money. Don't worry about food—you'll have beer.

While in Panama City, never ask, “Are those real?” or, “Why you hasslin' us, pig?”

Pittsburgh will probably be a popular destination for yins as well. Nothing says Spring Break like a frosty mug of IC and a Pens game. Hopefully it won't snow. If it does snow, you'll have your Stihlers gear to keep you warm.

We also appreciate the efforts of those who participate in the Alternative Spring Break programs. Smuggling “medical” supplies into Jamaica—that's a new twist. Spring Break in Appalachia? How about a new program: Spring Break with a barrel of drunken chimpanzees.

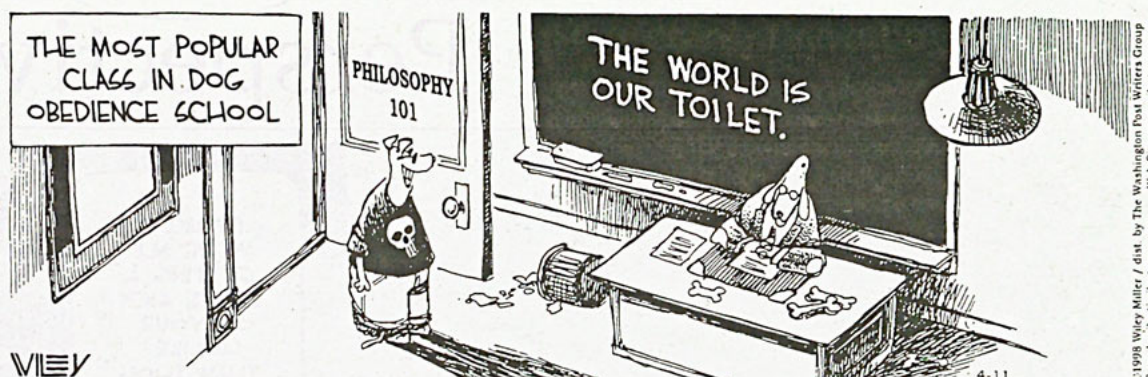
Wherever you go, the Spring Breaker's number one goal is to shag the town rotten, but be careful. Should you go to the bathroom and your yellow Kamikaze is green when you return, someone has dropped a Roofie in there. Don't drink it! Switch from the Roofies to SoBe. The new “Get Lucky” Tea flavor has guarana, ginseng, bea pollen, and Spanish Fly. Bring a case along—Spring Break lasts a whole week.

When traveling in the fair land of Canada, please be sure to note the exchange rate and the lovely “Welcome to Canada” sign found at many border stops. Though some of the French words may be difficult to understand, here is our rough translation. The subtext reads: “Screw you, ugly American. Our beer is much better, eh.” Of course, Canadian does not always translate well into English, but you get the basic idea. And be sure to visit the Foster's factory, which is operated by our friendly neighbors to the north. Fosters is Australian for Canadian. Surprised you didn't know.

Some basic rules of conduct: keep your pants on at all times, unless in New Orleans and some parts of D.C., where nudity is allowed only after 5:00 p.m. Times Square, of course, is the exception to the rule—full nudity is permitted and often funded. When walking after dark, always wear your sunglasses. When people can't see your eyes, they are less likely to speak to or harass you. They are more likely to think you are crazy. To enhance the effect, also carry a rubber chicken. Kiss the chicken. Ask the chicken for directions.

Whatever your plans, whatever your destination, remember that the goal is to break laws without getting caught. In case of emergency, leave a blank check addressed to the local police department with a friend at home. It's not safe to carry blank checks on vacation. Remember to wear clean drawers and be respectful of the natives. And most of all, have fun.

John O'Connor and Heather Southwell are doing nothing significant or fun over spring break.



R E S P E C T: why can't you give a little to me?

A box of dooky-turds was left in a residence hallway outside a door. I have to admit that this was a pretty creative thing to do. It takes a lot of effort to get a box, poop in it, and wrap it up.

Patience Bartunek

I'm not sure what you have to do to someone to warrant a box like this outside your door, but my problem with this stems from the fact that it doesn't just affect the person whose door in front of which it sits—it affects everyone else on the hall, as well. Do you really think that the smell doesn't waft through the hall for the enjoyment of all?

Unfortunately, similar incidences occur on campus everyday. Okay—maybe not to that extent of dooky-turds, but it happens. There has been more than one case of severe vandalism in the residence halls this year.

Get real, people. We are college students—not three year olds. Didn't mommy teach you not to draw on the walls before you reached elementary school? Walking through dorms, and many academic buildings, however, you are sure to find some unauthorized artwork on the walls.

Don't worry—his vandalism isn't confined to the indoors. People are expressing themselves at Allegheny—all over campus. Have a seat on Brooks wall, but before you do, look down. There are some real works of art right there underneath you.

But there is also performance art occurring, too. People are creatively ripping the ashtrays from the outside of buildings, or removing letters from the names of the buildings. What better way to express yourself than through destruction?

This performance art is leading to another form of art—littering. There are some very creative cigarette-butt works surrounding the doors to generally all of the buildings on campus. Or how about how creatively people will go out of their way to avoid a trash can?

Rather than hold on to something until reaching a trash can, people drop it on the floor/ground where they are. I guess they want to see if it is going to grow legs and walk to the trash can. Trust me—it's not.

Another way people are expressing themselves are through music. Now, I don't have a problem with this—music is generally a great way to let yourself be known. But is it really necessary for the people in the next hall to hear your expression?

The residence halls have really thin walls, so the people in the next room can hear you whether they want

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Police harassment and hypocrisy: law enforcement inequalities

Have you ever been tailgated by a police car? How about being passed by a squad car going well over the speed limit with no apparent emergency? Better yet, have you ever been stopped and/or searched by a police officer just for being within a certain age bracket?

Dane Foster

Incidents like the aforementioned happen daily, and the targets of these actions increasingly seem to be college students.

While there is no denying that a section of our generation may behave in ways which warrant police action, it is wrong for the rest of our generation to be stereotyped accordingly. Such a stereotype is dangerous to follow because it punishes those who do not deserve to be punished.

For example, an acquaintance of mine—who is a police officer himself—confided in me that it is routine for squad cars to tailgate cars being driven by teenagers and young adults. The purpose of this is to make the driver speed up until the point at which they pass the posted speed limit.

At this point, the squad car may pull the driver over and issue a speeding ticket. Even though there

are laws to protect citizens from this action—called entrapment—it seems that selective enforcement occurs when it comes to policing our generation.

Another example is the shooting of an immigrant in New York last month. The man was known as a hard-working, law-abiding citizen who lived in a relatively peaceful part of the city. Yet the man was shot 41 times by three police officers who came to his door. The man was unarmed and posed no immediate threat to the officers.

As of yet, the officers involved have not revealed the motive for the shooting. Residents of the surrounding neighborhood were interviewed by the *New York Times* have been quoted as saying that they are routinely stopped and searched by the police because of their age or race.

I can relate, as I too have been stopped and searched by an officer for no apparent reason other than my age. Instead of relying on the police for protection, the people have come to fear and resent the police and their actions. In essence, the police's actions have undermined their effectiveness.

As spring break approaches and people start to head home, some will undoubtedly notice state trooper cars passing them at alarming speeds without just cause. A few minutes later, the driver might notice the

same police car stationed at the side of the road with a radar gun pointed at oncoming traffic.

When I witness such acts, I can't help but wonder, “Why is it that police can break the law, but then they punish us for following their example?” This is a classic example of a double standard in our society—one that has far-reaching and dangerous consequences.

It is this paradox that I have yet to answer. When did the justices of the peace become Untouchables? Every member of society should be held to the same rules and standards. Police officers are no exception. Another issue to ponder is why our generation seems to be the target of the “disciplinary” actions of the police.

In every society and every generation, there are “bad apples.” What people must realize is that the remainder of the group may not act in the same manner as those who choose to deviate from the group. In essence, to rephrase a commonly used cliché, “one bad apple shouldn't spoil the bunch.”

So as you head home for break, keep your eyes peeled for that patrol car going a bit too fast, and beware. Whether you know it or not, you have a bulls-eye painted on your back.

Dane Foster is a member of the class of '01.

Life lessons learned while moving manhole covers: time to consider your future now

Okay, this little prize winning masterpiece has two major audiences: all juniors and the Office of Career Services. Before I get to the column, I would like to wish everyone a great spring break. I decided not to go to the beach because I hate the beach and it would be filled with drunken 18-year-olds trying to pass themselves off as 21-year-olds. Wait a second—drunk 18-year-olds? Where's my checkbook?

Michael Hinzman

As you know, spring break is coming and this is an opportune time, if you're not going to a drunken beach orgy sponsored by MTV, to look for a summer job.

I had an interview with the education department at the Arena Stage in Washington, DC. The interview went well. Unfortunately, when I asked about the job, it turned out to be menial and dumb. Last year I had a job at an art day camp in Pittsburgh. It was a blast! I got paid to work with kids, have fun, and work on my art as well. It was enriching.

Now the thing is, I got paid for the work in Pittsburgh. It was a *job*. The Arena Stage wanted me to be an intern assistant to teachers, where I would turn on and off the lights and change the CD in the CD player. I ain't goin' out like that. Can anyone tell me the sense in

doing a job, *paying* to live and eat somewhere like D.C. and be a slave, when I could have a fun version of the same job and *get paid* for it while living at home? I think D.C. can live without me for a while.

I'm sure you also know that internships can be rewarding. "Intern" is a Greek word meaning "slave labor." If you're going to be a slave or an indentured servant—depending on whether they give you a stipend to buy two packages of ramen noodles a week—you must find one that suits you.

Junior year is the time for internships. Even now juniors are getting the run-around because they missed deadlines. Really, how were they supposed to know? OCS should put up a huge banner in the campus center that reads: "It's February. Do you know what you're doing this summer?" March 1 is the deadline for lots of internships, so starting to look now can work, but often times a lot of work is for nothing. Unacceptable!

The Office of Career Services will help you, but you have to know the combination which unlocks the secrets residing in the books kept on the shelves in that place we affectionately refer to as OCS.

The best thing about internships is that you often find out you hate actually doing what sounded real good in a book. Then again, you might find something that appeals to you when you thought it was just so-so.

"I never thought I would enjoy putting dogs into a flea dip, but then I took this veterinary

internship and I've found I love animals and want to help them all. I even gave a goat CPR!" Wow. What an experience, huh?

Here's the deal. Freshmen, go and get real buddy-buddy with all the OCS people. Ask them about the interest and personality tests. You can find out what you like and where your natural skills are headed.

Sophomores, go there and be real insistent on getting information. It's not too early to start looking. Finding that you hate advertising as a sophomore is more beneficial than finding that out as a graduate. You still have time to change your major to chemistry, do what you really love and graduate on time.

Juniors, keep the ol' nose to the grindstone. If you end up not finding an internship, it's all right—there is no shame in spending another summer working at Burger King. Hell, I worked there for two years in high school. After high school I worked at a sewage treatment plant for three and a half summers. You may scoff and turn your nose up saying "You worked with ... sewage?" Yes, I did. I did all kinds of stuff.

"So what happens now?" you may ask. "I never had an internship. Does that mean I'm not going to get a job?" Of course not! You'll get a job. It might take a while, but it would probably take just as long if you did have an internship.

If you can't find an internship where you learn specialized skills for a job, then finding a job where you learn life skills is just as

important. What other job could I have found where I discussed the works of Karl Marx while replacing a 400-pound manhole cover with a 200-pound manhole cover?

Seniors, if you never found an internship, who really cares? Future bosses won't say, "Your resume was very impressive, but you spent no time as a slave anywhere. I'm afraid we can no longer consider you for the job." If the boss does do that, then he or she is a jackass for not seeing your potential. Unless of course you really do suck, and the person doing the hiring wants an excuse to say, "Sorry, you suck," and still keep it within the realm of good conversational taste.

And finally, OCS, here's a news flash from the newspaper—juniors want internships, but don't know how to get them. Reis Hall is imposing, and most people don't know how early these things are decided. People know you are there, but no one knows what you do. Hopefully this column will shed a little light on things.

A couple good solid afternoons in OCS can give you all the information you need to start a good internship search. As long as you stay out of the White House, everything should be okay.

Have a great break, and actually make it a break. Rest. Have fun. I'll see you in the funny papers.

Michael Hinzman is a columnist for The Campus.

Neon Deion and Karla Faye Tucker: true faith questioned

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care to believe so.

"Neon" Deion Sanders of the Dallas Cowboys was the quintessential example of the modern professional athlete. He had the talent, the flamboyant personality, the tremendous ego and the money. He wore more jewelry than Mr. T, and he cut a rap album. Sanders was by no means a heathen, but to him, his weekly trip to the bank was far more important than a visit to church.

Alas, Sanders too has been saved, and now he celebrates his sixteen-year punt returns by dropping to his knees and raising his arms to heaven.

I wonder what God would be worth on the free agent market.

The bottom line is that in the last two examples and in the case of my friend Chris, born-again Christianity has been used primarily to deflect accountability away from those who have done wrong in some way or another. As Christians, we are taught that if you do something wrong, God will forgive you for your sins. Essentially, born-again Christianity is all about abusing this forgiveness.

One important thing to remember in all of this is that you can't fool God. He knows everything. Karla Faye Tucker may have found happi-

ness, but after she died, I guarantee she didn't find the directions to Heaven.

And Deion Sanders can roll down the street in his Mercedes convertible blasting gospel remixes from his \$23,000 stereo system, but God has already turned the treble all the way down on this loudmouth.

And Chris, by the way—God knows exactly why you were in Church that Sunday three and a half years ago.

Somehow, that's very comforting.

Dixon Starz is a member of the class of '01.

Performace art should not lead to vandalsim and littering

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to or not. While your neighbors may be getting to know you better, do you really think they want to?

So, basically, these are big things people do to annoy others, but how about the little ones?

For starters: if you get a phone call or an e-mail from someone, return it. If someone took the time to call you, it is generally appreciated if you call them back. Feel flattered—some people never receive phone calls. Think about how lucky you are that someone cared enough to call.

"Please," "Thank you," "Excuse me." These three little statements

seem pretty easy to me. Maybe that's because I was taught to say them when I was two. Maybe it was just my upbringing.

Without little words like "please" and "thank you," people tend to forget about the others around them. It doesn't matter that someone just held the door open for you—no need to say thanks. Just because you bumped into someone walking in the CC, why should you say excuse me? The answer is simple. You should say these little words because you respect those around you.

Respect. All of these actions are really just people being disrespectful

to others. Is respect really that important? As college students, we share a small community. We have one campus—it's really not that big. We are continuously surrounded by the same people day in and day out. So it just makes sense that we should respect others.

We live in a community, and as a community we should all attempt to work together to make our home a better place. Taking little steps—like respecting one another—can lead to a happy, healthy environment. An environment without boxes of ca-ca. *Patience Bartunek is Arts & Living Editor for The Campus.*

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Motorola donates \$5 million to finance "smart" technology at MIT

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Kitchen computers that take drink orders like "Tea, Earl Grey, Hot" aren't just for futuristic spaceship captains anymore.

"Smart" technology, which lets machines communicate not only with humans but with other devices to keep a whole household running smoothly, is on the horizon.

The technology moved closer to daily life Monday as Motorola announced plans for a new partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The company donated \$5 million to the university to create the Motorola DigitalDNA Laboratory at MIT's Media Lab. The new center will be a part of the Media Lab's new building, set to be completed in 2003.

At the new lab, scientists will work on a whole new wave of smart product applications—like clothing with computerized labels that can tell a washing machine which cycle to use. And dishwashers that communicate to other household appliances about noise levels and energy usage.

Such products would improve on appliances that have the capacity to

be smart, but aren't linked with other machines by a computerized network.

"Wouldn't it be great for the consumer if smart products could be smarter and talk to each other?" said Hector de J. Ruiz, president of Motorola's Semiconductor Products Sector.

Appliances able to chat with each other would make everyday life far easier, Ruiz said. For example, a home entertainment center with "talking" components would free users from having to struggle with several different remote controls or download each machine's specifications into a universal remote.

A refrigerator may someday read the bar codes of the products inside, so you could dial in on the way home find out if you're out of milk.

While the technology behind smart products has been available for years, few applications are available to average consumers at affordable prices.

Greg Nelson, marketing director of the Semiconductor Products Sector said Motorola has been working with MIT for five years. The new partnership however, stemmed

from market surveys that found consumers think many technological advances are useless to the average person, and that many products are hard to use.

The partnership between Motorola—one of the world's largest electronics companies—and the 400-employee MIT Media Lab may help bring smart products to mass markets within the next decade, said Ruiz.

"Why should people have to read a 2-inch-thick manual to do something simple?" said Ruiz. "These are things at the low end of the (technology's) application, things

that make the consumer happier."

Eventually, when "networked" homes are the norm, people will wonder how they ever lived without doors that recognize and open for specific people and thermostats that respond to voice commands, said MIT Media Lab Director Nicholas Negroponte.

"The front door can open as it sees you coming with a load of groceries," said Negroponte, who also serves on Motorola's board of directors. "Or it can let the dog out but not let 10 dogs back in."

Such technology is already in use in Mercedes' new line of S-Class

cars, which features a front passenger seat that automatically recognizes when a child safety seat is being used and reduces the air bag power. The line also features a chip-card key equipped with a profile of the driver.

"If it's a teen-ager driving, (a parent) can program it to not go faster than 50 mph," Ruiz said. "If you like country-western music and your child likes rock-and-roll, the car will know."

Motorola even envisions being able to get e-mail in the car—using voice recognition of course.

Enzyme leads to breakthrough in cancer research

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a dramatic advance in the understanding of cancer, researchers have found an enzyme that helps build the blood vessels that feed the growth of tumors, a major step toward finding new drugs to attack the disease.

Researchers at Duke University in Durham, N.C., report that they have found—on the surface of cells

inside blood vessels—a type of enzyme, called ATP synthase.

The enzyme apparently provides the energy for the growth of blood vessels, said Dr. Salvatore V. Pizzo, a member of the Duke team and co-author of a study appearing Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Without such energy, he said, tumors can never grow beyond the size of a pin head.

Researchers in many labs have recently been studying the growth of blood vessels that supply cancer tumors with oxygen and nutrients—searching for possible ways to shut off that blood vessel growth.

The research intensified after Dr. Judah Folkman of Children's Hospital in Boston showed that a compound he calls angiostatin could stop tumor growth in mice by blocking the formation of blood vessels.

In all, a number of compounds that can block blood vessel formation have been discovered. In fact, a separate paper in Proceedings on Tuesday reports on isolating such a substance from cartilage. Researchers have been able to isolate angiostatin, which also occurs naturally in the body, and synthesize it in laboratories.

But exactly how angiostatin and similar compounds work has not been known. The Duke discovery may be the answer.

"Until now, people knew that angiostatin blocked blood vessel growth, but there was no obvious mechanism," said Pizzo. "Now we know why it works."

The study "is a big jump ahead,"

said Folkman, "... because it identifies a protein that binds (attaches to) angiostatin" and suggests how angiostatin prevents blood vessel growth. The discovery puts researchers on track to isolate a compound from angiostatin that could work more directly to block blood vessel formation, he said.

The discovery of ATP on the surface of endothelial cells, the lining of blood vessels, came as a surprise, said Pizzo. The enzyme was previously found only inside cells.

"ATP is what the cells use as a fuel, as an energy source," said Pizzo. "It is present inside the cell, in the mitochondria, and is the little energy factory for the cell."

The enzyme apparently is activated when the blood's oxygen content is lowered. Nature may have designed ATP as a healing mechanism, to build new vessels so the body can repair tissue damaged by injury or disease, said Pizzo.

"Tumors are that way," he said. "Tumors tend to take advantage of a normal mechanism in the body and then exaggerate it to their own growth advantage."

When tumors do form, cells in the center of the growth are deprived of oxygen. That may trigger the formation and action of ATP, said Pizzo.

With a better understanding of how ATP causes blood vessels to grow, researchers also might be able to use the enzyme to promote beneficial blood vessel growth, such as in heart disease or diabetes, Pizzo said.

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Arts & Living

Look into my eyes: The modern search for identity

By ALYSON G. GETTY
Arts & Living Writer

Take a moment to recall childhood days sitting in your treehouse or that space under the stairs with one of your closest friends, telling each other everything that elementary school children know about life.

Odds are, you can remember spending an afternoon sitting patiently as that friend tried to "hypnotize" you with a stone tied to a piece of string, dangling in front of your nose.

As you stared, almost cross-eyed, you heard your friend repeat the words, "Look into my eyes. You are getting very, very sleepy."

What were you and your friend trying to discover? At that age, unmasking repressed thoughts probably wasn't a large concern—more than likely, it had something to do with the most recent episode of "Scooby Doo."

This simple act of hypnotic imitation, however, is just one of many of our first cultural interests in exploring the self to find its true meaning or hidden agenda.

The casual acceptance of childhood games like this reveals how deeply ingrained psychotherapy is in modern society. Psychotherapy is an everyday aspect of our lives and we rarely take time to question it.

Dr. Philip Cushman, a practicing clinical psychologist and author of "Constructing the Self" wrote, "For late twentieth-century Americans, psychotherapy is a given; it is an unquestioned part of our world."

This view of psychotherapy brings an acceptance of the realm of the mind as well. Cushman states, "Today we accept the mind and mental illness as unexceptional elements of our daily lives."

This casual approach toward the psyche and theories of the mind was not always characteristic of Western society. Realizing a need to probe into the human self, scholars of the nineteenth century attempted to categorize and control any deviant behaviors which could be linked to mental problems or imbalances.

This scientific view of deviant behavior as illness which could be cured was popular and culturally accepted.

Cushman noted, "During this time, self-control was an essential aspect of the cultural landscape as the objectification and quantification of the human spirit and the calculations of everyday life became an art form."

Professions and institutions materialized to help cure these psychological illnesses. In addition to the classification of psychology, the "self" developed into an "identity."

As a nation, we sought to find the self. In the post-war generation, this was achieved through mass consumption.

Eugene Goodheart, professor of English at the University of Chicago, commented on the "healthy self" determined by this consumer-based post-war economy.

"Post-war modern conveniences filled radio, magazine and newspaper ads and unleashed a flood of opinions about how postwar families should handle their finances. Ads portrayed a new nation of families that needed new homes and new electronic household appliances in order to stay scientific, healthy and modern," said Goodheart.

What impact did this new consumerism have on the self? In many American minds, consumption became synonymous with self-improvement.

Cushman stated, "Personal emphasis was expressed in many ways, such as low self-esteem and values confusion, thus chronic consumerism was a temporary fix to fill this void by acquiring items."

Psychologist Sigmund Freud, born in 1856, began to develop an understanding of this identity crisis. He thought conflict could be rationally managed through a deeper understanding of the individual's psychological life.

Jerome Levin of the New York School for Social Research noted, "Freud came to believe that the underside of the human experience was situated in the unconscious and it was the psychological, not the physiological, world of his patients that caused emotional distress. Within the unconscious hidden from view, the prohibited area of primitive wishes and lusts, urges and drives, moved individuals to the best and worst of human actions."

In an attempt to manage the conflicts of the self, Freud introduced psychoanalysis. The self, in this way of thinking, is viewed as two parts, each of which has less-than-perfect communication with the other. Psychotherapy presented an approach that is both scientific and psychological to improve this understanding of the self.

Cushman wrote, "Most importantly, psychoanalysis took American thought into a new realm of cultural experience, by popularizing the emerging phenomenon of the unconscious."

"Andersen pointed out that Allegheny students—and society as a whole—have begun to take a new turn in self-exploration."



—photo by Tiffany Hrach

IT'S ALL IN HOW YOU LOOK AT THINGS—Over time, approaches changed drastically, but the basic questions remain the same.

David Andersen, Allegheny professor of psychology, said, "Psychotherapy challenged the status quo and affected the current understandings of what it meant to be human, just as Freud had hoped. While there are many criticisms of psychotherapy, as classified by Freud, it contributed to a new managing of self-conflict that had never been expressed before, in which the self became more than just the conscious."

Psychoanalysis helped the psychological world to understand the modern self, but it proved to be a very long and drawn-out process of examination.

According to Andersen, "Many professionals no longer see Freud as valuable, and choose to practice short-term therapy or use medication to combat anxiety rather than the long process of full psychoanalytic sessions."

Theories of psychotherapy exist which differ from Freud's and which help to explore the unconscious self as Americans continue to search for new, more modern answers to the riddle of the self.

No matter what cultural expectations we have of the self, Americans are constantly searching for a deeper meaning. "Today, it is hard to find what part of the self is missing because we are constantly developing a new idea of the self," notes Andersen.

According to Judd Kulas, assistant director of the Counseling Center and a nationally certified counselor, "When and where the role of the self is not understood and taken into account, problems often arise."

The Counseling Center attempts to help students discover a truer meaning of self. Counselors Jacques Kondrot and Judd Kulas deal with a wide range of problems—including mood disorders, anxiety disorders, encapsulation of past traumas and other losses, relationship difficulties and academic difficulties.

"For traditional college-age students many of these challenges are addressed under the common template of helping them to develop a sense of self that is independent from their families," said Kulas. "I generally use cognitive behavioral, social learning, psychodynamic and medical theories and approaches to conceptualize challenges that students face in their personal journeys to develop their sense of self."

Andersen pointed out that Allegheny students—and society as a whole—have begun to take a new turn in self-exploration that continues to use psychological practices while also delving into religion and New Age practices to find the self.

"A number of people have expressed religious conviction over the past 20 years and are examining previous psychological questions such as, 'Where am I on my journey of life?' or 'What is the self?' in a religious realm," said Andersen.

Kulas noted that there appears to be at least some evidence of a trend of psychology and religion each becoming more attentive to aspects of the spiritual and psychological self.

"I see this as counseling and therapy beginning to give more attention to addressing spiritual needs of individuals. There is an opportunity to better help others develop their sense of self as a result of an increased understanding of the synergy between the spiritual, psychological and physical aspects of the self," said Kulas.

"Those people who do spiritual counseling often illustrate to me how they work toward addressing the psychological needs of those whom they are counseling," he said.

On campus, Allegheny offers the services of both a counseling department and a pastoral counselor. (continued on page 13)

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Waking up with Rodney Yee—the key to starting a yoga program

By HEATHER SOUTHWELL
Perspectives Editor

Waking up with Rodney Yee is a beautiful thing.

The fact that he is built like a god, wearing spandex and laying on the white beaches of Maui is not at all distracting. In fact, it's rather inspirational. Of course, these are perhaps not the best reasons for starting a yoga program. They might get you started, however, and that's the important thing.

If you have been to Blockbuster lately and have managed to wander away from the thrills, classics and Nintendo games, you may have noticed a small area near the children's section dedicated to health and fitness videos.

In truth, I initially found my way into this section because I was looking for cartoons, but I soon found myself captivated by a few videos entitled "Yoga for Beginners."

The selection included "A.M. Yoga," "P.M. Yoga" and "Power Yoga."

I purchased the morning and evening editions, reasoning that I was much too young and uncoordinated for power yoga, whatever that is.

At the beginning of the videos, I got some basic instructions to help avoid hurting myself. I was instructed to wear loose and comfortable clothing (no spandex?), to consult a doctor before beginning any exercise program (uh-huh) and to

watch the videos all the way through once or twice before attempting any of the positions myself.

In the true spirit of the health-conscious, I smoked cigarettes and drank Coke while I watched the morning video with Rodney (we are now on a first-name basis) and then the evening edition with Patricia Walden. I was struck by a number of things.

First, the videos are beautifully staged. The morning video is filmed at sunrise on the beaches of Maui and the evening video is set in Death Valley at sunset. Despite the fact that my friend claims Maui "is really not that great," I was impressed with the breathtaking backdrops.

The music is nicely new-age—you really shouldn't trust a yoga

video with inappropriate music. For all I know, the "Power Yoga" video could be set to Metallica, but the morning and evening editions are set to tunes with titles like "Silence," "Rain" and "Spirit."

Don't let the names confuse you, though. Some of the tracks really rock—in a peaceful sort of way.

If you really enjoy the music and find yourself thinking "hey, I'd really like to clean my room to this," you're in luck. Each video includes a cassette with the soundtrack. You can't go wrong.

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suming, I suppose, that you are doing the evening video in the evening, after a long day of moving and shaking, Walden spends less time on stretching and more time on postures.

Her style is smooth and the program is designed to alleviate tension in the body before relaxing for the evening.

Since I focused on Rodney's physical attributes earlier, I should mention that one look at Patricia

Walden will give you a good idea of the benefits of yoga for the body.

One friend of mine tells me that people who practice yoga regularly are beautiful—Walden is testimony to this. She is absolutely striking.

Yoga has become something of a "trend" lately, but don't let that deter you. Yoga is popular because it feels good, not just because it's "cool."

Though truthfully I am rarely awake early enough to do the morning stretch, I have used the morning video in the afternoon and it's just as nice.

At a mere \$10 apiece, the "Yoga for Beginners" videos are worth a try. If you haven't been introduced to yoga yet (or even if you have), this series offers a great way to start the day, to wind down at the end of the day and to feel like you've taken the time to do something good for yourself. And that's the important thing.

March Madness



Ben Long

The morning video starts with a reclined exercise designed to get you focused on breath, which is an important aspect of yoga. From there, my pal Rodney moves through a series of gentle stretches to awaken the weary student.

Next, he moves into some more challenging (but still relatively tame) postures. The 26-minute video ends with another reclined posture intended to rejuvenate the body.

Walden's afternoon adventure is somewhat more challenging. Pre-

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I Was Just Thinking...

A humor column by Gail Giewont

Welcome to the Dental Floss Edition of "I Was Just Thinking!" At least you've been warned in advance.

There exists an actual reason behind the creation of the dental floss column. A few weeks ago, I interrogated my survey group by e-mail to discover their opinions on high school students and professional wrestling. Since I thought these were not inherently funny subjects, I added a random question as well—"Do you like dental floss?"

I had no idea that so many people had so many opinions on dental hygiene and its associated products. I expected "yes" and "no" answers, but instead received a few virtual dissertations on floss, its various uses and people's deep-seeded feelings regarding it.

Dental floss is a subject that has been ignored—and one about which people obviously need to express their feelings.

The thing about dental floss is that it is, inherently, a very unfunny product. I need not point out (but I will) that its primary purpose is to remove partially digested food particles from the gaps in people's teeth.

In order to liven things up this week because of the slimy subject matter, I've decided to write this column in dialogue format.

Since I don't actually have a co-writer to talk to, I will conduct an imaginary conversation with my right big toe. I point out that this conversation is imaginary for those of you who, when you were young, did not have the rumor about toes being able to talk dispelled. Toes don't talk. Fish talk, but toes never do. Got it?

For the purposes of this column, I will be referring to my toe as "Walt."

Walt: My name's Sharon.

Gail: No it isn't, Sharon. It's Walt.

Walt: But—

Gail: We're going to talk about dental floss, okay?

Walt: This sounds dumb. I don't want to. You're going to have to find yourself another toe.

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A different point of view



Elizabeth Grosz, Julian Park Chair in the Humanities at SUNY Buffalo, is seen shaking hands with a student. She gave a lecture entitled, "Feminism and Darwinism: Preliminary Investigations into a possible Alliance" Wednesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in Quigley Auditorium.

—photo by Tiffany Hrach

Multicultural weekend declared a success by students, prospectives

By KIMBERLY REHAK
Assistant Arts & Living Editor

To introduce minority students to Allegheny, a multicultural weekend was held Saturday and Sunday. Prospective students visited campus and participated in events sponsored by various multicultural groups.

"The purpose of multicultural weekend is to bring minority students to Allegheny's campus so that they can experience Allegheny firsthand, as well as tour and interview with the Admissions office," said senior Tres Adams, president of Advancement of Black Culture (ABC) and an Admissions employee.

Adams added, "Our overall goal is to get the students to want to come to Allegheny. This in turn fulfills many goals of the Allegheny campus and community to culturally diversify our campus."

"Some things shocked me—how people bonded so fast," said freshman Joy Johnson.

Senior Edye Olalia, president of the Association for Asian and Asian-American Awareness (A5) agreed. "I was hosting a prospective student. I guess I went [to the different events] to show her the campus and these events were organized for the weekend. I would say the main purpose of the weekend was to recruit minority students to Allegheny, show them what Allegheny

is all about and to show them what it's like to be a minority on campus. It gave them kind of an inside perspective."

"The purpose was to share a little bit of diversity with the campus and that's what they did," Olalia continued.

The Office of Admissions, along with the Office of Diversity Affairs, sponsored the weekend. Several informal sessions were held in which the prospective students had the opportunity to interact with one another, including a panel session during which prospective students could ask current students questions about life at Allegheny.

Freshman Joy Johnson said the prospective students asked what current students disliked about the school and what made them decide to attend.

Events opened to the entire campus included the Diversity Affairs film festival and a Latin music dance.

The dance, held Saturday evening in the Campus Center, was quite a success. "The turnout was what I expected," said the disc jockey, sophomore Israel Estrada. "Everyone was dancing and seemed to be having a good time."

Estrada explained that the dance was intended "to provide a portrait of diversity for the prospectives, to try to bring music in Spanish that is not familiar to the people around here, to bring a different perspective in music to the campus."

"I wanted to play music that wasn't the merengue and the salsa but ones that are still considered Latino," he continued. "They were

dancing. I saw a lot of people being interactive as a group. They were having fun and that's what is most important."

"I didn't think that I'd have fun at the dance because I didn't know how to salsa or merengue," said Johnson, "but I ended up staying there for the whole time."

Along with the dance, the Diversity Affairs film festival also proved successful.

"I did a film festival during the weekend to supplement the programming planned by the Admissions office," said Director of Diversity Affairs, Terrence Mitchell.

"I feel that there are several ways to learn to appreciate diversity," he said. "One is by seeing different cultures' stories told in their words and through their perspectives our campus-wide appreciation for difference."

The festival showed three films over the weekend. "Smoke

Signals," a film produced primarily by Native Americans, was shown on Saturday evening.

"I thought it was not just a Native American movie, though; it was pretty universal," said sophomore Holly Miskey. "It was a very moving movie because I could relate to the plot line."

The other two films were shown Sunday afternoon. "Combination Platter" was a film about several different cultures coming together in a working environment, and the award-winning "Daughters of the Dust" was a film celebrating African American heritage.

"Overall, everyone believed that the weekend was very successful. The Allegheny community, from what I can see, was very receptive to the weekend," said Adams. "The college wants more cultural diversity on campus and appears to support programs that promote and strive to fulfill such goals."

"I was most impressed by our current students' enthusiasm and effort to make this a positive event for the prospectives," said Mitchell. "I think that the college community was receptive to the event, and I think that we all were welcoming to the students."

"I liked this weekend better than I thought I would," said Johnson. "Some things shocked me—how people bonded so fast. The prospectives' reaction depended upon who their hosts were. Everyone seemed to get along really well, but I don't think that everyone went to the events. It was kind of sad to see them leave. My prospective said that she really enjoyed herself so that made me feel really good."

The weekend's main purpose, of course, was to convince students to come to Allegheny. Olalia said she was optimistic about its success. "I think my prospective is coming," she said.

A BRIEF—YET IMPASSIONED—RANT BY BOB BRITTEN

I'd like to bring your attention to a great disturbance in the Force. As of a few weeks ago, it became official that this will be the final season of the Sci-Fi channel's show Mystery Science Theatre 3000 (MST3K). The Sci-Fi MST3K web page says this is season is "sure to be the best ever!" and with Orwellian flairs states "We at Sci-Fi are proud to accompany MST3K to the close of its final season." It's like discussing euthanasia in front of Grandpa. MST3K, likely one of the smartest shows on the tube, has been cut down in favor of more detritus, like others before it. We here in Meadville aren't graced with the presence of the Sci-Fi Channel, but if you consider yourself a fan, or even if you've never seen the show before, I would strongly suggest making the effort to catch the show one last time before its end. Who knows? Maybe it'll even make a difference.

—Bob Britten is a film reviewer for The Campus

I Was Just Thinking...

A humor column by Gail Giewont

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Gail: I'll bet you didn't know that there are both waxed and woven varieties of dental floss.

Walt: I don't care. I'm a toe.

Gail: But this is a heart-warming story about the search for grape-flavored woven dental floss, which was brought to my attention by a person inventively wishing to be referred to as "Anonymous." She went to a dental appointment over Christmas break and received the delightful grape "children's" floss, which tastes like Kool-Aid and doesn't get stuck in your teeth. She asked, "Where can I get more of this stuff?"

Walt: My heart feels ever so warm.

Gail: Anyway, I decided to go in search of grape dental floss. I found myself in a pharmacy over the weekend and decided to go on a Floss Quest.

Walt: Are you going to tell them about how you got excited when you saw Scotch tape, and forgot all about the floss?

Gail: I hate you, Walt, and no, I wasn't going to mention it. I was, however, going to mention a discussion later on with Tiffany Hrach, in which she revealed to me that she possesses grape floss. When I asked where she got it, she replied, "I just went to the drug store." Attempting to beat Tiffany up and wrest her of her floss was less effective than I thought it would be, so I suggest the drug store option.

Walt: Dental floss makes me think of ill-tempered, mutated sea bass.

Gail: Funny you should mention that, since two of my survey respondents said the same thing. I was really scared, because I was unaware of the "Austin Powers" connection to dental floss and thought they had randomly come up with the same thing. Then, I achieved clarification. And then I felt really senile for missing an "Austin Powers" reference, particularly since I've actually seen the film. Readers, take note—dental floss can help you escape from fish, should you need or desire to do so.

Walt: You should tell them the dental floss bondage story.

Gail: How did you know about that?

Walt: I'm a psychic toe.

Gail: Uh-huh. This story was submitted to me by a person who wants to be referred to as "The Squid," but whom I will call "A Perfectly Normal Guy" for this column. As a child, Normal and his friends would play a "classic game of fun and mischief" called "Houdini," which involved tying up one of the friends with various implements to see if he could get away.

Walt: How come we never play "Houdini"? It sounds like fun.

Gail: One day, Normal decided to tie his friend up with dental floss—all 100 yards of dental floss, as a matter of fact. That's a lot of dental floss. After the hapless friend was completely tied up, he was left tied to the tree while the other friends went inside and drank Kool-Aid.

Walt: Maybe this guy's the one that left the snow shovel on your roof.

Gail: This is the dental floss column, not the snow shovel column. Don't confuse people, Walt!

Walt: I think the very least you could do is talk about the snow shovel that magically appeared on the roof of your house. You can at least pretend that snow shovels are funny.

Gail: There's really nothing to discuss here, Walt. The snow shovel was a gift from the benevolent snow shovel deities. It is sitting on my rooftop to fulfill the purpose of the divine, which will be revealed in time.

Walt: When will the divine reveal the purpose behind this stupid dental floss column?

Gail: I am no longer speaking to you, Walt. Stories about uses of dental floss other than bondage are quite common. An anonymous student who will be referred to as "Anonymous 2" since she's not the same Anonymous mentioned earlier, sometimes uses her hair for floss when she runs out (of floss, that is). Reportedly, some people find this gross.

Walt: I think it's cool! But then again, I guess I'm not really "people."

Gail: I'm still not talking to you, Walt. Jon Zito tells me that he sometimes uses dental floss as incense in order to "get that dead, rotting human smell" out of his room. I am not talking to Jon anymore, either, for obvious reasons. Furthermore, two of my survey respondents said that they used dental floss as nooses for action figures when they were children. It is good to know that floss helps children in their creative executionary endeavours—unfortunately, however, both of these survey respondents happen to be my housemates. So, I now keep my dental floss locked up in a safe.

Walt: Did anyone ever tell you that you're paranoid?

Gail: What? Are people talking about me? What do you know that I don't?

Walt: I think you should write a column about cheese.

Gail: What?

Walt: Cheese. I really like cheese.

Gail: Shut up, Walt.

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Video rental suggestions for spring break

By BOB BRITTEN
Arts & Living Writer

Beware the Ides of March. It makes for, among other things, lazy reviewers. Actually, though, with spring break fast upon us, I thought that it might once again be time for one of these composite video reviews—spring is a time of rebirth, so what better way to canonize the festive vernal season than by taking a look at some old videos?

Video Review

Also, video seems to be a safer venture for mid-drunken-binge entertainment than does piling into the Hyundai and driving to the local mega-plex. And so it is with an air of social consciousness that I present you with another breake-time video viewing list.

A theme. Gotta have one. What really screams "spring"? Well, there's rain, flowers, lots of green stuff and anthropomorphic rabbits hopping around distributing eggs to Gentiles, Stravinsky's Rite of Spring...and of course lots of hitting people with swords and casting spells. Think about it. Julius Caesar was killed during the Ides of March. At least part of Braveheart must have happened in the spring.

Which brings us to our theme, the age-old tradition of the sword and sorcery flick. Sure it's been awhile since we've gotten a really good one up on the big screen, but it's a genre filled with a rich her-

itage. Okay, so it's being carried on by Kevin Sorbo right now, but it's always darkest before dawn.

And besides, what genre speaks to such a wide variety of viewers? There's mythology for you academics out there, enough hack-and-slack to sate the action crowd, and opulent tradition hair-thin plotlines, guaranteed to appeal to the shortest attention span. Quite possibly the perfect genre. Some of these you've seen, some you may not have heard of, and most are all likely owned in part by TBS, but here you go...

"Legend." Tom Cruise, Mia Sara (from "Ferris Bueller"), Tim Curry with some really big horns, and a bunch of dwarfs. Something for everyone. Some of my favorite monsters in a fantasy flick. The plot's not even too bad. To this day, though, it seems too bad to me that they couldn't hook Tom up with a pair of pants for his armor, but maybe they felt he had attractive knees.

"Labyrinth." Jim Henson made the absolute coolest creatures in the world, and this movie shows his weirdness off even better than "The Dark Crystal" (another Muppet-fantasy you might want to check out). It also shows off a great deal of David Bowie, who seems here to be very fond of stirrup pants. Though not quite so heavy on the "sword" part of "sword & sorcery," goblins, monsters, mazes and architecture by Escher all put this into a "Things you won't see in Arter" category (though Baldwin may be another matter), and that's all we want from break, right?

"The Beastmaster" I think there's also a porno version of this by the same name, but I'm referring to the early-80's Marc Singer opus.

A man is born telepathically linked to beasts through witchcraft and his lifelong mission is to kill Rip Torn, in a world where no one has a name longer than four letters. It's sort of an "Everyman" for our times. This movie has absolutely no right to be rated PG. There's profanity, full frontal nudity, infant sacrifice, unholy conceptions and ferret burning—in short, lots of cool stuff to irk the Fundamentalists in you. The Kiss army also makes a guest appearance.

"Clash of the Titans." The All-Father. Without stop motion, we wouldn't have the Battle of Hoth or Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and we owe it all to this little wonder. I'm pretty sure that there's a law stating that this movie must be screened at least once a day on one or more of the Turner networks.

Again, cool monsters with extra limbs combined with muscular dumb guys with pointed sticks make this is Big McLarge Huge of fantasy flicks.

So many movies, so little time. For additional viewing, take a look at "The Princess Bride," "Willow" and "Ladyhawke." It's amazing how many big-time stars are in these flicks.

It's probably the film world equivalent of slumming, and yet everybody stops by this red-light district of cinema eventually. No time like the present to see some movies of negotiable affection of your own. Just clean up afterward.

Hinzman to work in Austria as resident counselor

By PATIENCE L. BARTUNEK
Arts & Living Editor

Travel the world, teach others, and have fun, it sounds like a dream job, but for senior Michael Hinzman it is a reality. He has accepted a Resident Counselor position at The American International School (AIS) in Salzburg, Austria.

Hinzman learned about this position earlier this year when Dean Morgan, a representative of the school, came to Allegheny and gave interviews for the position. For Hinzman this appeared to be the perfect job.

Hinzman's position as a Resident Counselor will have four major requirements. "It's pretty much the resident advisor job," he said. "I will have to coach a sport and run and activity, mine will be theater. I don't know what my sport is." The resident counselors are part of the AIS care staff and will guide, direct and help care for the students of a dormitory hall.

Hinzman is prepared for this po-

sition. "It's sort of a job I know I have experience in," said Hinzman. He has been a resident advisor (RA) for two years.

Hinzman is also a communication arts/theater major and produced his own senior comprehensive project entitled, "It's Your Own Fault." With these accomplishments under his belt, Hinzman feels well prepared.

"I don't think if I wasn't an RA I would try to do it. I might have—the few things I have done with teaching before have been fun," said Hinzman.

Hinzman has great expectations for the year. "I want to gain teaching experience and I'd like to learn about the cultures of the students," said Hinzman.

Teaching is also a possibility in the future for Hinzman. "I'm leaning toward teaching in some form or another but I don't know what," said Hinzman.

Every trimester, AIS students and resident counselors go on various excursions. In the fall, it is a four

day trip to different locations throughout Europe. The winter excursion is to the Olympic city of Innsbruck in the Alps, with three days of skiing.

Between the winter and spring break, AIS students take a nine day excursion to a location of their choice. This is the main trip of the year.

"They [AIS] go to different places every year. There are tons of places I'd like to go in Europe. Paris would be nice, I suppose," said Hinzman.

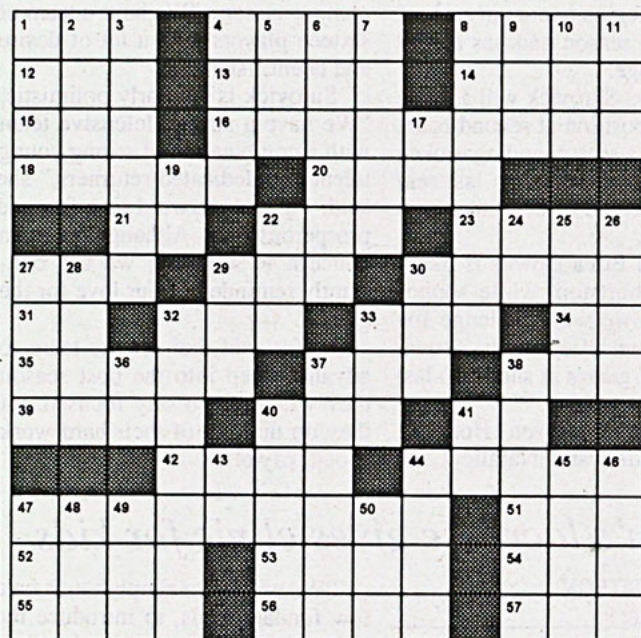
The students Hinzman will be teaching are from all over the world. AIS is the only international boarding school in Austria. In 1998-1999 there were 132 students enrolled in the school, 28 in junior high and 104 in grades 10-13. These students represent thirty nationalities.

"I'm not anxious [about teaching international students]. I'm excited about experiencing all of the different cultures," said Hinzman.

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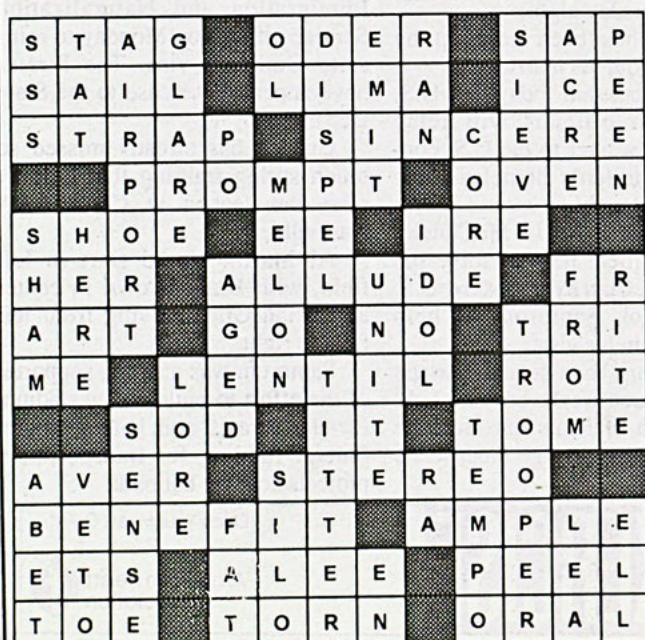


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4 Surprise
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12 Ran in to
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15 Indicates mountain
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18 Subscribe again
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21 Near
22 Afghanistan coin
23 Biblical king
27 Ocean (abbr.)
29 To feel ill
30 Rub out
31 Egyptian sun god
32 Hundredweight (abbr.)
33 Father's boy
34 Direction (abbr.)
35 Malicious burning
37 Jog
38 Also
39 Money provided as security
40 Scottish cap
41 Address a man (abbr.)
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44 Pork food
47 Moon
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52 Surprise
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54 Scottish river
55 Left
56 Catches
57 Final

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- 1 Word for love
2 At this place
3 Lacking tone
4 Cast out
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6 Needed
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9 Muhammad
10 Recent form (pref.)
11 Number
17 Baseball league (abbr.)
19 Famous space alien
22 Deep hole
24 6th scale note
25 Association (abbr.)
26 Listen to
27 Native of Arabia
28 Village in Ireland
29 Tip of grass
30 Age
32 University
33 Total
36 Spanish yes
37 Plunder
38 Arched building
40 Bird claw
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Jessica Lincoln is a ray of sunshine in a world full of shadows.

Sarah—I hope you have a better week...next year is coming soon

Kristy—Have a great spring break...and have a blast in South Carolina...ya never know it might be the place for ya.

Consumerism, confusion threaten the self

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John Colatch, chaplain, campus pastor and trained pastoral counselor, finds that students frequent his office for help with both spiritual and personal problems.

Colatch said he views his practice as helpful to both religious and non-religious students and views psychology and religion as complimentary fields. "Both psychology and religious counseling help the individual, and I counsel a lot of students who tend to blend both of these aspects in their daily routines," he said.

Twenty-five percent of Allegheny students are involved in some type of religious activity. "There has been an increasing trend since the mid-80s on campus of students seeking to increase spirituality to compliment academics, which indicated to me that more students are seeking a life that expresses thanks for the self and the spiritual," Colatch said.

The growing popularity of this trend strongly indicates the continuing desire that our campus shares with society—coming to understand

the self.

While today we may not engage in the hypnotic sessions of our youth, the idea that there is another part of our minds which we may not understand is still intriguing.

The self most likely will continue to spark investigation in the future, as self-explorers in scholarly and personal realms seek to uncover the layers of the psyche.

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With only a few days to go, spring break is the topic on nearly every Alleghenian's mind. Students are headed for (among others): alternative spring breaks (Eastern Shore, VA, Washington DC, Georgia); Dayton Beach; Fort Lauderdale; Myrtle Beach and Disney World.

So whether you are staying at home this spring break or headed for a sunny destination, just make sure you have fun and stay safe. Relax, let your worries take care of themselves, and enjoy it while it lasts!

- Heidi Walsh

Gator softball team hopes to stay focused and return to Division III playoffs

By JESSICA YOUNG
Sports Reporter

As always, the Allegheny softball team has high goals for their 1999 season. Among their goals, the Gators list defending their North Coast Athletic Conference title and reaching the NCAA Division III playoffs. To reach the post season, however, Allegheny will have to make it through an extremely difficult schedule.

Allegheny will begin its season on Saturday, March 20 in the Rebel Spring Games in Ocoee, Fla. After 48 indoor practices, the Gators will test their skills on dirt against a series of Division II and III schools.

Pippen struggles to find offensive role in Houston

HOUSTON (AP)—Scottie Pippen didn't expect to feel comfortable immediately with the Houston Rockets' offense. But he didn't expect to be a virtual spectator 22 games into the season, either.

Pippen, the U.S. Olympic star who joined Houston after 11 seasons with the Chicago Bulls, is getting more frustrated as his offensive production diminishes. The Rockets mostly pound the ball inside to Charles Barkley and Hakeem Olajuwon rather than run the ball, which Pippen prefers.

Pippen, who signed a five-year, \$67.5 million contract in January, took only five shots and scored four points in 35 minutes Sunday during a 104-90 loss to the Phoenix Suns.

"I'm frustrated," Pippen said. "Playing the minutes I'm playing, I'm not involved in the offense. It

"The better our competition, the stronger we become," said head coach Deb Pepper, who has a three-year record of 69-55. "This year we have a great amount of team unity and depth, which should benefit the team's performance."

Senior left-hander Jacelyn Peterson returns as the pitching ace for the Gators. She suffered a shoulder injury in late February, but will be ready to play in the first game. Last season Peterson earned All-East Region and All-NCAC honors while compiling 10 wins and a 1.77 ERA.

Sophomore Natalie Case will contribute on the mound and in the field. She finished her freshman year with a 7-12 record on the

mound and was picked up first team All-NCAC honors as a utility player. Freshman Janelle Bissell will also contribute to the pitching staff.

Senior Jill Staaf and sophomore Jill Fuduric will take on the catching duties. Staaf batted .309 last season with 20 RBI. She was named second team All-NCAC. Fuduric also earned second team All-NCAC honors, as well as All-East Region honors, last season. She finished her freshman year with a .345 batting average.

The corners of the infield will be filled by senior Darcy Brandel and junior Jen Lorenzen. Brandel will start at first base for the fourth season. The team captain has a career

batting average of .311 and was first team All-East Region in 1997.

Lorenzen will play third and bat clean-up for the Gators. She has earned All-Region honors in each of the past two seasons and has a .419 batting average.

Junior Jess Surovick will assume the starting position at second base. She suffered a season-ending broken wrist in the opening game last season, but appeared in 23 games as a freshman.

Freshman Erica Downs is likely to start at shortstop, while sophomore Jen Rowe will challenge for time at all four infield spots. Rowe started all 37 games at shortstop last season.

Sophomores Lauren Hornish, Stacey Madden and Natalie Case

bring a year of experience to the outfield. Freshmen Annette Gaethe and Julie Mason will add depth.

Peffer is optimistic about the upcoming season. "We have a team of sixteen players with a lot of desire and talent," she said.

Surovick is similarly optimistic. "We have a strong defensive team with a combination of strong young talent and dedicated returners," she said. "I look forward to a fun and prosperous year. Although our main concern is winning, we are constantly reminded of our love for the game."

Peffer said that for the team to advance deep into the post season they will need to stay focused. If they do that, all of their hard work should pay off.

Women's lacrosse gives clinic for kids

By MANDY MATSON
Sports Reporter

On Tuesday, March 9 and Friday, March 12, the Allegheny women's lacrosse team held an instructional clinic at Neason Hill Elementary in Meadville.

Neason Hill physical education teacher Julie Williams and Allegheny assistant lacrosse coach Rebecca Lisack organized the two-day event, in which 13 players from women's lacrosse volunteered their time to instruct several fifth and sixth grade gym classes.

Williams proposed the idea to Lisack in order to broaden the children's horizons on a sport with which they were unfamiliar.

The students used plastic lacrosse sticks and balls to learn the general skills of the game. The team chose to keep the sessions basic by only teaching how to throw, catch and shoot.

"We wanted to simply touch on a few fundamentals, to introduce the kids to lacrosse," said Lisack. "It is an up-and-coming sport, so we wanted to start teaching it at a young age."

"The kids were all really enthusiastic and ready to learn," said freshman Meghan Feely. "It was a great opportunity not only to present the kids with a different sport, but also to show people what lacrosse is really about."

Williams and Lisack hope to continue introducing new sports to the students of Neason Hill Elementary. They are already planning a women's soccer clinic for the fall of 1999.

"We feel that by using women college athletes as role models, we are sending the message that these children can do anything they want to in life," said Lisack. "Our main objective is to give them confidence in themselves."

Guillen seeks government help

BRADENTON, Florida (AP)—The U.S. State Department has approved a visa waiver for Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Jose Guillen, meaning he could arrive at training camp as early as Thursday night.

Guillen has been held up by questions about his marriage.

The Pirates said today that U.S. immigration officials will relay news of the waiver to the U.S. consulate in Guillen's homeland, the Dominican Republic.

Team owner Kevin McClatchy enlisted political help to solve the problem. McClatchy has asked U.S. Senator Rick Santorum to help Guillen regain his visa.

Guillen has been detained on the island for three weeks because U.S. immigration officials question the validity of a marriage license he

presented before trying to return to the United States.

The Pirates said they learned only recently of Guillen's marriage.

Following an investigation, the Immigration and Naturalization Service refused on Monday to reinstate Guillen's visa. The Pirates have appealed the case to the State Department.

Guillen has already missed so much spring training that he may start the season at Class AAA Nashville.

Al Martin would start in left field, with Brant Brown in center and Brian Giles moving from left field to right.

Santorum was a strong supporter of the effort to build a new stadium for the Pirates and helped obtain federal funding for transportation projects near the ballpark.

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Physics professor's invention allows disabled students to enjoy their own March Madness

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP)—Some disabled students here have been able to enjoy a little March Madness of their own thanks to two Alma College employees.

Because of the efforts of physics professor John Gibson and lab technician Mark Bunce, some Saginaw-area children and teenagers, who in some cases can only move a finger or a knee, have been playing basketball.

Gibson and Bunce have developed the "Flinger," a portable catapult which allows the students to shoot baskets.

All the students have to do is push a yellow button and the ball is on its way toward a 4-foot basket.

"It's not pretty," Gibson said, pointing at the metal-and-plywood frame of the Flinger. "But it works. We knew we had a winner when it would launch the ball to the same

spot every time we used it."

Bunce had a prototype of the machine built within three days, using only a trip to the hardware store and his imagination.

"Some of the stuff is pretty strange," Bunce told the Morning Sun of Mount Pleasant for a story Sunday. "For example, the part that holds the ball is actually a metal reflector bowl off of an electric stove."

A bungee cord is used to give the machine its ability to throw the ball, Gibson said.

In all, it costs about \$50 to produce, cheap enough for most special-needs programs, and Gibson said he will make it available to the public.

The partnership between Saginaw's Melvin G. Millet Learning Center and the duo from

Alma that led to the creation of the Flinger happened by chance.

Three years ago, Gibson was told that Millet sponsored a program, allowing disabled students to operate a computer using Morse Code. He decided to give Millet a call to see if he could help out in some way.

Susan Leonard, an occupational therapist at Millet, said she and some other staff members had been researching a catapult-type device that might allow students to shoot

baskets.

When Gibson came along, she knew she had found the right person for the job.

"When this physics professor called up, we knew we had finally found someone with the skill to design a device like that," Ms. Leonard told the Morning Sun. "This has the potential to give people an opportunity they wouldn't otherwise have. It doesn't matter what their handicap is."

A crowd gathered at the Millet

Center on a recent evening to take in a game being played by area students.

Twice a year, students are bused to the Millet Center for a game.

One of the students, Michelle Tuzas, who suffers from muscular dystrophy and has limited use of her limbs, rolled onto the court.

She made two free throws for her team.

"This is great for her," her sister, Carrie Tuzas said. "Look at that smile."

Boxing blue balls plague public

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Speaking of multiple claims to a title, the next sport I would change is boxing, and I'd start by getting rid of any possibility for a draw. If people sit and watch 12 rounds of boxing they deserve a winner. Otherwise it's like sex without an orgasm—fun while it's happening, but in the end pretty pointless.

After the Lewis/Holyfield fight there are a lot of fans suffering from a severe case of boxing blue balls. Nevermind that everyone but the judges know Holyfield lost the fight. That's probably just a case of good old fashioned corruption courtesy of Don King. The real point is that we didn't get a winner because one judge scored the fight even.

That judge has since said he was

surprised to find out he scored the fight even because he thought that Lewis had clearly won. If he really thinks that, then why shouldn't he have been able to do something about it? A very simple solution to the problem of a draw is to ask the judge who ruled the fight even to decide the winner in his opinion. That fighter gets one extra point and wins the match.

On Saturday, the fight would have gone to Lewis, we could have avoided all of the boxing debates on ESPN and we still would have gotten the rematch in a few months anyway. To return to my previous example, this system would have allowed us to have our sex and get off too.

Coach K can't bump and grind

DURHAM, N.C. (AP)—Southwest Missouri State coach Steve Alford said he's surprised more coaches don't "chest bump" with their players as a means of bonding.

Don't count Duke's Mike Krzyzewski among those who will be trying Alford's physical routine when the top-seeded Blue Devils take on the No. 12 seeded Bears in the NCAA East Regional semifinals Friday in East Rutherford, N.J.

Krzyzewski, 52, will undergo hip replacement surgery in early April and hasn't moved much on the bench this season, let alone done any chest bumping with his players.

"When you get over 50 your

chest is not where it used to be," Krzyzewski said. "When you start bumping where it is now, you get hurt. That region of my body has taken a big hit and I don't want it to be hurt anymore."

Alford, 34, a former Indiana great under Bobby Knight, walked 20 feet onto the court Sunday after a time out to chest bump one of his players during Southwest Missouri's 30-point rout of Tennessee.

"I really don't watch Steve Alford on the sidelines," Krzyzewski said. "He's a helluva lot better looking than me. He can actually stand up and walk around. I get down (watching him)."

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Allegheny's baseball team will travel to Fort Myers, Fla. to compete in the Gene Cusic Classic next week. The Gators return 26 letter-winners from last year's team and are looking to improve on their 25-12 record and return to the NCAA East Region Championships this season. —file photo

Sports Column

Sheldon fixes broken sports; restructuring for the greater good

Last month during the World Match Play Championships for golf, I got really tired of hearing about how great that particular field of 64 was. "The field of golfers is so much stronger top to bottom than the 64 teams in college basketball," announcers said. As I watched the results on *Sportscenter* I realized that they were right about the strength of the field, but that college basketball could have a tournament almost as well balanced if the NCAA didn't place so much emphasis on automatic bids.

Pat Sheldon

That got me thinking about areas in professional and major college sports that need restructuring. The results of the Lennox Lewis/Evander Holyfield fight bothered me enough that I decided to write.

I realized that there are some parts of sports that simply don't benefit the fans. These same parts of sports often deny deserving athletes of the chances they deserve too. In these cases, changes need to be made.

I'd start with the NCAA basketball tournament and automatic bids. Don't start freaking out and screaming about the Cinderellas like Valpo last year and Gonzaga this year. I don't want to get rid of them. I want to add a sort of preliminary round of qualifying, pairing the teams with automatic bids (that would not have made the tournament otherwise) with the teams that were kept out and would be heading to the NIT under the current system.

The way I picture it is this. Every year we hear about the team that was the last at large bid to make the field. From now on I'd like to see every team seeded below that team take on one of the teams that normally would have been excluded. This way teams like Murray State would have the chance to play North

Carolina and knock them out of the tournament, but teams like Xavier would get a chance to do the same thing.

This system would continue to reward teams that were good enough to win their conference tournaments, but it would also reward those teams who had good seasons but faltered a little at the end of the year or started slow but came on at the end. It would also create better first round matchups for teams like Duke, who would get a chance to play a team like Xavier instead of Florida A&M.

Since I've already started to alter college sports, it seems only right that I move on to Division I football. There isn't a person walking this earth that is happy with the bowl system the way it is now, and we should see more problems next year when there are multiple undefeated teams at the end of the season and only two of them can play each other. Fortunately for Division I football, all of the other divisions have had the solution for a long time, and it's only a matter of time until it makes its way to larger pastures.

A playoff system is the only logical solution to Division I football's problems, and contrary to some people's beliefs, it is also a very viable solution. December is essentially an empty month for most major college football programs. This is when the playoffs should begin.

Round one features eight games. The number one ranked team plays number 16 and so on at the higher ranked team's home field. Each game would also be named after one of the lesser bowl games. As the playoffs advance, each game would be named after a better known bowl game.

The national championship game would be the only game played at a neutral site and would rotate between the Rose, Fiesta, Sugar and Cotton Bowls like it does now. This would eliminate most of the controversy around the national champion and eliminate any multiple claims to the title.

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Schuckert earns All-American honors

By MARK HUDSON
Sports Reporter

What do you get when you combine speed, ferocity, determination and pride?

Senior Amy Schuckert, an All-American who embodies what a student-athlete should be, and the fifth fastest woman in NCAA Division III in the half-mile.

Schuckert became just the third woman in Allegheny history to capture Indoor Track and Field All-American honors with her performance in the half-mile this Saturday. She placed fifth at the Division III Indoor National Championships, which were held at Ohio Northern University on March 12-13.

The meet was the culmination of a season-long effort by Schuckert. After qualifying for nationals five previous times (twice in cross country and three times during indoor and outdoor track) and coming up one spot short of All-American honors after a seventh place finish last season, Schuckert was determined to be an All-American this season.

Following her performance in the 800-meter trials on Friday, Schuckert was breathing a sigh of relief. She was coming off an illness that threatened to keep her out of the Championships, but still won her heat with a time of 2:16.42.

"It was a very touchy situation in the two weeks prior to the Championships," said head coach William Ross. "We had put all our money on the 800 meters for Amy this year, and the illness posed a serious threat."

Her time made her realize that she was going to be competitive in the finals and was in position to achieve her dream of capturing All-American honors.

Schuckert overcame all obstacles in the finals and ran an impressive 2:16.35. That time was good enough for the highest finish ever for an Allegheny woman in the indoor half-mile. It was also the end of a long and arduous process for Schuckert.

"It [becoming an All-American] has been a dream for me for a long time," she said. "I was pretty excited and relieved."

Ross attributes her success to the lifestyle which Schuckert both lives and exemplifies. "Her life reflects what it is to be an All-American," he said. "She eats right, sleeps right, never misses practice and never takes shortcuts."

Her habits have helped her become a role model for her teammates as well. As a team captain she has led both the women's and the men's team with her performances on the track, and her accomplishments have been an illustration of how hard work and dedication can pay off.

As she heads to the outdoor season, Schuckert has been named North Coast Athletic Conference M.V.P. on four separate occasions and has earned "runner of the week" honors several times for both track and cross country. With her recent crowning as an All-American, Schuckert's place among the best runners in Allegheny history should be sealed.

Swimmers finish 13th at nationals

By BECKY SMULLIN
Sports Reporter

This past weekend, five members of the Allegheny women's swimming and diving team traveled to Oxford, Ohio, to compete in the NCAA Division III National Championships. Senior Ann Magdic, juniors Kyle Kopnitsky and Becky Smullin and freshmen Megan Bush and Meloni DiPietro turned in performances good enough for the Gators to finish in 13th place.

Leading the way for the Gators was Kopnitsky, who earned All-American honors in both diving events. Kopnitsky finished seventh on the one-meter board and third on the three-meter.

Magdic placed 11th in the 200 breaststroke for Allegheny, and DiPietro rounded out the Gators' individual performances with her 12th

place finish in the 200 butterfly. DiPietro's time in the event (2:09.56) established a new school record.

Magdic, DiPietro, Bush and Smullin teamed up to capture 10th place in the 400 medley relay. The same quartet also swam the 800 free, 200 free and 200 medley relays. Each of these relays placed in the top 16.

DiPietro commented on her first trip to nationals. "The meet went really well, and I was really glad to get the school record in the fly. Overall the meet was a great experience. It was great to compete against colleges from all over the country," she said.

Head coach Tom Erdos was unavailable for comment on the meet this week. Erdos is currently in Minnesota with freshman Ben Whitlam, who is competing in the men's national championship.