

Tuition Increase Set for '79-'80

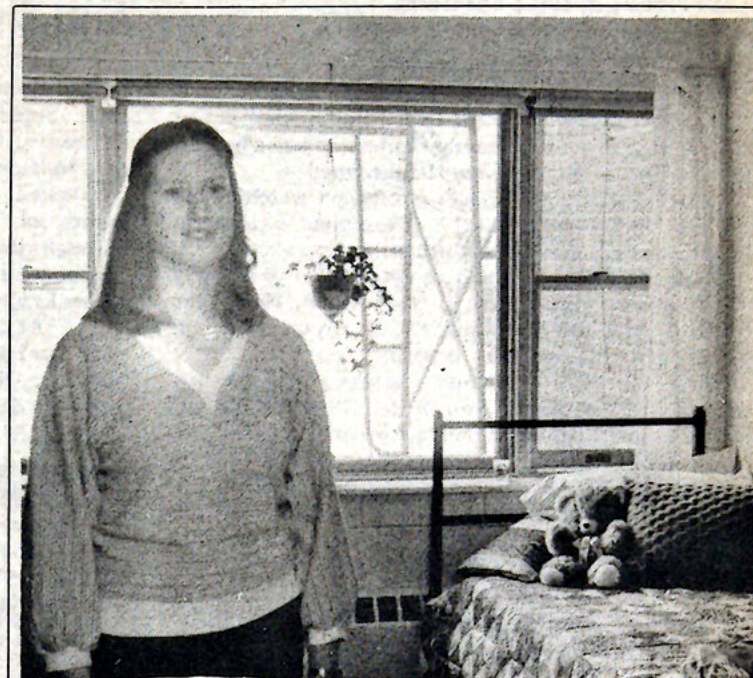
A tuition increase has been announced for the 1979-80 school year. Treasurer Larry Yartz said yesterday that although the exact amount of the increase is not yet known, it will be about \$335, spread between the three terms. Room and board costs will remain the same.

Yartz said that the increase might even be more

depending upon the maximum amount allowable under President Carter's Wage and Price Guidelines. Under those guidelines, increases in costs may be no greater than one-half of one percent of the average increase during the last two years. The Board of Trustees put off any decision on the exact amount of the increase, pending definite guidelines from the President's

Wage and Price Council. As interpreted by Yartz, the increases may be applied to any area of college income. Instead of increasing room, board, and tuition, however, the entire sum will be tacked on to the tuition.

At a meeting near the end of first term with student leaders, President Pelletier, Dean Skinner and Yartz explained that an increase was necessary just to keep up with inflation. All faculty and staff members receive yearly cost of living salary increases and the cost of utilities has continued to rise. The tuition increases are necessary, they insisted, if the college is to continue operating in the black.



Kath Singleton, SAR of the new Baldwin Annex.

Photo by P.B.B.



Evidence of its new inhabitants can already be seen at Baldwin Annex.

Photo by P.B.B.

A.S.G. Elections Slated

Because of the confusion caused by the tardiness of several SAR's in returning their sign up sheets and master lists to the Student Voting Committee, Student Voting Chairman Rob Viggiano has set up strict deadlines for the returning of voting material. Students living in dormitory residences must sign the voting sheet in their dormitory no later than January 7th. SAR's must return these

sign up sheets to Box 60 by Noon on January 8th. Late returns will be invalidated without exception in order to be fair to all students. Elections for dormitories will be held on both January 10th and 11th, with SAR'S conducting the elections on individual halls. Results of elections must be returned to Box 60 no later than noon on January 12th.

Students living off campus who wish to run for ASG Council must submit their name, box number, and phone number to the Student Voting Committee, care of Box 60 no later than noon on January 10th. Once a student has submitted this information, he or she automatically becomes a candidate. If an election is necessary, it will be held on January 12th from 9-2 in the Post Office Lobby.

Any questions concerning ASG elections should be referred to Robert Viggiano of the Student Voting Committee.

Elections for A.S.G. Council Representatives will be held during the next week. Under the Election Re-

form Act of 1978, members of ASG Council are now elected from their residences at large, instead of a floor grouping basis. Students who wish to run for a position on Council first sign up on a candidate sheet posted in their hall, and then have their names placed on a master list for the entire residence. Every SAR of a particular residence will receive a master list, which he then has the students on his or her floor vote on. Results are returned to the Student Voting Committee, which contacts the newly elected candidates and alternates.

1979 brings us to a new term filled with hopes and fears; it also brings a new staff to the CAMPUS. This staff will try to make our paper the best we know how. There is the position of Asst. Sports Editor available. And finally we wish a successful term to everyone.

And at last...

Baldwin Annex Gains Residents

The second term has brought about many readjustments for those moving into Baldwin Annex. Reaction was basically positive despite the problems involved in moving and with unfinished rooms. By Wednesday evening most residents were unpacked and settling into their brand new homes.

Many people are impressed by the warm, spacious rooms. Bathroom facilities are ample and modern. The rooms are very similar to the original section of Baldwin but include one additional overhead closet. A marble-type ledge by the window, wooden desks and bright carpeting on two walls take away from the "institutional look" of a dorm. Even the air smells new.

Rooms on the second floor are finished except for towel racks and mounted book shelves. The first and third floors need dressers and mirrors in addition. This has created storage problems, especially for first and third floor residents. Recent construction caused a lot of dust that is also a nuisance.

The Office of Residence Life informed the students moving to Baldwin that construction should be finished within ten days. Workmen have been putting in overtime and weekend

hours in attempts to complete the building.

Other complaints include limited laundry facilities that must be shared by both wings, no lounges or study rooms in the new wing, and no master key to all rooms. Housing director Jennifer King does plan to add to the laundry facilities by mid-term. Lounges have not been considered thus far. As for residents who are locked out of their rooms, they will have to contact security or the House-keeping Department until other arrangements are made.

"I love it," declares Kath Singleton, the only SAR for the new wing. She is working directly with Jennifer King to convey students complaints and suggestions. With 80 students in the building, she is concerned with being available to everyone. The Office of Residence Life is exploring the possibility of finding another SAR or some similar arrangement.

Most Baldwin Annex residents live in doubles, though some singles and one triple room are available. Past residents of interest houses make up most of the dorm. They were given the option of living close to their housemates in order to continue their interest activities. Those who made investments in their

interest houses or who installed phones were reimbursed by the college. Jennifer King and Dean of Students Don Covill Skinner coordinated the move. A truck was made available to transport heavy items. Although fraternity members were scheduled by Dean Skinner to help in carrying smaller items, students did not receive such help.



Now you see him, now you don't!

Photo by P.B.B.

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Superman's in Trouble

by Art Buchwald

WASHINGTON — I went to see the movie "Superman" the other night at Kennedy Center. It was a benefit for the Special Olympics for the Handicapped.

I think I would have had a good time watching the film except that I sat next to a government bureaucrat who kept whispering to me all during the film.

Clark Kent, as you know, works on the Daily Planet, though he comes from another world. He has the ability to fly and also the strength to do anything, including pumping iron like nobody on earth.

There are many outstanding scenes in the picture, but apparently the people who made the movie did not realize that most of them violate government regulations.

My friend from the government kept pointing them out to me. "Superman is not supposed to fly that low over a city," he said, as we watched the hero save Lois Lane from falling off a building. "He also has to file a flight plan, which he didn't do when he went off into the night to save Air Force One from crashing."

"Perhaps he didn't know about the regulations," I suggested, "since he's from another planet."

"Ignorance is no excuse," my friend said. "Look what he's doing to the ozone."

"He's just flying through it to save California from falling into the sea."

"He can't do that unless he produces an environmental impact study first," my friend said. "Maybe California should be allowed to fall into the sea. We have to find out how much damage could be caused by saving it."

I was enjoying one particular scene in "Superman," which is the nearest he comes to making love to Lois Lane. He takes her for a ride around Planet City and beyond. Superman flies and Lois hangs on to him. At one point she slips out of his grasp and starts hurtling toward the ground.

"That does it," my government friend said. "No safety belts: We'll have to fine him \$500 and take away his commercial license."

"Superman doesn't have a license," I said.

"Are you sure? That's very dangerous. You mean he's wearing a blue suit, red shorts and a red cape and he's not certified to take passengers?"

"Who would check him out?" I asked.

"This is more serious than I thought. You know he's also violating the Equal Employment Opportunity regulations. Lois Lane, according to Article II, Regulation 405, Paragraph 3, must get the same amount of flight time as Superman."

"But Lois Lane can't fly by herself," I protested.

"That's because she's never been given the chance. And another thing — when it came to saving a railroad train by lying along the track Superman was given the assignment. Lois Lane didn't even have an opportunity for a crack at it."

"Everyone knows women can't save railroad trains," I shouted. "They get on the tracks, lose their nerve and they have to be saved by a man."

"Under the new federal Amtrack rules, Miss Lane must be permitted to take the place of a railroad track when part of one is missing."

"But suppose she gets hurt?"

"Then she'll be entitled to Workman's Compensation through the Department of Labor."

"You're taking this movie too seriously," I said.

"It's only a sendup to fulfill our fantasies. After all, every man has dreamed of being 'Superman.' If the government gets into it, you're going to ruin it for us all."

"You mean you've always dreamed of flitting around in blue pantyhose?" he asked.

"Is there a regulation against that?" I wanted to know.

"Not really, as long as Anita Bryant doesn't find out about it."

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World and National News: A Week in Review

by Danny Smith

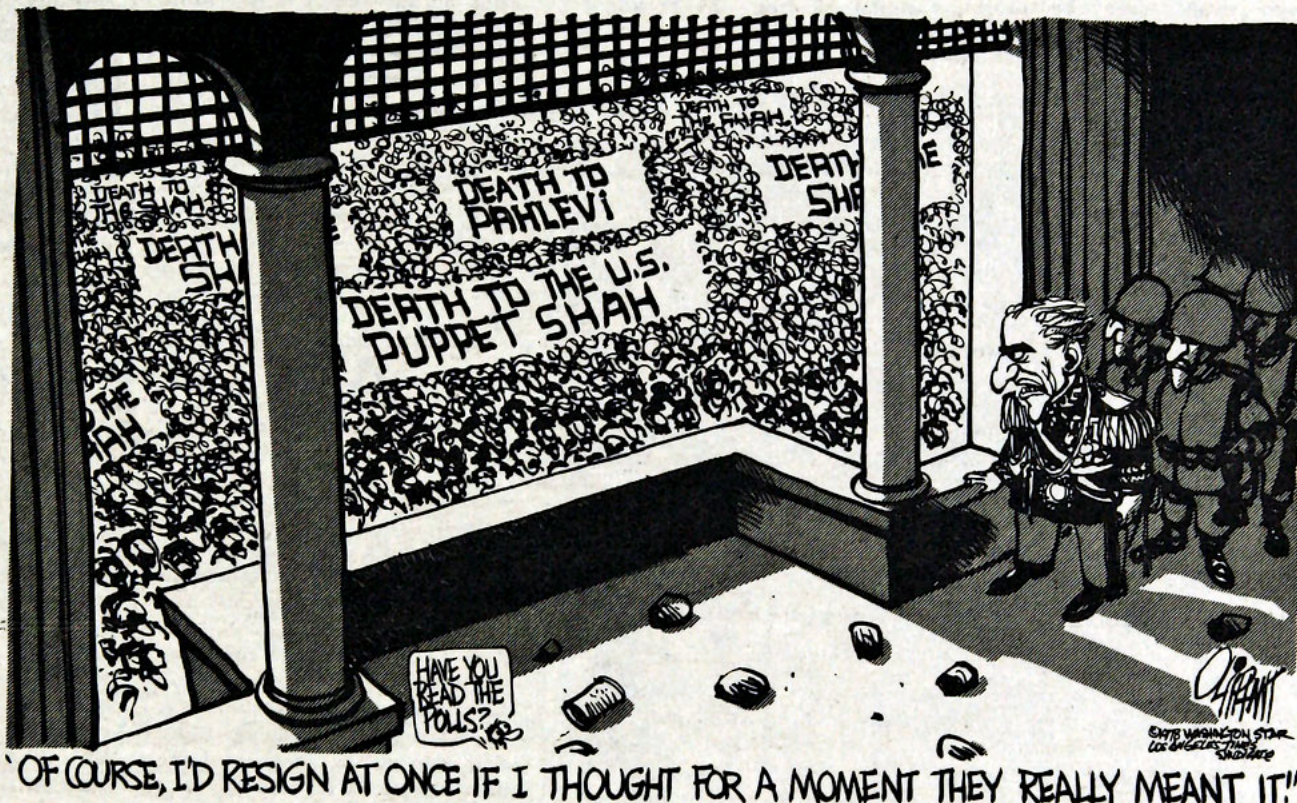
Anti-Shah Movement Causes Bedlam in Iran

Hundreds of Americans and other foreign nationals began fleeing Iran yesterday after several Western embassies, including the U.S. Embassy, advised dependents to leave Iran because of the growing fuel shortage and conditions prevailing in the major cities. The recommendation came as thousands of Iranians marched through the streets of Tehran in opposition to Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, and as other protesters set fire to banks and staged marches in other cities.

At the Tehran airport, the army was forced to take over operations after strikes effectively shut down the facility. Oil production dropped to a crippling 225,000 barrels a day, compared to the usual 6.5 million per day.

Meanwhile, informed sources said that Prime Minister designate Shahpov Bakhitar has completed making selections for a new civilian cabinet to replace the military government of General Gholam Azhari, which was formed two months ago to try to end widespread riots. Bakhitar, a leader of the opposition national front, has come under increasing criticism from his supporters for forming a government. Although Bakhitar's government will greatly reduce the Shah's powers, the national front continues to call for the Shah's abdication.

In another development, it was announced that the Shah would leave Iran for a period of time for "medical treatment and relaxation." But the Shah has pledged to remain in Iran until order is restored.



US Recognizes the Peoples Republic of China

On January 1, 1978, the United States and the People's Republic of China ended a three decade old estrangement with the restoration of full diplomatic relations between Washington and Peking. January 1 also marked the official end of relations between the U.S. and Taiwan (Nationalist China), a move that has sparked outrage among Conservatives in the U.S.

In Washington, speaking at the new Chinese Embassy, Vice-President Walter Mondale said of the restoration, "we feel bonds of friendship, but sentiment alone cannot bridge the gap between us. What has brought us together is an awareness of our parallel interests in creating a world of economic progress, stability, and peace." In Peking, at a similar reception at the new U.S. Embassy, Chinese Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-Ping said, "I feel certain that the far reaching influence the establish-

ment of diplomatic relations between our two countries exerts... upon the defense of world peace will become more and more evident with the passage of time." In other developments, several hundred Chinese-Americans, chanting pro-Taiwan slogans and holding nationalist flags aloft, demonstrated near the White House to protest the cutting of ties with Taiwan. Demonstrations were also held in New York and San Francisco in support of Taiwan.

In Taipei, the capital city of Taiwan, H.K. Yang, Taiwan's Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, said "We have the courage not to bow before the brutal forces of communism. We may be facing a long, dark night, but I should like to assure you that, with confidence and conviction, we shall return..."

The \$64,000 Question

by Karen Kapsanis

What is life? Philosophers have been asking this question for years. The query apparently baffled Hegel, Kant and Kierkegaard, among others. But I, a mere and minor English major, have the answer. It is really quite simple.

Life has no meaning. "Life" is a typographical error. "Life" is a mistake. "Life" should be "Fife" or "lime" or "like" or "lice" or "lite" (Miller) or "lift" or even "strife," but it should never be "life."

One may wonder how this question came down to us with its erroneously metaphysical connotations. I have a theory that one could apply to any liberal philosopher and accompanying philosophy.

Take Sartre and existentialism for example. For

years Sartre lived with Simone de Beauvoir in sin, of all places. Naturally he meant to ask "what is 'wife'?" but apparently hit the wrong typewriter key, and the question appeared as "what is 'life'?" Unaware of his lurking solecism, Sartre continued to espouse the disadvantages of spouses.

His essay then went to the printer, undoubtedly a nearsighted one who never picked up the mistake and who thus passed on a question that has no metaphysical significance whatsoever and could actually be answered by any qualified proof-reader.

Years later, Sartre probably re-read his essay. Noticing, to his great horror, his error, he tried to correct it by saying that "life" has no meaning. Upon hearing this, those in philosophical circles took Sartre at his word and declared the man an existentialist. And to this day, so Sartre is inaccurately remembered.

CAMPUS welcomes feedback from its readers. Letters to the editor should be concise. CAMPUS reserves the right to edit for length and grammatic errors. Letters without proper names will not be run; names will be withheld upon request. Deadline for all letters is Tuesday, 6 p.m.

CAMPUS op-ed page includes essays, editorials, humor and cartoons by students and faculty. Deadline for all material is Monday, 6 p.m. Writers interested in a weekly or bi-monthly column should contact the ed-page editor, Box 12.

Gators will Host Auto Classic

The Allegheny College Gators will host Geneva Friday at 9 p.m. in the second game of the first round of the Gator Auto Basketball Classic. The tournament, to be opened by Edinboro State and Washington and Lee in the first contest beginning at 7 p.m., is sponsored by the New Car Dealers Association of Meadville.

The Gators are just coming off two victories which put them in first place in the Mt. Union College Tournament and boosted their mark to 3-3. Allegheny won over Mt. Union, 91-79, and Bethany, 69-63.

Previously, AC lost to Grove City, 76-66, won over Geneva, 76-71, and lost to Lock Haven, 72-66, and to Elizabethtown, 87-76.

All-PAC point guard Jim Wheeler (Pittsburgh, Pa.), 5-11, 167-pound junior, leads the Gators with a 20.8 points per game average. He is also assisting the scoring nearly six times per game.

All-PAC First Teamer and Allegheny's two-time MVP Eric Lindberg (Finleyville, Pa.), 6-8, 200-pound junior center, is averaging 12.5 ppg and 11.6 rebounds per game.

Sophomore forward Dave Contardi (Pittsburgh, Pa.), 6-6, 205, is pouring in 8.5 ppg and collecting 7.0 rebounds a game.

Junior guard Graig Jones (Clinton, N.J.), 6-2, 160 is the second-leading assist man with 16 assists, and pumps for 7.3 ppg. And freshman forward Darryl Dawson (Warren, Ohio), 6-5, 175 has hit for 26 points in

the last two games as a starter.

Allegheny trails its opponents by a narrow margin in average points per game, scoring 74.0 and allowing 74.6 ppg on the average. The Gators out-rebound their opponents 41.0-34.5.

AC tosses in field goals at a 45.9 per cent clip and free throws at 72.1 percent while opponents connect on 50.1 per cent of their shots from the floor and 66.2 per cent of their tosses from the line.

Geneva will be looking for win number six to hit .500 for the year so far. At 5-6, the Golden Tornadoes defeated Concordia (80-70), Philadelphia College of the Bible (117-42), John Wesley (88-82), La Toche (68-64), and Thiel (65-63).

Geneva has dropped contests to Messiah (75-60), Bethel, Ind., (78-68), Grace (73-68), Bethany (54-53), Washington and Jefferson (56-55), and Allegheny (76-71).

Senior guard Joe Hogan (New Brighton, Pa.), 6-2, 180, leads the Tornadoes with a 15.0 point per game average.

Senior Forward Joe Bell (Beaver Falls, Pa.), 6-4, 225, averages 14.8 ppg and 6.5 rebounds a game. And freshman forward Randy Barr (Philadelphia, Pa.), 6-6, 205, purs in 11.7 ppg and collects 9.1 rebounds per game.

Geneva is out-scoring opponents 72.0-66.6 ppg on the average and out-rebounding foes 36.6-31.6. The Tornado Field goal percentage stands at 49.8 per cent accuracy and the free throw percentage at 69.2.

Tickets for the games each night are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Allegheny students will be admitted free with I.D..

Consolation finals begin at 7 p.m. Saturday and the finals begin at 9 p.m. Saturday.

NOTICE SIGNUPS are always due on a Thursday. The Organizational meeting is always on the following Monday at 12:45 outside the intramural office. Forfeit Fees are due with signup, \$2.00 for individual sports and \$5.00 for team-sports. The forfeit fee must be refunded by the individual or no later than two weeks after that intramural has ended.

OFFICIALS — if anyone is interested in officiating any of the following intramurals please contact the office.

BASKETBALL — MEN AND WOMEN—Play will begin January 8. Pick up schedules January 5 at IM office. Each team must have specific T shirt colors.

RACQUET DOUBLES SIGNUPS— due Thursday, January 11 in IM Office. Organizational meeting Monday January 15 outside IM office 12:45 to pick up rules and schedules. (men and women) To keep the tournament going, exactly ONE week will be allowed for each scheduled match to be played and a score turned in. Failure to

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Winners of the PAC All-Sports Trophy for six consecutive years.

Intramural News

keep to the schedule will result in losses and the loss of forfeit fee. The "top" team of each match will be responsible for contacting the opponent. (Please include phone and box number on signup sheet).

SPECIAL EVENTS

TAEK-DO (KARATE)

Interest meeting - January 15 at 1:00 in dance studio in Montgomery Gym. If sufficient

300 miles this second term as they almost did during the fall term?

"It is far more important that a man should play something himself, even if he plays it badly, than that he should go to see someone else play it well." THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

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interest is shown, instruction can be arranged by our own Allegheny students and outside professional help.

Cross country ski workshop — to be presented by the Wilderness Lodge of downtown Meadville and Allegheny students. Date to be announced in late January. If interested please leave name at IM Office. This ski shop offers ski rentals at 219 Chestnut Street.

100 MILE CLUB—Runners, Skiers (cc), and swimmers signup by calling or coming to the office. Do your mileage and self record on the provided charts and receive a gift from the IM Office for reaching 100 miles. Questeion: Will Joe Casale and Jeanne Schwab reach

Winter Season Opens

Following a successful fall season, the Allegheny Gators send five athletic teams into winter competition.

Coach Norm Sundstrom's basketball team (3-3) has been improving with each game.

Coming-off a victory in the Mt. Union Tournament, they head into the Allegheny Auto Classic with optimism.

The defending PAC champion tankers attended the Penn State relays, where they came in twelfth with 42 points.

The majority of competitors were Division I teams and it was an impressive showing for Allegheny.

Coach Tom Erdos has several outstanding swimmers returning and Allegheny looks to be a powerhouse.

Coach Ken Levels grapplers are hoping for a winning season as well.

Led by PAC heavy weight champion Eric Templin, the grapplers look strong.

The women tankers have been working hard. Their season will open later this month.

The women's basketball team, coached by Beth Racine, has just opened practice.

Overall, the winter season could be a strong one for Allegheny.

AC Students Participate in Research Fellowship

Two Allegheny College students were among seven juniors receiving a Mellon Summer Research Fellowship in Psychiatry during the summer of 1978 at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh.

Joanne Dixon, a senior from Pittsburgh, and Doug Dutcher, a senior from Grand Rapids, Michigan, spent eight weeks in an intensive research experience with professionals in the social sciences. The program included a series of 20 seminars given by psychiatrists, psychologists, and researchers within the Institute. Several evenings were spent accompanying medical students and faculty "on call" in evaluating new

admissions and in-patient emergencies. In addition, each student worked on a research project under the guidance of a staff member.

Doug worked in the Sleep Evaluation Center (SEC) of the Institute. Patients are referred to the Center by physicians who suspect their patients of having a specific sleep disorder. Employing electrodes attached to patients, with computers to chart the data — the researchers are able to study brain waves, breathing, eye and body movements, and other physiological variables during sleep.

Doug assisted making a coding format for clinical and

research data generated in the Sleep Evaluation Center. He also co-authored a paper with Dr. Charles F. Reynolds III entitled "Depressive Symptomatology in Patients with Specific Sleep Disorders" which has been submitted for publication in "The Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases."

Joanne worked in a research program designed to examine one of the most serious problems in psychiatry: the frequent relapse of schizophrenics. EPICS (Environmental and Personal Treatment Indicators in Schizophrenia) is a program of research and after-care treatment designed to study factors that either precipitate or avoid relapse and that enhance or impair personal or social adjustment.

Joanne's job included assisting in the making of many assessments of vulnerability both in the community environment and in the patient. She also monitored the flow of incoming and outgoing patients to determine which were eligible for the study.

Doug feels that the summer at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic "gave me a chance to explore the psychiatric aspects of medicine. Joanne highly recommends the fellowship. "It's a chance for the student to obtain an overview of the clinical and research activity which is currently taking place in the field of psychiatry."

Applications and more information are posted in Carnegie Hall, second floor. Juniors and seniors are eligible for the 1979 program and will receive a \$750 stipend. The deadline for applications is February 10.



Seniors Doug Dutcher and Joanne Dixon were the recipients of Mellon Summer Research Fellowships in Psychiatry.



Blatt Bros. ACADEMY



Evenings, 7:00 & 8:00

CAMPUS Bulletin Board

Bentley's Information Column

by Linda A. Palmiero

I want to welcome back all returning students as well as those 23 students new to the Allegheny campus this term.

The change period second term extends from January 4-11 during which time you may drop or add courses for the term. The change period deadline for extended courses is February 6th. Remember that extended courses may only be dropped during the first term in which you are enrolled in the course. Be certain that you have all pertinent signatures on the change card.

There is a \$6.00 fee for processing the change card. The \$6.00 is not a penalty charge but is rather a processing fee charged to help absorb some of the cost to the College in processing each of these separate cards.

Eligible students who elect to take a course on a Satisfac-

tory-Unsatisfactory basis this term should return the S-U card within ten (10) class days to the Registrar's Office. This term the deadline date for the filing of S-U cards is Monday, January 15th. The only change to the Academic Schedule, as printed, is as follows: Add: I.D.S. 7 - Malcolm X - 2:10 Tues. Thurs. - Ruter 201.

Each student is responsible for his/her own class schedule. Therefore, file all registration cards yourself to ensure that there is no mistake or omission in scheduling of courses or the grading system elected.

Applications for Student Advisor in Residence (SAR) positions for the 1979-1980 school year will be available in mid-January. The Office of Residence Life advises all interested students to watch for further information.

Lambda Sig Plans Dance

Couples Only!

Lambda Sigma is planning a couples only, semi-formal dance for sometime this term. Although the date is still undetermined it will hopefully be in late February. Any benefits from this all-college event will be given to a charity.

ABC To Show Movie

ABC has scheduled an all-college movie for this evening at the C.C. Auditorium. "Car Wash" will start at 10 p.m.

Advisor/Counselor Traineeships Offered

Graduating college seniors are invited to apply for the "live-in" Pre-Professional Resident Advisor/Counselor Traineeships offered at the CAREER HOUSE Unit of the Devereux Foundation in Suburban Philadelphia, a multidisciplinary residential and day care treatment and rehabilitation center.

Several twelve-month Resident Advisor/Counselor Traineeships are available at CAREER HOUSE, a residential treatment/therapeutic education facility for post-high school youth with learning and adjustment problems. Trainees "live-in" and receive training and supervised experience in supportive counseling and milieu therapy, crisis intervention, residential treatment, social rehabi-

litation and recreation therapy, and report writing. They participate in case conferences and attend clinical seminars. Applicants with prior experience in expressive media may be assigned to the Adjunctive Therapies Program encompassing art, photography, film-making, campus radio and TV studio operation, and Newsletters.

A combined stipend and allowance of \$316-\$409 per month, housing and meals are offered to qualified applicants who are U.S. Citizens, unmarried and at least 22 years of age; \$300/mo. and the allowance are tax-exempt. Information and applications are available from Dr. Henry Platt, Director, Devereux Foundation, CAREER HOUSE, Devon, Pa. 19333.

ALBUM BOX

John Hammond Footwork
Vanguard 1978

reviewed by Blair Lyon

John Hammond's new release Footwork is a very interesting album. As well as being an excellent musician, Hammond is an historian. On this album, Hammond historically recreates the sound and feeling of the country blues.

In the tradition of the country bluesman, Hammond plays acoustic guitar, harmonica, and sings. He performs without accompaniment on all but two tracks of this album. On these two tracks, Hammond is joined by Roosevelt Sykes on piano. These are the two weakest tracks on the album.

Hammond had not written any original material for this album, instead he chose to record classic blues by Robert Johnson, Blind Willie McTell, Mose Allison, and Little Walter. Eight of the ten tracks on this

album are excellent. "Who Do You Love" and "Go No Further" are uptempo blues that display the rhythmic side of Hammond's guitar playing and his ability to sing the hard blues. "Ask Me Nice" showcases his harmonica playing. The outstanding track of this album is Hammond's version of Robert Johnson's classic "Come on in My Kitchen." Hammond's slide guitar on this track is outstanding. Each vocal line echoes with cries of anguish from his guitar.

The music of John Hammond was best summed up by a good friend of mine. After listening to Footwork, he picked up the album jacket and exclaimed, "Hey, this guy is white!" For John Hammond, that is the ultimate compliment. Hammond strives to carry on a musical tradition, the tradition of the black country bluesman. On Footwork and his other albums, Hammond is very successful in maintaining his musical tradition.

Dr. Ketcham: A Question of Faith

Dr. Charles B. Ketcham, James Mills Thoburn Professor of Religion at Allegheny College, is the author of a new book entitled "The Theology of Encounter: The Ontological Ground for a New Christology."

The book deals with the question of whether Christians can affirm their belief without denying the beliefs of others, a question Dr. Ketcham answers in the affirmative. It can be done, he says, by claiming the Christian revelation is both reasonable and faithful to tradition, but not necessarily infallible or exclusively definitive. To the Christian he writes, "It is in the life, death and resurrection of Christ that God presently reveals himself; this is what is meant by the term Christ-event...the Church is therefore the community of those whose unity is in the Christ-event, those whose identity has been and is being influenced by their encounter with God in this event."

The author believes that current changes in the thinking and expression of the 19th and 20th centuries are not matters of style or vogue, but rather are changes having to do with our understanding of the very nature

of reality. No aspect or expression of life is left unaffected - least of all our understanding of the person and work of Jesus the Christ. Dr. Ketcham says the purpose of the book is "to provide an alternative to the traditional doctrine of the incarnation, an alternative which will do justice to the witness of Scripture, to the history of faith, and to the insights of a phenomenological ontology."

In commenting on the book the Rev. Henry C. Zimmerman, pastor of Stone United Methodist Church in Meadville and a 1959 Allegheny graduate, wrote:

"The traditional doctrine of incarnation whereby there was a metaphysical emptying of God into the God/man, Jesus, is seriously challenged by Dr. Ketcham as he applies twentieth century understandings of the nature of reality to interpret the Christ event."

"In his encounter with God, Jesus is always man, not God. But in the Christ event God addresses me and reveals himself as the Thou who effects and affects my identity, my authenticity, and my potentiality."

With others encountered by God in the Christ event, I become the community called the Church.

"Dr. Ketcham provides penetrating insight for persons struggling with the God/man nature of Jesus and/or the organization/community nature of the church while maintaining integrity with both Scripture and the history of faith."

Dr. Ketcham also is the author of "The Search for a Meaningful Existence," "Faith and Freedom," and "Federico Fellini: The Search for a New Mythology." He did his undergraduate work at Mount Union College, was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Edinburgh, holds the bachelor of divinity degree from Drew Theological Seminary and received his Ph.D. from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. He has been a member of the Allegheny faculty since 1957.

During this school year, Dr. Ketcham is teaching at the University of Kent at Canterbury, England, where he and Mrs. Ketcham are occupying the house of Professor Michael Leahy of the Kent faculty, who is a visiting professor at Allegheny for 1978-79. Professor Leahy and his wife are occupying the Ketcham residence in Meadville.

weekly C.C. ACTIVITIES

Jan. 5— Red Star Film:
'West World'

— 10 Pm in the C.C. Auditorium.

Jan. 8— Disco dance and light show
— 10 Pm in the C.C. Activities Room.

Jan. 10— Vintage Cartoon Festival
starring Betty Boop and Krazy Kat
— 9 PM in the C.C. Auditorium.

See You There!



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