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Federal Budget Cuts Threaten Student Aid

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A college education could once again become a privilege reserved only for the elite if Congress is successful in passing the proposed budget cuts to federal student aid.

In efforts to trim Clinton's 1995 budget, some members of Congress have proposed the largest student aid cuts in history. If passed, the cuts would cost students and their families a projected \$20 billion over the next five years. Proposed cuts include the elimination of work study, Perkins loans, Pell grants and state student incentive grants.

In addition, the bill would eliminate in-school interest subsidies on loans, meaning that interest on Stafford loans would start accumulating as soon as the loan was granted instead of allowing the student to finish school. According to Allegheny's Director of Financial Aid and Enrollment Planning John Reynders, student indebtedness would increase by an average of 20%, perhaps even as much as 50%, according to the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

At Allegheny, 83 percent of the student body receive some form of federal aid. In the 1993-94 school year alone, Allegheny received 6 million in federal aid to students. Loans accounted for 4.7 million of the aid.

According to Reynders, cuts on federal student aid would make it

more difficult for students from all income groups to attend college. "Virtually everyone needs help today to go to school," he said.

"Unless someone else came riding to the rescue, the character and shape of the student body would change significantly," Charlie Pollock, secretary of the College and director of Public Affairs, said.

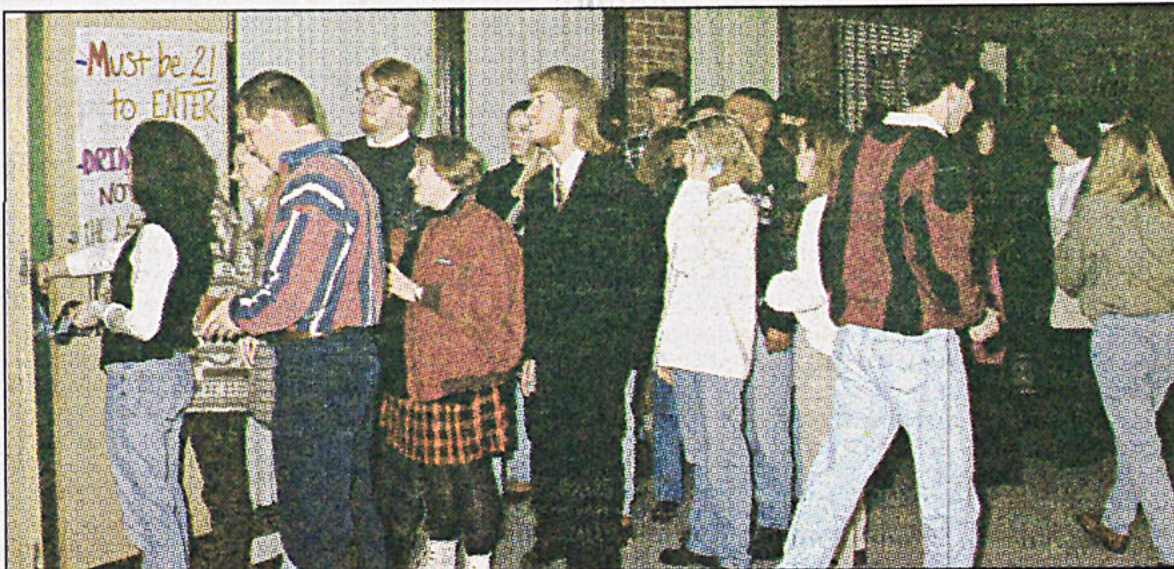
Reynders sees the proposed cuts as not only detrimental but shortsighted. Pollock agrees. Student aid more than pays for itself by providing an increased knowledge base and an increased tax base, Pollock said.

Such an outlook is shared by the public in general. According to a survey conducted by the Alliance to Save Student Aid, Americans revealed that education assistance was the second most popular federal program after social security with 92 percent of participants agreeing that "by providing financial aid for people who want to go to college, the federal government is investing in America's future."

A grass-roots effort to stop the proposed cuts to education has begun on Allegheny's campus. Administrators are asking students, faculty and parents to participate in contacting members of Congress and putting a stop to the budget proposal.

"We can't afford to sit back...it takes money out of all of our pockets and hurts all our schools," Reynders said.

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Students wait in line for alcohol at the All-College Ball, last Saturday night. This was the first time that alcohol was served in the Campus Center at an all-college event.

All-College Ball Experiments with Alcohol

By CHAD GREEVY
News Editor

Students who make it their weekly mission to find a party looked no further than the Campus Center Saturday night.

The All-College Ball, sponsored by ASG and GAP, rocked into the early hours of the morning. The music was loud, the dance floor was packed and for the first time alcohol flowed freely.

Alcohol in the Campus Center? Yep.

The beer taps were flowing and wine jugs were pouring while the bartenders were serving mixed drinks.

According to ASG President Matt Liebentritt, this was one of the first "all-college events that had the

permission of President Sullivan to serve alcohol."

When asked why after so many years of numerous dry all-college activities he decided to allow alcohol at the event, President Daniel Sullivan said, "Well, we decided to take a risk...we ought to be willing to find ways to allow students who are of legal age and are prepared to drink responsibly. It's not the first time we've done it. We've done it during Senior Week as well as other events, but [never] in the Campus Center."

Alcoholic beverages were served to students 21 years and older in the CC Walker Room. A hired security guard was posted at the entrance to the Walker Room, checking students' driver's licenses, indicating if they were of drinking age. The security guard also

prohibited students in the Walker Room from exiting with drinks.

Commenting on the success of the event, Sullivan said, "We're now in the process of evaluating [the event]. I've heard very positive things about the outcome."

Liebentritt and ASG Vice President Krisin Kapsiak agreed that the event was successful.

"I'm really excited about Spring Fest now," Liebentritt said.

Carolyn Blattner, director of student activities and newly elected co-advisor of ASG, agreed that the event was met with strong success and approval. Blattner explained that underclassmen felt the All-College Ball was successful because of the numerous upperclassmen in attendance. Blattner explained the event as "community building."

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Faculty Defeats Proposed Curriculum

By JEFF STEINMETZ
Editorial Board Member

Last semester the Curriculum Committee began to put together a proposal to change Allegheny's curriculum, in response to concerns by both students and faculty that the current curriculum is too restrictive. The faculty voted on the new curriculum last Friday, defeating it by about a three to one margin, said Associate Professor of Biology and chair of the Curriculum Committee, Glen Wurst.

The proposed curriculum would have incorporated a number of changes. There would no longer be a concentration or minor requirement. Instead of talking classes in each of the three areas of the college

(Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Humanities), students would have taken one class in each of six "breadth" divisions. These divisions would have included an Alternative Cultures Division and a Language, Signs and Symbols Division, among others. LSW, LSF and major requirements would be the same. Physical education classes would have been slimmed down to four required classes.

According to Wurst, the faculty had two major concerns with the proposed curriculum. One of these was eliminating the concentration and minor requirement. This concern sprang in part from the fact that Allegheny has used grants given by FIPSE, NSF and NEH to develop interdisciplinary minors and course

work. There were some sentiments among the faculty that enough time and effort was put into these courses and that they were of high enough quality, that students should be required to take them, Wurst said. Some faculty believed that if students weren't forced to take a minor, they wouldn't, and these interdisciplinary programs would die.

The second concern of the faculty was with the breadth requirements. A lot of faculty saw these categories as not being significantly better than the traditional divisional requirements, Wurst said. One argument was that students could fulfill two or three of their breadth requirements in one department. So a student could graduate only having taken classes in two or

three departments. Another concern was exactly how to determine into which of the six divisions to place a course.

The Curriculum Committee will soon start working on a second proposal. This new proposal will probably have more quantitative rather than qualitative changes, said Wurst. He stressed that these ideas are all tentative, and the final proposal still has to be worked out by the Curriculum Committee. The curriculum will most likely be very similar to what it is like now. Concentration requirements will probably be dropped, but a minor will probably be required. The minor might even be allowed to be in the same division as one's major. There

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Only the suppressed word is dangerous. —Ludwig Börne

A Letter from the President:

**Federal Student Aid:
The "Contract With America" Endangers
A Proven Investment
By Daniel F. Sullivan**

The wave of populist, anti-federal sentiment that recently brought us new Congressional leadership is today threatening deep cuts in federal student aid -- programs established over several decades with broad-based, bipartisan support. More than 80 percent of Allegheny students use one or more of these federal programs to finance their educations. Some reductions are possible, but proposals currently circulating in Washington -- up to \$20 billion in cuts over five years -- would be devastating to Allegheny students, their parents, and the critical national objectives that these programs achieve.

I recently returned from my annual visit to Washington to speak with Pennsylvania congressmen about higher education issues. Among those newly in control of the Congress, there is a surprising lack of understanding about both the philosophy and accomplishments of federal student-aid programs. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, for instance, described the Pell Grant program in a speech to college presidents as "a cash payment to people just for being alive." Nothing could be further from the truth.

First, students must be accepted at an accredited college or university, having demonstrated a sufficient level of academic achievement in high school. Second, they and their families must be willing to shoulder a fair financial burden, calculated according to a method mandated by Congress; this often is done through work-study programs and loans. Third, students must show satisfactory academic progress to continue receiving aid.

Most important, the federal government's \$31 billion student-aid budget is a national investment that pays for itself over and over. According to an analysis done by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), "In this century, educational increases in the work-force accounted for almost 30 percent of the growth in the nation's wealth." In addition, advances in knowledge -- such as better education, research and development, and the development of new technologies -- accounted for 55 percent of economic growth.

Because federal aid focuses on students who can least afford a college education, it is leverage of the most productive kind. Low- and middle-income families benefit most from these programs. At Allegheny, these programs have been vital to the success of our students.

First, the federal work-study program provides money to Allegheny which, when combined with institutional funds, makes it possible for needy students to work for part of their tuition. Allegheny received \$326,000 in 1993-94 to supplement our student work payroll. Second, the Stafford and Perkins loan programs provide capital at reasonable rates so students can spread part of the cost of tuition over their early working years. In 1993-94, Allegheny students borrowed \$3,946,000 through the Stafford program and \$716,000 through the Perkins program. Ninety-one percent of the amount borrowed through the Stafford program came with an in-school interest subsidy, which means students do not owe interest on their loans until after

graduation. This subsidy saved our students \$406,000 in 1993-94.

Our very neediest students -- those with family incomes in the \$20,000 range and lower -- are eligible for Pell Grants. In 1993-94, Allegheny students received \$672,000 under this program. In addition, as an incentive for colleges to enroll such students, Allegheny received \$333,000 under the Supplemental Equal Opportunity Grant program to augment financial-aid packages.

All federal aid to Allegheny students in 1993-94 totaled \$5,993,000 -- 21.5 percent of the total paid to the college in tuition that year. Of that total, just over \$1 million was in the form of grants, while almost \$5 million involved work-study and student loans.

Added to this federal support was \$1,213,000 in student aid from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and \$12,234,000 in financial-aid grants directly from Allegheny -- some provided by gifts and endowment income, and the balance from general funds. Only \$8,449,000 of the tuition paid to Allegheny in 1993-94 came directly from parents in a completely unsubsidized way.

The pattern at Allegheny is repeated at public as well as independent colleges and universities across the nation. The largest portion of federal support is focused on students helping themselves -- by earning money in college and by allowing them to pay part of their tuition from future earnings. I submit that this stress on individual student initiative is highly consistent with the philosophy undergirding much of the "Contract With America." These programs should not be cut. They should be expanded and celebrated as exemplars of leverage, partnership and student responsibility. If lawmakers want to expand our tax base and promote competitiveness, federal student aid is their best investment. The average annual earnings in 1992 for persons with a college degree was \$32,629, compared with average earnings of \$18,737 for those with only a high school diploma.

In late January, NAICU conducted a national survey to examine public attitudes toward federal budget cuts in student aid. Eighty-nine percent of the respondents said financial aid should be a high federal priority, second only to Social Security, at 92 percent. However, Congress appears poised to profoundly misread the public's priorities. That would be a big political mistake for them -- and more importantly a severe blow to our nation's future. I hope you will join with me in expressing to your Congressional representatives your strong opposition to cuts in federal aid for students.

Things You can Do to Save Federal Student Aid

- Call your member of Congress on the telephone hotline: 1-800-574-4AID. Each call costs \$3.65.
- Contact your representative by internet
e-mail: student-aid@nchmail.nche.edu
gopher: student-aid.nche.edu WWW: http://student-aid.nche.edu
- Write a letter to your representative:

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-3121

United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-3121

News Briefs

•Jobs and Internships

The Office of Career Services has information about available jobs and internships, as well as job interview schedules. Stop by OCS for more information and to learn how to access job information on the Internet.

Students who have submitted resumes for interview consideration should check OCS for a list of selections and to schedule an interview time.

•Support Group

The Counseling Center has organized a support group, Affirming our Sexual Orientations, for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students.

S.I.C.A.N. will be addressed by the group will be student's individual concerns and needs. Talking with others will allow students to realize that they are not alone. Shared thoughts and feelings about these lifestyles will be expressed.

Please contact Judd Kulas or Linda Reid at x4368 for more information or to express interest.

Anonymity and confidentiality are guaranteed.

•Work Study Positions

Several work study positions are waiting to be filled.

The Annual Fund office's phonathon campaign is scheduled for Feb. 27-April 6 (excluding spring break). Students interested in contacting alumni for this campaign should contact the Annual Fund office at x3853 by Friday, Feb. 10 to schedule an interview. Pay is \$4.25+ an hour with paid training and bonuses.

The CAMPUS Asks...

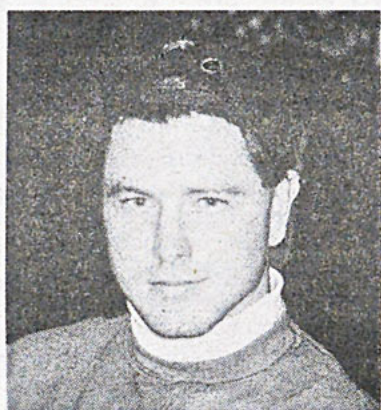
Should President Clinton intervene in the Major League Baseball strike negotiations?

compiled by Ryan Ott



Something should be done for our beloved national pastime. I'm not sure, though, if Clinton is the man to do it.

- Matt Gillette
Class of '95



No, I don't think that baseball should have anything to do with the federal government.

Budd Yuhasz
Class of '97



No, I believe that he has more pressing matters to deal with than baseball.

- Chris Manuel
Class of '95



No. The President of the United States should intervene in labor/management disputes only in cases where the security of the nation is imperiled without a settlement. That is not the case with the baseball strike.

- President Daniel Sullivan



Yes, the nation needs its pastime back. Clinton should do what he can.

- Joe Waksmundski
Class of '97

Allegheny Attracts Science Students

By CHRIS LANTZY
News Reporter

Richard Bivens, head of the chemistry department, had 218 students enrolled in his Chemistry 101 class last year, compared to 100 only four years ago. What is the reason for such a dramatic increase? Why are so many science majors flocking to Allegheny?

"Every college that I had been to had very old science buildings," said freshman Laura Monseau. "It was the first college I saw that had a nice chem and bio building."

Bridget Fey, a freshman biology major, agrees. "I looked at the bio department at one other school and all they had was a little room in the basement next to the boiler room. We have a lot more facilities here."

But Bivens believes that the increased number of science majors has less to do with the new Hall of Advanced Chemistry and Biology than with the number of people who want to major in a science.

"The building has had some effect," Bivens said. "But it's hard to separate the effect of the building and the effect of increased interest in science. Student interest seems to cycle. When the interest in science goes up and there are too many people in the field...then the interest will go back down again."

If the interest in science is on the rise then it would seem natural for Allegheny to promote its brand new science facilities to its prospective students. Recently hired admissions counselor Marty Vaughn seems to believe that the building attracts many science-oriented students.

"The science building is one of our biggest selling tools as far as people who are majoring in science," Vaughn said. "People are looking for more hands-on experience, and having so much lab space available gets students excited about science."

But is the admissions office selling the science building while neglecting other departments? Sophomore tour guide Scott Vota claims that the admissions department gives equal billing to all aspects of the college.

"We're not just trying to sell the bio building," said Vota. "The school is renovating all of the build-

ings, one at a time. The science department just came first."

But Fey, who plans to minor in English, claims that the tour she took did not include all parts of the college. "I hadn't heard anything about the English department," she said. "I had not seen the conditions or the rooms. They're much different than the biology building."

Some members of the Allegheny community feel that it is time to work on improving other departments. "It's not that we in the humanities are against resources going into the sciences," said Sonya Jones, faculty council member. "It is that more attention needs to be paid to the facilities in the humanities departments to balance things out."

Does this mean that Allegheny is shying away from its liberal arts status and becoming more a science-oriented college? Vaughn, a 1994 Allegheny graduate, seems to think so.

"More people want to come here for biology and chemistry," he said. "It seems to be taking away from the liberal arts [appeal] and it's hurting programs such as English and history. I think that we as an institution need to re-peak interest in humanities and social sciences again."

Bivens tends to disagree, citing Allegheny's long-standing traditions. "Allegheny has always been a school that has had a strong science presence," Bivens said. "The percentage of Allegheny grads that are science majors has always been higher than the average for other colleges and universities."

According to Biology Department Chairman Glen Wurst, approximately 120 seniors and juniors are biology majors. This year, close to 600 students have enrolled in introductory biology courses.

"The number of students in the courses is astronomical," said Wurst. "If the proportions hold out, in two years there could be twice as many [biology majors]."

But Vaughn believes that the number of science majors can never change the overall image of the college. "No matter how much emphasis we put on science, we are and always will be a liberal arts college," he said.

African American Achievements Celebrated

By DAMON BETHEA
News Reporter

In an attempt to make all students more aware of African-American culture, Allegheny is currently participating in Black History Month.

"Black History Month is like the holidays...[a time] to become more aware of your culture," Angell White, a member of the

Advancement of Black Culture (ABC) said.

This year's theme is "Toward the 21st Century: Diversity and Education." Scheduled events include lectures, movies, a comedy troupe, and the Ebony Ball.

Chairperson Kim McNeil believes that Black History Month will show Alleghenians a new side of African-Americans and that stereotypes are not always true. She hopes that by promoting a "positive

Naked Gator?



GATORS ROMPING IN THE SNOW- Last Saturday Junior C.J. Morgante competed in the Winter Carnival's Obstacle Course. The object of the course required the best time in the least amount of clothing.

Ryan Ott Photo

Sullivan Asks ASG for Support

By JENNIFER EDEN SMITH
Assistant News Editor

President Daniel Sullivan and Director of Public Affairs Charlie Pollock asked for grass-roots action to stop proposed cuts on federal student aid at Tuesday's ASG meeting.

On Sullivan's annual trip to Washington, DC to rally for support of higher education, he learned that Congress wants to cut federal student aid. Proposals for the cuts are currently being discussed. Sullivan thinks that aid for the 1995-96 school year could be affected.

In response to the proposed bills, Sullivan presented ASG with the task of rallying community support to keep federal student aid. He suggested contacting local representatives through phone calls, letters, and e-mail.

Pollock added that he is "really concerned" about the financial aid cuts becoming a reality. He emphasized the need for ASG to take immediate action.

Senator Karl Romminger volunteered to head a committee to get the Allegheny community involved in the rallying.

ASG President Matt Liebentritt announced that the Winter Carnival

was a success. Recognizing the two new ASG advisors, Student Activities Director Carolyn Blattner and Dean of Students Dave McNally, he thanked them for helping organize the carnival.

The senators reviewed the proposed constitution for the student organization Association for Asian and Asian American Awareness (A5). Because there was not quorum, they decided to vote next week.

Also held off for next week is the approval of the ASG/GAP co-sponsoring agreement form.

Sophomore senator Diana Sny-

der updated the group on the status of the ASG-proposed curriculum changes. "Our proposal was denied by the Curriculum Committee," she said, "but we plan to simplify [our] requirements and resubmit it." Snyder also announced the availability of student openings on the Curriculum Committee. Any student interested in joining should contact Snyder as soon as possible.

ASG presidential elections will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday in Cochran. The three platform speeches will be given tonight at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center lobby.

ASG Appoints New Advisors

By BECKY WALKER
News Reporter

Allegheny Student Government will have two advisors this year: Director of Student Activities Carolyn Blattner and Dean of Students Dave McNally. President Matt Liebentritt says that the new advisors will enhance the resources of ASG. Blattner has attended many ASG meetings already. When asked

what her role would be, she said, "An advisor is someone who is helpful and supportive, bringing good ideas into the club, rather than trying to control it. I want the students to feel as if they have support from the administration."

McNally sees his position as a link to allow communication with the students. His goal is "to see students and the administration learn to trust each other, and form a community."

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ASG Announces Presidential Candidates And Platforms

Hughes/Stern

In 1992 ASG president and vice president Todd Argust and Scott Hardy proclaimed, "Allegheny Student Government has finally begun to realize its potential" (1992-93 Platform). We think ASG has surpassed the potential that Mr. Argust and Mr. Hardy were speaking of and we know it can keep improving. This is our objective in running for President and Vice-President of Allegheny Student Government. We understand the work involved in running the student government of the school, and we have the desire to not only keep Allegheny at the same level as it has been at for the last year, but to improve upon the strides the current administration has made.

NeXT Labs and the Library

Without the students, there would be no Allegheny College. For this reason, we feel the facilities should cater more to the students themselves. A major problem we have found is that of computer lab time. While this is not always a problem in the beginning of the school semester, it is a problem during finals and when comps are due. Therefore, we would like to see the NeXT lab in the library stay open for twenty-four hours. This can be done by locking the existing doors to the stacks after the library itself closes. Another problem we find with the library is the time of closing. This is in reference to the days it is open and closed. To solve this problem, we would make it a point to have the library open and close at least on the same days as the residence halls. Such a schedule would provide access to the library to those students who spend breaks on campus. We would also like to work with the administration toward installing a computerized book check-out system in the library. Not only would this save time at the check-out counter, but it would also allow library access through the doors to night study ("The Gator's Den").

Book Cap

Money is a concern to everyone. A major portion of students' money is spent on books and related classroom supplies. We feel there should be a cap on the amount of money a student must spend on each particular class. This "Book Cap" should be set at a maximum of \$100 per class. This is based on a four-class schedule of \$100, which means a student would be spending a maximum of \$400 per semester on books. While this figure is high, it is not uncommon to spend this amount or more for your classes, especially for upperclassmen seminars. The student's concerns are our concerns and we firmly believe in helping you save money and still get the most of your education.

Flex Dollars

The flex dollar system is based on a declining balance account and would work through your Insta-Gator Card. You are your parents' deposit an amount of money into your Flex account. We will use \$500 for our example. When you go to McKinley's there would be an exact price list of all items at each counter. Similar to the process now used at the food court, the prices will be programmed into the cash register and the items are totaled. For example, your items have been totaled at \$4.50. Your Insta-Gator Card is then run through the machine. Your balance now shows as \$495.50. The C-Store would operate in the same manner. This

would eliminate the Munch, Vend and Shop accounts, combining all three accounts into one simple debit account. We feel there is no need for three accounts. The Flex account would be a more convenient and more economical way for students to purchase food and other items at McKinley's and the C-Store.

The Weight Room

Another of our concerns is the weight room in the David Mead Field house. We would like to work toward and extension of the weight room hours, from the time the field house opens to the time the field house closes. The weight room is an integral part of the field house and we feel the people have the right to use it at all times the field house is open. The field house is technically open until 10:00 PM, at which time the field house monitors go home, including the weight room monitors. However, intramural sports are played in the gymnasium until midnight. The necessity of a monitor at all times in the weight room would create at least one more work study job.

Student Parking

A major issue on campus is parking. The students feel there is not enough parking for the students while there is too much for the administration. We agree. While we understand the need for administration parking, we do not see the logic of, for example, having those who live in Brooks Hall park at the Biology Building parking lot while the faculty is allowed to park across the street next to the T&O in a lot that is never full. Our solution is for joint parking. Some of the parking lots should be available to both students and to administration. This is an issue that involves both the administration and the student body, and we feel a compromise is the best solution.

Spring Fest

Crazy things will happen—we promise. Seriously, Spring Fest is always fun; however, we think some changes may be in order. For example, Spring Fest currently consists of four or five reggae bands which perform all day while students eat or hang out. We are suggesting two bands instead, including one smaller band (i.e. The Flow Band) and one bigger name (i.e. Dave Matthews Band). Since there would be less music, the rest of the day would be spent playing the usual games and activities present at the Winter Carnival (Bouncy Boxing, the Velcro Wall, Sumo Wrestling, etc.). In addition, we would ask WARC to bring their portable transmitter

building. With help from the student body, we can keep Allegheny clean and beautiful.

These are just some of the things that we would like to see done here at Allegheny and that we know you would like to see done here as well. These goals apply to a very broad base of students, which is one of our main objectives. In addition, these goals are not overly ambitious; they are realistic. We can't promise to deliver every request of each Allegheny student, but we can promise to try.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiara Hughes and Kieth Stern

Chase/Sacunas

We, Shannon Chase and Amy Sacunas, are seeking election to the positions of President and Vice-President, respectively, of Allegheny Student Government. If elected we will focus on improving the positive aspects of previous ASG administrations while developing new ideas and programs of our own. We realize the important role that student government plays in representing both the desires and concerns of the student body in an effort to enhance each student's experience during his/her four years at Allegheny. Our objectives to Improve ASG in '95

The Allegheny Student Government will be holding its Presidential and Vice-Presidential primary elections February 14 and 15 from 10-4 in Cochran Hall.

The three Presidential and Vice-Presidential tickets include: Juniors Shannon Chase and Amy Sacunas, Juniors Chiara Hughes and Keith Stern, and Junior Kim Nelson and Sophomore Johnny Six.

Voting this year will differ from past years as mechanical voting booths will be borrowed from Crawford County. All students wishing to vote will be required to present their Insta-gator cards. The cards will be run through a card reading device and will register each voter once.

A Primary Debate will be held tonight in the Campus Center Lobby at 7p.m.

The General election will be held February 21 and 22.

in order to DJ for the students during the time the bands are not actually playing.

Student Concerns

We would like to continue ASG's open-door policy regarding student concerns. To do this, we would further utilize ASG's NeXT account, complete with e-mail address, which is now used to supply students with each week's ASG meeting agenda. Any time a student has a question or a problem they would like to discuss, all he/she has to do is send ASG an e-mail message. The e-mail will be checked and answered each day. If the problem is something that has been brought up before, we will send the student all the information we can, including the proceedings of the meeting the last time the issue was discussed. If it is a new question, problem, or suggestion, we will send all of the information we have back to the concerned student. This will include an open invitation to ask further questions and a reiteration of ASG's standing invitation to attend weekly meetings. If the student indicates he/she would like further discussion, the issue will immediately go on the agenda of the next meeting under what we hope will become a permanent section of our weekly agenda, titled Student Concerns.

Winter Break

A complaint all the students have is the length of the Winter Break. Five weeks is too long to be at home. We are recommending a change in the length of the break but not in forfeiting this vacation time all together. We propose to shorten the winter break by five days. Two of these days will be moved to the ends of the semesters—one day each semester as a study day so there will be two days for studying before finals instead of one. The other three days will be for an extra winter break at the end of February. This time off can be used to break the monotony of the harsh Meadville winters. We feel this break is necessary to the sanity of Allegheny student.

Litter

Finally we come to the problem of the cleanliness and beauty of the campus. Though the campus is extremely beautiful throughout the year, there is one main aspect of campus life that detracts from the beauty—litter. Part of the problem is cigarette butts, but there is also a trash problem. To alleviate this problem, we plan to install ashtrays and trashcans around the front entrances to each

include the following:

Initiate Improvement of Student Resources and Facilities

We will encourage the administration to continue fundraising so that ground can be broken for the new athletic complex as soon as possible. We will also push for further renovations of the Mellon Building including improved circulation in the facility and improved locker rooms and changing areas. We will also continue to support the renovations of residence halls, such as Cafilisch and Allegheny Hall, while taking student input into account. Furthermore, remodeling academic buildings, such as Quigley or Carr, will make our classrooms and study areas more comfortable and conducive to learning.

Motivate Student Body to Become More Involved

We both feel that it is very important for each student to take some interest in what is going on at Allegheny during the four years that he/she spends here. To foster this involvement, we would like to conduct a student survey that fields questions concerning student's needs and wishes. We would also like to implement a suggestion box for each class so that senators and class officers can better represent the people that they are elected to serve. The ASG hotline is also a beneficial service that we would like to utilize. Encouraging more of the student body to take part on student-faculty committees and attend weekly ASG meetings are just a few more of our concerns. By motivating the student body to work together with their elected representatives, the students will have a more direct impact on what goes on at Allegheny.

Publicize Events

One of our primary goals is to increase the publicity of ASG events. We realize that attendance at many ASG sponsored events is poor, but we believe that much of this is due to that fact that many students are unaware that the events are going on. We would like to create a new position on cabinet for a Publicity Chair. This person would need to be experienced in the field of communications and publicity and be able to lead his/her committee so that the student body is informed of all ASG events. We also plan to maximize the use of the message boards, WARC, the Memo, the Campus, and finally

NeXT system.

Respond to Student Needs

Since the pursuit of higher learning is why we are at Allegheny, we feel that academics should be a primary concern for ASG. We would like to look into creating a "Jan. Plan," in which students could make up classes over our long winter break. Also, more student involvement regarding the changes in the curriculum is imperative. The improvement of security on campus is always a must. We would like to see phones installed outside of the residence halls and campus buildings to make communication with residents and security more accessible when building doors are locked. We would like to address student concerns pertaining to the need for better lighting, particularly on side streets and in parking lots which are college owned. In addition, creating new areas for student parking near residence halls and academic buildings is also one of our objectives. We would also like to see a student, who does not work for security, representing the student body on the traffic court. Exploring the possibilities of offering the bar bus on more nights, and of providing more trips to Pittsburgh, Erie, and Cleveland airports during breaks are two more of our goals. Finally, we would like to see the bank brought back to campus, or the installation of an updating MAC machine that accepts de-

posits, thus making student banking more convenient.

Organize Programs that Appeal to All Students

As fraternity keg parties are a thing of the past and house parties have become dangerous to attend because of the threat of getting "busted," we believe that it is ASG's duty to provide quality entertainment for all students. We would like to carry on the traditions of Winter Carnival, Springfest, and Concert on the Grass. Furthermore, we would like to work more closely with GAP to bring big name speakers, comedians, and bands to campus for our entire college community to enjoy. We would also like to continue to support Black History Month and other multicultural events to promote diversity on our campus. Finally, we will continue to plan a Spring Break trip for the student body at a reasonable group rate.

Volunteer in Community

Now that we have an ASG philanthropy chair person we would like to utilize this office by organizing more ASG philanthropy projects. We not only want to volunteer to help other service groups on campus, but also volunteer more in the Meadville community. An example of this would be making the ASG volunteer day at Bethesda an annual event.

Enhance Student/Alumni Relations

With the job market as competitive as it is, we feel that it is very important for Allegheny students to make connections with alumni who are currently in the work force. Working with alumni is a valuable tool that we feel that the student body needs to recognize and take advantage of. Thus, we would like to work with the Office of Career Services (OCS) to promote more student/alumni interactions which may include correspondence, road trips, workshops, and the availability of a list of alumni in a student's particular career field. We would also like to promote OCS as a tool to aid students who wish to pursue their education after graduation.

In summation, we would like to use our experience, dedication, and commitment to the Allegheny Community to enhance and Improve ASG in '95. We feel that these qualities make us the best choice for representing the Allegheny student body.

Nelson/Six

As dedicated and experienced leaders with drive, determination, and knowledge to improve student life in both academic and social areas, we will work to improve Allegheny Student Government to meet the current and future needs of the students. We, Kim Nelson and Johnny Six, feel that student government is a critical link between the students and administration as well as an advocate of student organizations. Our platform maintains successful programs developed by previous administrations yet creates new and innovative ideas to further improve campus life.

In keeping with past successes, we present our goals as follows:

Academics

We believe that ASG has played a major role in student academic concerns in the past and would like to strengthen this voice to the administration. We will begin by examining the feasibility revising the current distribution of credits, especially in the natural sciences division. The most effective way to accomplish this is through the formation of a task force designed to weigh the pros and cons of credit allocation. We will also continue to support student preferences as heard in ASG Senate meetings when discussion the curriculum changes presently being debated by the curriculum committee. Next, we will encourage the administration to reinstate the summer school program. With the number of students that remain here during the summer break, it is critical that these students are able to continue their education through Allegheny College without the problems of transferring credits. We also will work to revise the academic calendar to observe more national holidays and shorten the winter break in order to get out earlier in the spring.

Social Goals

In order to enhance all-college social functions, we will continue to provide events such as Winter Carnival and the Parents' Weekend tailgate party. Nevertheless, we plan to expand activities at Springfest and move the festival back onto campus. By moving the Springfest back on campus, we hope to make it more accessible to both students and faculty. Furthermore, we hope to expand activities by promoting student organization booths and bringing in a variety of ethnic food vendors. In addition to Springfest, we will also provide affordable Spring Break trips to a larger variety of locations. In working with other student groups such as Gator Activities Programming (GAP), we will also work to co-sponsor the Concert on Grass with a big-name band. Finally, we will initiate a Lil' Sibs weekend that was discussed by previous candidates.

Diversity

In continuing with the actions of the previous administration, we hope to increase the diversity of both the Senate and Cabinet. This can only be accomplished through continued support of the minority retention and recruitment policy. We will also encourage students to learn of other cultures through international student booths at Springfest.

Communication

The availability of information concerning upcoming topics of discussion and events has been a problem in the past. We will remedy this by creating a monthly newsletter to be distributed to all students.

Effective communication with administration is the key to student representation. We will pressure the administration to complete the Campus Center renovations as soon as resources are available. We will work with the administration to quickly complete and expand on-campus student parking areas. We will also encourage the administration to put telephones outside of the residence halls.

Not only must we communicate with the administration, but also with the student organization leaders. We will expand the idea behind the Student Leaders Organizations (SLO) and hold a leadership conference at the beginning of the fall semester for all student organization leaders. The conference will be provided in hopes of fostering new relations between the organizations and for all to become more effective leaders.

With three combined years of Executive Cabinet experience, we feel we have the knowledge and realism necessary to most effectively lead ASG. This makes us the best choice to represent the Gator in you.

Perspectives

EDITORIAL

Good Intentions Lead to Questionable Results for All-College Ball

With the written permission and close guidance of President Daniel Sullivan and Dean of Students David McInally, ASG and GAP were allowed to attempt something Saturday which has rarely been done at Allegheny.

For the first time ever at a campus-wide event, alcohol was served to students of legal drinking age at Winter Carnival's All-College Ball. With over 800 people in attendance, this event brought nearly half the student body together (even the elusive seniors who frequent downtown bars), and was tremendously successful. The immense turnout is a clear indication of the support and desire for more diverse activities on campus--especially programming that provides combinations of dancing, music and alcohol for those 21 and over who opt to drink.

Some people may say that although the dance was enjoyed by all, only a limited number, namely those of legal drinking age, could partake of the liquor offered. Should ASG have used "general student funding" to pay for something only a quarter of the student body would have access to?

We understand that some people may be upset that ASG purchased the alcohol and those people feel that those who drank should pay for the alcohol that they consumed. However, under Pennsylvania law, ASG, or any other non-licensed organization, cannot charge for alcohol because they would be in violation of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Bureau.

We at *The CAMPUS* commend President Sullivan and ASG for trying to broaden the social activities available on campus, while increasing a sense of community throughout the student body. However, if another such event should happen in the future, the powers-that-be should try to find a way to keep non-drinking students from having to indirectly pay for the alcohol.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's Note: The following is an open letter from Allegheny Professor of Physics Sharon Challener, which she requested we publish.

**A Letter to My Two-Year-Old Son
December 7, 1994**

Dear Ryan,

It has been six weeks since your baby sister died. I want to tell you a little about her and a little about yourself since you will probably remember very little about this time in your life.

Sharon Challener

Your baby sister was born on August 25, 1994. That morning I casually hugged you. You asked me "Where are you going, Mommy?" I told you, "I'm going to the hospital to push the baby out." I was scared, but your calm acceptance of that gave me strength. You came to the hospital with Daddy and Tristan to see me. All through my pregnancy, I had been preparing you for this moment. I longed to see you and you were glad to see me. You were a little bored so you didn't stay long.

I carried Baby Jacquelyn around in a sling much of the time. One time you became upset because Nana was carrying Jacquelyn instead of me. You said, "But she's Mommy's baby—not yours." From the start, Jacquelyn was important to you. You would ask if Jacquelyn was going to take a bath, or if Jacquelyn was hungry and needed to eat. As the weeks passed you could tell her apart from other babies, and you would look at her fondly and stroke her head. You were always a sweet boy with Jacquelyn. You were never angry with her about the

amount of attention she got from me.

I had moved out on the Saturday before Jacquelyn died so I was not alone with her for those few days. On Tuesday, everything was as it always was. She had a bath around 9:30. She cried as I put her in her jammies. I nursed her as I quieted her in my arms. And just as was usual she became drowsy and content. I laid her down around 10:00 and she was still. I went to check on her around midnight and she was dead. I immediately began mouth-to-mouth and called 911. I began CPR as the paramedic instructed. They had me unzip her jammies and stroke her foot for reflex. For a long time I couldn't look at you or Tristan's feet without thinking of that painful moment. When the paramedics got to the house, they rushed her out to the ambulance and did everything that they could. I immediately called Daddy. I told him, "Jacquelyn is either dead or dying. You need to come." Daddy said "Oh God" and came as fast as he could.

I sat in my nightshirt in the front of the ambulance and began to tell myself what was happening. I did not want to lie to myself or to pre-

tend. Jacquelyn was gone from her little body well before I rolled her over. There was never any hope. Her face reflected no stress, she simply went to sleep, and then something in her makeup allowed her to stop breathing. We sat in a waiting room—Daddy and me—waiting for the news we knew would come. At 12:45 a.m., Dr. Downing pronounced Jacquelyn dead and they finally stopped CPR.

Both Daddy and I went in to see Jacquelyn and she looked beautiful. So fat, so healthy. I went to one side of the bed with Dr. Downing, and Daddy went to the other side with one of the nurses. I kissed her forehead. Daddy took one hand. I took the other. We all cried a lot. Before we left the room, I kissed her little fist.

That next afternoon I came to see you, and Daddy and I told you about Jacquelyn. We took turns as we tried to convey the finality of this.

"Something very bad happened, Ryan. Baby Jacquelyn died," I told you.

"Baby Jacquelyn got very sick and she is not ever coming back,"

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Daddy said.

"We couldn't make her better. It wasn't something I did, or Daddy did—but she is dead and you're never going to see her again."

I'm sure more was said, but I forget what. You sensed the tone and you seemed very sad. But then you went downstairs to play with Nana and Papa and seemed okay. I wonder often what you were thinking.

The next time I saw you was at the service. Even though my chest still ached from milk that couldn't be eaten, I carried you. I held on to you in a way I never needed to before. I carried you down the aisle. You sat on my lap while Daddy held on to Tristan. Near the end of the service, we stood to sing the hymn "In God Our Help in Ages Past." I stood you up on the pew so that you were only a bit shorter than me. As I sang I began to cry. I looked down at you and you were looking at me with the concerned and sad look a two-year-old should never have to wear. My heart ached with love for you and I leaned down and kissed your forehead. I held you hand as we walked back up the aisle.

As time went on, I tried to talk to you about Jacquelyn but it was very hard. You didn't want to talk about something that had caused me so many tears. But you knew what had happened and you didn't forget. One of the first nights you spent with me, you cried out in nightmares—once you said, "I don't want to go away, I don't want to go away." I comforted you. I checked on you and your brother often. At times I was overcome by the awesome responsibility of simply keeping you two alive. I needed you both so very much. When you first met your cousin Kaitlyn, Aunt Wendy wanted you to hold her. You said, "No. I don't want any more." I felt your loss, too. Once when

Elizabeth, a friend of mine, said to her son, "Shall we take Tristan home with us?" you said sadly but firmly, "No!" and then added quietly so only Mommy could hear, "Then I won't have any babies."

You were very confused about where Jacquelyn went. By now, you may have gone to the cemetery with me. At the time, though, you were too little to have understood why Daddy and I would consent to burying your baby sister in the ground. I told you that I didn't know where she was. For weeks I feared you thought I had lost her. I have some big questions about where the baby you and I loved went. But I do believe this. Someone somewhere is taking care of our little girl. Someday when the time is right we will see her again. I don't long for that day. I want to stay with you. However, if anything ever happens to me, know that I am with Jacquelyn, and that I am happy.

I decided to tell you the Christmas story this year. That story is an important myth for us to tell—it helps us deal with death and loss since Christmas is very much about life and beginnings. We were in the car on the way to Aunt Wendy and Uncle Dave's house on the day after Thanksgiving. I was singing along with carols. You asked, "What's that song about?" I told you that it was about a very special baby. You asked, "Was that Jacquelyn?" I agreed that this was a baby very much like Jacquelyn.

Jacquelyn was a special baby. She was born at a time when Daddy and I were having a lot of problems. Sometimes we got very angry with each other. But caring for you and Jacquelyn kept me busy and mostly happy. The first night home from the hospital, she slept from midnight to seven. She was a wonderful baby. She didn't cry very much and she

slept really well at night. Jacquelyn was a pretty baby—she had puffy cheeks like Tristan. There was a similarity between your three faces that wasn't shared by other babies. She had very little hair and it was darker than your or Tristan's was. She was a fat baby, exactly as you both were. She was prone to having a little acne on her face, especially if she had been lying on it. She smiled a lot and you delighted in that.

I want to tell you so many things. I want you to know that Jacquelyn was loved and enjoyed by all of us. Even though she didn't live long, I am happy to have carried her and happy to have delivered her. You need never worry about talking about her or asking me questions. I enjoy thinking and talking about her just as I enjoy thinking and talking about you and Tristan.

Life seems to have a beginning and, sadly, an end. That is sad. You should never be afraid to cry about loss or talk about death. Don't let anyone tell you not to cry or be sad—not even me. Try not to be afraid of tears—not yours and not anyone else's. Those tears are a gift to you. If you need to, bless me with that gift and I will help you to feel safe just as you have unknowingly done for me.

Most of all, I want to thank you. You will never remember but you were there for me. You kept me together. So many nights I came in just to see you or Tristan. And I touched your alive face and it helped. I heard and felt you breathing and I sighed with relief. You don't have to be anything to make your Mommy love and appreciate you. She always will.

Love for always,
Mommy

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Blue Taste Sensation

Great changes and innovations are occurring here at Allegheny all the time. A few years ago Edwards house was remodeled and reopened, to provide upperclassmen with a quiet environment to study and rest (and party like it's 1999). Last year the dungeon-like atmosphere of Carnegie was changed, and the results are brightly-lit hallways, comfortable classrooms and a huge lecture room.

Tom Chapin

Ditto the Night Study, which also got a new name (Barbie and Ken's Romper Room): The mind-agitating yellow walls were painted mind-agitating pink, carpet was laid down, and one can still enjoy a peaceful nap while waiting for their computer to log on. And of course, who can forget the new multi-million dollar science complex, with its slick labs, plenty of areas to study in peace, and a cool elevator to ride on when life gets too boring.

But it doesn't stop there! The new food court lets Marriott-sickened people come in and enjoy various ethnic foods, desserts, coffee, or slurp some grease from a Sbarro's pizza. With five televisions in the food court, one can watch three different Aerosmith videos at one time, and be reminded to renew one's vows to kill Jim Carrey.

And now in the long line of changes and innovations comes a new thing, which can be found in the Schultz and Brooks dining halls. It's not Coco-Krispies in the cereal dispensers. It's not a toaster that won't make your bagel catch fire if you put jelly on it.

Ladies and gentlemen, Juice-ania has come to Allegheny.

That's right folks! The health-nuts, the Kool-Aid freaks and people that just like to mix things together to see how they taste are all thrilled with the arrival of the Healthy Trend Juice Blends to their daily meal routines. People unaware of this must be totally blind if they cannot see all hell breaking loose in front of this proverbial Fountain of Youth.

"The demand for healthy beverages is NOT a passing fad; It's a permanent TREND," scream the hyperbolic fliers, which were strategically placed right where students sit in order to awaken their cravings for healthy beverages. What a brilliant move. Within minutes of the dining halls being filled, students were throwing down their bread and water, standing up left and right, DEMANDING that their voices be heard.

"I'm tired of caffeine!" "I want something tasty!" "I want something that tastes great, but isn't fill-

ing!" The tension in the dining hall grew thick. "I want something thirst-quenching!" "I want a good-for-me-drink!" "I want lighter, more refreshing tastes!"

"Yeah! And I wanna know more about Rogaine!!!" This balding boy was subsequently flogged by enraged students insisting on better, more nourishing drinks in the dining halls.

With lit torches and pitchforks in hand, the angry mob of students went straight for the throats of Marriott staff. But within minutes a light beamed down from Heaven, shot right through the roof and placed a Healthy Trends Juice Blends machine right before the wide, blood-shot eyes of the famished students.

They drank and drank and drank. "It's today's most popular flavors!" Thank God; I wouldn't be caught *dead* with a glass of water in my hand; it's just not what cool people drink. They drink Healthy Trends Juice Blends. They are Vitamin C enriched, and have more Vitamin C than orange juice (good thing; that O.J. will kill ya, hee hee).

In order to reap all of the vitamins, minerals, and God knows what else floating in these little glasses of heaven, one must mix them together with other flavors. This could result in some pretty ungodly colors (and flavors), and is a trend in itself; even the people who drink seven cups of black coffee per meal are having a grand time creating new colors with the juices. One of my friends mixed a blue one and a yellow one and got green. Someone else came up with purple. And the flavors created are something else... "Mmmm; kinda tastes like my lip balm!" "Hey guys! The orange pineapple tastes like chewable Tylenol!" "Yuck, don't mix the purple with the green!" Mmmmm.

As I guzzled my seventh Pepsi of the meal, I witnessed something that was bringing the Allegheny campus together. The Greeks and the non-Greeks were sharing recipes: "If you mix the yellow and the blue, that makes green; then add that to the red, and it's pretty cool!" Men and women were falling in love over these juices. An alternative spring break trip to the Healthy Trend Juice Blend factory is being offered. You'll never find another beer on this campus (unless you hit the Walker Room and Pub). It's just plain madness.

Have I tried the Healthy Trend Juice Blends? Heck, no! As long as people keep drinking these juices, that leaves all the more Pepsi for me. Cheers!

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I Won't Sue—Promise

For the past two and a half years, people have been telling me that I cannot use my Rollerblades in the Campus Center. Because of the extended season of harsh weather here in Meadville, I've always thought of the CC lobby as the next-best alternative to street skating. The balcony would be absolutely perfect for laps. However, whether it's a custodian or a security officer or one of those Alpha Phi Omega-type-folks, somebody always tells me that I'm not allowed to skate in there because I might fall and hurt myself. And, according to them, if that happened I could sue the college for damages.

Daniel Koller

First of all, I'm good. I'm not gonna fall.

Second of all, I wouldn't sue the college. I'm a nice guy and I don't want to cause the administration any undue headaches. Besides, I've seen enough coverage of the OJ trial to make me never want to

get mixed up in one of my own.

Third of all, don't tell me that I'm putting myself in danger by skating, if people are going to be allowed to get all liquored up in the Walker Room and then dance their way down that new palatial staircase. Were you at the All-College Ball on Saturday night? I was watching the stairs all night in case one of those girls lost control while doing the "Tootsie Roll" or the "Rumpshaker," or whatever it was, and wound up tumbling the rest of the way down.

Wouldn't you think that this situation presents a lot more potential for legal damages than a guy with wheels on his feet? A very careful and sober guy, I might add. Ever since that time I was skating in my hometown and got hit by a truck (I'm serious) I've been a lot more cautious in my skating habits. And I don't think there are really that many trucks to worry about in the CC Lobby.

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Japan's Leaders Lack Compassion

Within weeks, two separate, titanic events managed to smack the world's complacency square in the jaw. The earthquake in Japan, and the Republicans being sworn in. Coincidence?

Josh Atkins

Maybe, but only if the Republican-led government proves itself to be more capable than the Japanese. Because if it isn't, heaven help us if we are hit with anything resembling a major disaster.

As most of you should know by now, on January 17, the western Japanese port of Kobe was devastated by the aforementioned earthquake, Japan's worst in over 70 years. More than 5,000 people were killed, 27,000 injured, and more than 300,000 were left homeless. The Japanese government's reaction was, in a word, slow.

In fact, the Japanese government seemed to act as if it ignored Kobe, maybe it would go away. Nice try, but I doubt it would work in this day and age.

Emperor Akihito decided that a nice two-week wait was in order before he and Empress Michiko would

visit Kobe. Of course, this was only after Britain's Princess Diana had stated that she would visit the devastated area. Japan's Prime Minister, Tomiichi Murayama, visited after two days.

The greatest damage was done on a personal and psychological level. A high percentage of the residents of the city of 1.5 million lived there without earthquake insurance due to high premiums, and are now unable to rebuild. According to some estimates, only about 3% of the people left homeless had earthquake insurance. As would be expected, many companies in the area have been unable, as yet, to resume daily business, leaving many of the newly homeless jobless as well.

Nations all over the world have offered massive amounts of aid, both monetary and physical. Japan, however, despite having not turned down any of these nations, has, at the same time, failed to accept any of their offers. Many American medical relief workers were accepted into Japan, but once there, they were not allowed to help any patients because they did not have Japanese medical licenses. They were allowed to do something only

after the story had leaked to the press.

One of the worst-hit sections of Kobe was the borough of Nagata, a slum area that has existed in Kobe for more than 200 years. A slum that, according to several residents of Kobe, has been completely ignored by the system that the emperor represents. Nagata housed people who were known as the "burakumin," descendants of an untouchable class of people from Japan's Edo period (1603-1868).

The slow process by which everything has proceeded, and the seeming distrust of outside help, does not reflect well on a nation that has become one of the "great powers" of the world. Perhaps the Japanese government did not want outside assistance for fear that we would discover just how fragile a place it really is. Japan seems to be one of the most progressive nations in the world, housing a unique blend of modern technology and traditional culture. Could it be that a nation such as Japan is afraid that we'll discover it has problems like everyone else?

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Queer and Loathing—Scary Thoughts

"Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee." John Donne

Some subjects have a disturbing tendency to float in and out of the news. They do not diminish in importance, merely in the amount of interest the news media and therefore the public at large pay to them.

Rebecca Stevenson

A topic recently returned to national attention is AIDS. AIDS and its related illnesses is now the number one killer of men in the 25-44 age group, according to the *New York Times*. Number one. It's expected to hit number two for women in the next few years, as the virus spreads through the heterosexual population.

This wasn't exactly a rude surprise for me. I've spent most of the past week reading *Queer and Loathing*, a sobering collection of essays by David Feinberg. I was impressed not so much by the activism he documents among the New York gay population, or by the accusations of unethical practices he levels at the medical industry, or by the occasionally touching stories adrift in a flood of black humor.

No, it was the names that impressed me. The fact that in almost every single essay, either in the body of the writing or in the afterword tacked on when they were gathered for publication, he mentions a name, or two, or three.

People who were alive when he wrote the piece, but no longer. They added up in a quiet, steady way as the book went on, reaching a dark crescendo in the final two essays.

One of the most affecting moments for me was this, where he speaks of a deceased acquaintance: "Mark Fisher was so sweet. I tried calling Mark Bronnenberg in San Francisco three times to let him know. I found out he had died on Thursday, the day after Paul's memorial, the afternoon I found out that Richard was dead."

If four people dropped out of my circle of acquaintance every week, within a few months I would be all alone, and I think that's typical of most people.

It's sobering to think about. Even worse than looking down that black tunnel yourself, is looking around you at any given gathering of friends and knowing that some of them will be dead by the next time you get together. To chat with an acquaintance and find out that so-and-so died—and what's-his-name and that-one-guy. To look at the names quilt and find those you didn't even know were sick. To play guessing games in the obituary section: how many of those with no listed cause of death had what you have? How much longer do you have? Is this sore throat the beginning of the end?

Scary thoughts for the dark.

One feels helpless before such things. Who to blame? is the immediate human response to such a crisis. Many are blaming the gov-

ernment, for failing to apportion funds for study. Many more blame the medical industry, for withholding or delaying research on possible cures, dragging their feet on testing, charging ludicrous prices. Others blame conservative politicians who oppose any sex education other than teaching abstinence in schools of. Some are probably blaming their God, or even themselves.

Blame, however, seems a useless exercise. Laughable, even, in the face of grief. So what can we do?

Pressure the government.

Pressure medical corporations which place the bottom line before human life.

Elect officials who do not wear blinders to shield out a reality they find displeasing, who insist that preaching abstinence is an effective response to this disease.

Be sincere in your support. If you wear a red ribbon, make sure it's not because it goes well with the color of your coat. Undertake to commit yourself in real life, not just through a symbol.

Do not dismiss human suffering as "all their own fault" or "not my problem." Some things are everyone's problem. You might not know anyone who has AIDS or a related illness. Then again you might, but perhaps neither of you is aware of the fact. And no one can ever guess at the loss to the human race.

Rebecca Stevenson is Perspectives Editor for The CAMPUS.

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Black History Month Celebrated

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In 1915, Woodson established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in Washington, DC. The organization studied the life and history of African-Americans and their contributions to American society and culture. Woodson later realized that African-Americans did not have a period of the year in which their achievements were celebrated by all Americans. In 1926, Woodson decided to begin what was called, "Negro History Week."

This celebration took place in the second week of February because of the birthdays of influential Americans like Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. The purpose of this week was twofold: to share with all Americans the contributions of the African-Americans to this country and for African-Americans to become more acquainted with their history and heritage. During this week, events held in most areas of

the country included breakfasts, banquets, speeches, poetry readings, lectures on African-American history, exhibits, parades with costumed participants portraying famous African-Americans, and other special presentations. In later years, "Negro History Week" transformed into what we now celebrate as "Black History Month."

McNeil's wish is that Alleghenians of all races and socio-economic classes will attend the events being sponsored by the

Advancement of Black Culture.

Loretta Christian and Vivian Silverio, ABC members, said that Black History Month means a time when Americans of all colors, creeds, backgrounds, and economic status should celebrate the achievements that African-Americans have made to this country.

"We should not celebrate Black achievements in America in this month alone," said Christian, "but we should celebrate their achievements all-year-around."

Alcohol Related Events a Possibility for Allegheny

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Blattner said that she and ASG co-advisor, Dean of Students Dave McNally had discussed improvements for future events of the same caliber.

Their ideas included "adding a few more security officers and instituting a sober patrol so students could help with the event."

What risk did the college take in hosting the event?

"In many respects it's no more risky for us than just being here because [students] go out and do all kinds of things -- legally and illegally -- and end up in our

residence halls [in addition to other places]," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said that he used this event as an opportunity to experiment with having alcohol at college sponsored events.

When asked whether the college would extend the right for students of legal drinking age to drink at other social events, Sullivan said, "I'm not sure how much more flexible we will be."

"We're trying to put our toe in the water, but we're not sure if we'll put a second one in or a foot," Sullivan said.

Curriculum Committee to Work on Second Proposal

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would still be divisional requirements, but students would only have to take two courses in each of the

school's three divisions, instead of the three currently required. LSW, LSF and major requirements would remain unchanged. Physical Educa-

tion requirements would drop from the current number of five down to four. Students could also take the same PE class twice for credit.

The Curriculum Committee hopes to bring the second proposal to the faculty at the faculty's first meeting in March.

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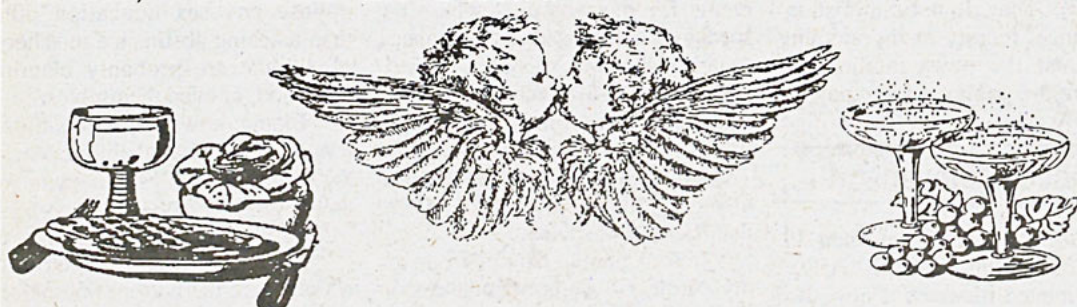
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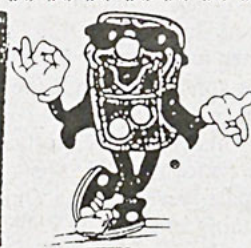
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Arts & Leisure

Alicia Quintano Entertains And Educates

By NICOLE STEWART
A & L Reporter

Alicia Quintano wants to help people find who they are. How? By sharing with them the story of how she found her own identity.

Quintano, a performer/story-teller, appeared at Allegheny on Tuesday in Ford Chapel. Attendance at the performance was impressive, with barely enough standing room left. Presented as part of Allegheny's Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Quintano's stories are about power, relationships and sex, as well as eating disorders.

Quintano's performance was personable, energetic, and entertaining. She made her story accessible by relating it to topics that people encounter everyday. The connections and situations concerning

power, relationships, and sex were very realistic. She was subtly telling her audience to find themselves and know who they are, rather than "being pleasing to everyone."

Taking control over one's own life was one of the many messages of her story. She covered several difficult topics concerning youths today, which she handled tactfully and eloquently through her use of humor. Quintano's flare for acting made her easy to watch and extremely likable.

"I stopped thinking [about food] and more importantly I stopped worrying about thinking about food," said Quintano. A major turning point in the story was when she looked in a full-length mirror and "I saw myself for the very first time." She addressed eating disorders

without lecturing or attacking, in such a way that allowed the audience to listen without becoming uncomfortable.

Quintano's words touched many people with phrases such as, "In life people get hurt," and, "There was no true recipe until you learn how to rescue yourself." Her inspirational story was well-presented, craftily performed, and deserved every second of the extended applause at the end of the performance.

Alicia Quintano's story was a positive, welcomed, and inspiring part of Eating Disorders Week. Individuals wanting help dealing with feelings about eating and self-image can contact Susan Plunkett (332-4355) at the Winslow Health Center or Linda Reid or Judd Kulas (332-4368) at the Counseling Center.



QUINTANO'S ESCAPE—Alicia Quintano charmed the audience in Ford Chapel Tuesday night with her amusing anecdotes and inspiring message. Her performance was part of Allegheny's Eating Disorders Week. Ryan Ott photo

Animator To Speak at Edinboro

By CYNTHIA GREENLEAF
Arts & Leisure Editor

Experimental animator Sheila Sofian will be at Edinboro this evening to discuss and show her internationally-recognized work which has garnered numerous awards and has been screened at various film festivals worldwide.

A filmmaker since 1985, Sofian graduated from the California Institute of the Arts and the Rhode Island School of Design. Her most acclaimed work includes the piece *Mangia*, in which she examines her experience of living with a culinary-inclined Italian family, and *Faith and Patience*, an animated short that deals with the relationship between a

little girl and her baby.

Sofian is currently the head of the animation program at Philadelphia's University of the Arts.

Animator Sheila Sofian
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Def Comedy Jam



YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?—Daran Howard yuks it up at the "Laughfest" on Friday night. One of four comedians presented, Howard also emceed the event, which helped kick off Allegheny's celebration of Black History Month.

—Ryan Ott photo

Arts Council Exhibit Examines the Artistry Within Works of Paper

By RONDA CHOLLOCK
Arts & Leisure Reporter

This month's exhibit at the Meadville Council on the Arts features the paper works of Reginald Darling, Mary Jane Kidd, and Ian Short. One might expect an exhibit of "Books and Works of Handmade Paper" to be lacking something, but there is no want of color in the works of Short or Darling, nor any lack of depth in Kidd's written material.

A far cry from paper airplanes and hats, Mary Jane Kidd's pieces are multi-media collaborations incorporating words and images in her "books." Stamps, pasted pictures, words, and fine chips of wood collaborate to make *Old Tropical* difficult to describe. It isn't often that the most vibrant image in a work of art comes from text and not visible image: "A curtain moves. A face looks out at a pair of black high heeled shoes left in the street last night. Glaring sun melts them, makes them spiked indigo stains on white cement."

Snake images figure predominantly in the works of Kidd, either expressing themselves in her titles, *Book of the Snake Planet*, *Serpent*, and *A Small Procession of Serpents*, or popping up more discreetly as small, twisted ribbons of words which are teasingly difficult to interpret. Words are used not for the

meaning they explicitly convey but derive meaning from the way in which they are treated. In *Book of Dragon Fly*, Kidd manipulates an old algebra book, crossing out the text and leaving only the equations, minus their explanations.

Ian Short's pieces are colorful collages of handmade paper. What makes the brightest works like *Roma* and *Par 4* most effective is the contrast between their brilliant colors and the plain white border that frames each print. *Kiss and Embrace* act as companion pieces, one accentuating dark colors, and the other supplementing with muted tones.

The striking works of Reginald Darling dominate one entire wall of the gallery, where two rows comprised of eighteen paintings give the appearance of brilliant little points of color against the walls of the gallery. Darling's works are acrylics and watercolors on handmade paper. One of his more engaging pieces, *8/94 #5*, first appears to be a hand offering a gold coin, then seems to mimic the sun rising over a mountain, epitomizing the theme of the entire exhibit: paper isn't flat.

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Bruce Willis Is "Dying" To Work With Quentin Tarantino

(CPS)—Did Quentin Tarantino have to twist Bruce Willis' arm to get the high-priced star of *Moonlighting* and the *Die Hard* epics to tackle the role of a boxer on the run in his film sensation *Pulp Fiction* for which Willis is winning some of the best reviews of his career?

In a word: Nope.

"I just met Quentin, told him that I like the script, and he said, 'Do you want to be in it?'" recalls the cucumber-cool Willis, as he sits for an interview at a Manhattan hotel where the *Pulp Fiction* publicity machine is cranking into gear. "We decided this on the beach in Malibu.

Harvey Keitel (who starred in Tarantino's debut film, *Reservoir Dogs*, and appears in *Pulp*) introduced me to Quentin, and he was the one that told me about the script. I read it, and the next day I met with Quentin. I didn't know what part I was going to play. I just wanted to be in it."

For those who've been living under a rock, *Pulp Fiction* is a brutal, well written, funny, exhilarating, often repulsive, and even (at times) moving trio of stories that connect with explosive consequences during a breathless finale. First, there's the tale of two hitmen; one a drug addict

(John Travolta), and his partner (Samuel L. Jackson), a Bible-spouting guy who eventually comes to dislike killing people for a mob boss. In one of the film's sickest-funniest moments, Travolta desperately tries to awaken Uma Thurman, the mob boss's wife, who has overdosed on his heroin stash during a platonic night on the town that features a strange Twist number at a surreal restaurant. Then, there's Tim Roth and Amanda Plummer as loving, but out of their league, liquor store robbers who hope to graduate to diner thievery.

Finally, there's Willis and Maria

de Medeiros. Willis is the crafty boxer who throws a fight that he's been paid a bundle—by the mob boss for whom Travolta and Willis work and to whom Thurman is married—to drop, while de Medeiros is the loving but willful girlfriend who keeps Willis in line. Interestingly, while Willis looks to be fighting trim, there are no scenes of him actually boxing in the film. Another of *Pulp*'s highlights is a truly bizarre sequence in which two rednecks bound and gag Willis, and the gangster he has run out on, and set about raping the two men. But giving away how that little scenario is resolved just wouldn't be fair, now would it?

"The true brilliance of this thing is that Quentin had it all written down six months before anyone was exposed to any of it," marvels Willis. "All the dialogue was there. It was not improvised. The convoluted storyline was there. That is an impossibly hard task—to write something and stick to it and have it turn out as good as it did. I don't know what's going on inside his head, but he's just a brilliant writer. In truth, it was up to the actors to screw up. It was all written down, all those cool beats and funny lines. You didn't have to do anything to embellish it. When we were at the Alice Tully Hall (for

the film's New York Film Festival screening), Quentin said 'Jeez Louise!' on stage in front of 1,000 people. He's just a kid. I don't know where it comes from."

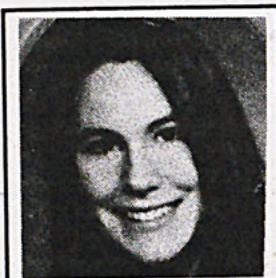
Willis, of course, has been one of Hollywood's busiest actors in recent years and, with a high-profile marriage to Demi Moore, one of its biggest celebrities too. Though it's his action films that have made him and kept him a star, Willis, who is currently in New York City shooting *Die Hard III* with *Pulp* co-star Samuel Jackson and Jeremy Irons, has stretched himself as an actor by appearing in such diverse projects as *In Country*, *Moral Thoughts*, and the recent drama *Nobody's Fool* with Paul Newman, Melanie Griffith, and the recently deceased Jessica Tandy. "I just do things that interest me and that I find interesting," he explains. "It's only in retrospect that you compare and see that I've done different things. I really don't want to keep doing the same things, so I try to find things that have some hook that I find interesting."

Pulp Fiction

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Greeks Of The Week

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Jenny Sambrook



As Chair and Assistant Chair, respectively, Sambrook (ΑΔΠ) and Maloney (ΚΑΘ) conducted a successful rush this past January.

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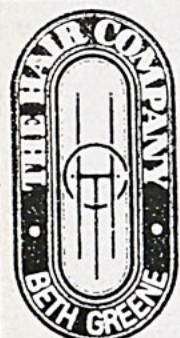


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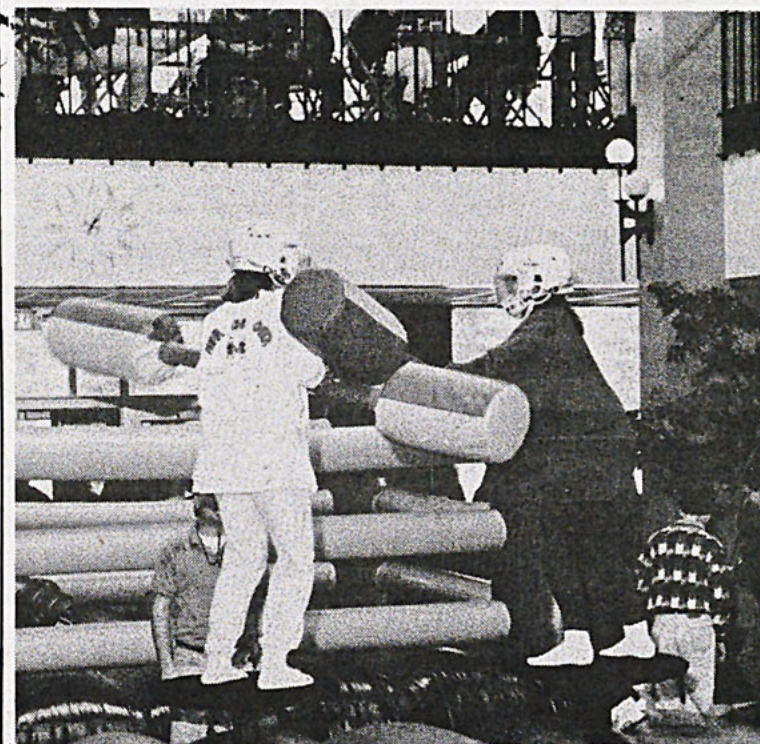
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Camille Paglia Says, "Give It Up, Do As I Say!"

By PHILLIP M. RHODES
Editorial Board Member

Camille Paglia has returned to irritate, amuse, annoy and provoke with her book *Vamps & Tramps*, a new collection of essays from America's favorite renegade academic. Paglia sets her scalding sights on a vast array of icons and institutions, providing a rallying cry for those disaffected by the PC-saturated culture wars. I personally am among those whom Paglia amuses and provokes and find *Vamps* hysterical, enlightening thought from a truly refreshing mind. Nothing less than massive national, even world-wide, reform will do, and she's not likely to shut up until she gets her way.

Book Review

Paglia is a consummate performer, as the reader can see not only from her essays, but also from the cover art which shows a butch-as-hell, black-clad Paglia standing ready for action, knife hanging in quick reach at her hip, with a haughty, petulant pucker/knowing grin on her lips.

She begins with a provocative look at the penis, "The Penis Unsheathed." The essay, which originally appeared as an English TV show, takes a historical look at the

penis. (Did you know in ancient Greece large penises were undesirable because they reflected a bestial nature?) But of course Paglia mixes in her cultural observations with acerbic wit throughout; "aiming" is fundamental to masculinity. She bemoans the trend in contemporary feminism to emasculate and sensitize men, making them "in essence, new kinds of women."

From the penis, Paglia moves on to present her own theory of human sexuality titled "No Law in the Arena." She uses this as a forum to expand on the Dionysian vs. Apollonian conflict she voluminously documents in *Sexual Personae*. Paglia's sex theory contains an elemental sensibility.

She does not disregard nature, still the most powerful and inevitable force in our sterile modern lives. She sweeps social construction, French theory, feminist and gay propaganda hopelessly aside. Nature is the elemental force that drives us, in conflict with our self-defense systems of order. She sees universal recognition or practice of bisexuality and a "pagan education" as our best hopes in the sex wars.

Moving on, Paglia swiftly attacks several venerable institutions in the chapter titled "Culture Wars." Intellectual life in America is dead according to Paglia. She

blasts weak Ivy League teaching for cowering in political correctness and multiculturalism. American universities are stuck in a "summer camp mentality," she claims, which shields students from real intellectual debate. She severely critiques the "Stalinist" gay propaganda machine. Paglia condemns the infantile antics and oppression politics of gay activists who demand a cure for AIDS or demand equality. "Pagan pansexuality, a complex, reasoned alternative to Judeo-Christian ethics" and Allen Ginsberg are her suggestions for gay leaders. In a short, but hysterical essay, Paglia ferociously attacks Catharine MacKinnon and Andrea Dworkin, the ridiculously puritanical leaders of the anti-pornography sect of feminism. While MacKinnon gets her fair share of roasting, Dworkin is burnt to crisp. Of course, Paglia attacks "establishment feminism," a phrase she coined, throughout the book.

Paglia focuses her analytical eye on popular culture as well, taking in the Woody Allen debacle, the "Long Island Lolita" Amy Fisher, and Princess Di. She precedes Newt Gingrich's trashy mother by publicly referring to Hillary Clinton as a bitch--that's why Paglia likes her. She continues

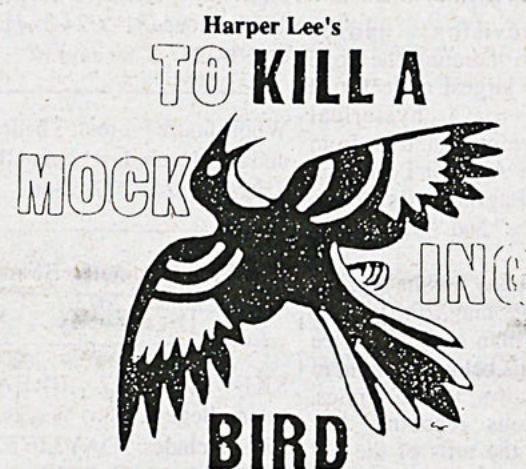
her ruminations on Madonna, reviewing both her dud *Sex* and Mark Bego's *Madonna: Blonde Ambition*. For those who find pop culture too shallow, Paglia also examines poetry, opera and literature.

"Glenda and Camille Do Down-

town" features Paglia and drag performer Glenda Orgasm on a riotous trip through downtown Manhattan "trash[ing]...the feminist establishment...and all anti-sex pornophobes." The video, originally aired on Manhattan Cable Public

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by Christopher Sergel

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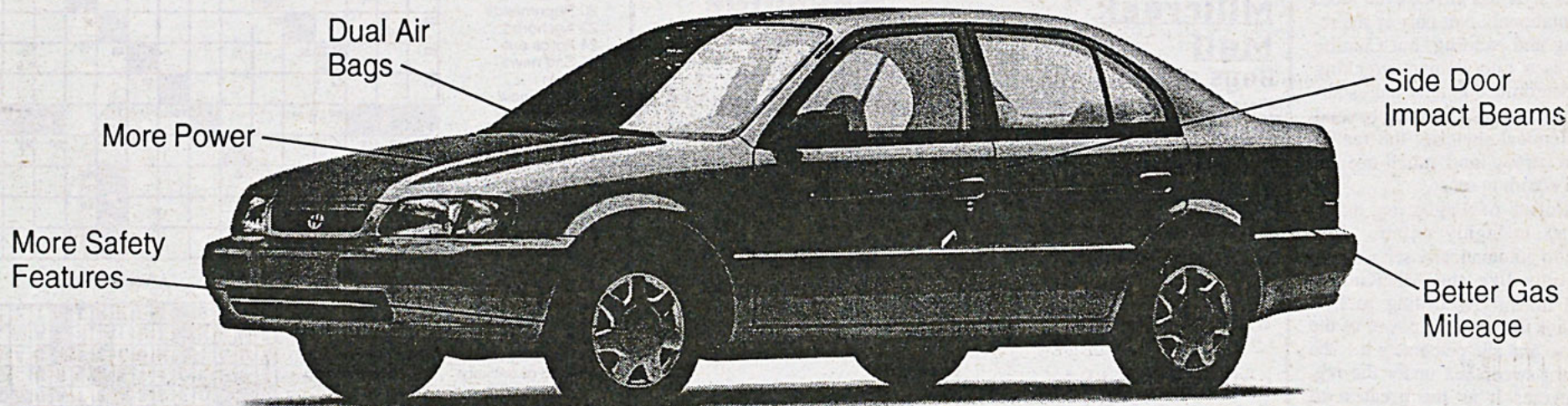
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Track Gets New Coach

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track over football during the spring. The fall schedule is highlighted by the team's opening meet in early December, which Morgante said provides incentive for what is otherwise a dreary off-season.

Leipheimer eased apprehension, saying, "I will still recruit for football, but if I have track practice from three to six, then I am not making calls from three to six. When we are in season it is simple. Track comes first."

On the scheduling though, he noted that there will be some changes. "Obviously, some adjustments will need to be made," said Leipheimer. "now I am taking over and I have to do things the way I see that it is best to do them."

Leipheimer also plans to keep the annual Spring Break training trips, although future dates have not yet been considered.

During the football season, fall training will be monitored by the captains, according to the new coach, as he does not expect any change that would lighten his football load.

Leipheimer said that due to his football position, there is a possibility of an increase in football players on the track team. "There are an awful lot of good athletes that can help us," he said.

White said of his successor, "There are some very technical things that will take a little bit of work to learn, but a coach is a coach."

Freshmen lending to track team's success

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She has been one of the top competitors on the track team so far this year. After only three weeks of competition she is undefeated in her event and in the process has broken the Allegheny school high jump record and qualified for the national meet. She's the first Gator woman to Qualify. Her best jump to date is 5'6" (a new PR). Kari attributes her success to her "determination."

According to senior track member Dave Murray, "She has a tremendous attitude. She met me at 6:50 a.m. each morning to lift weights. She worked hard and got a lot stronger. She deserves the success she's been having," he said.

When asked what her goals for the rest of the season were, she responded, "To jump 5'8", place at conferences, and do well at nationals."

— Freshman Kari Bonomo set a new women's indoor track high jump record of 5'6" at multiple meets.

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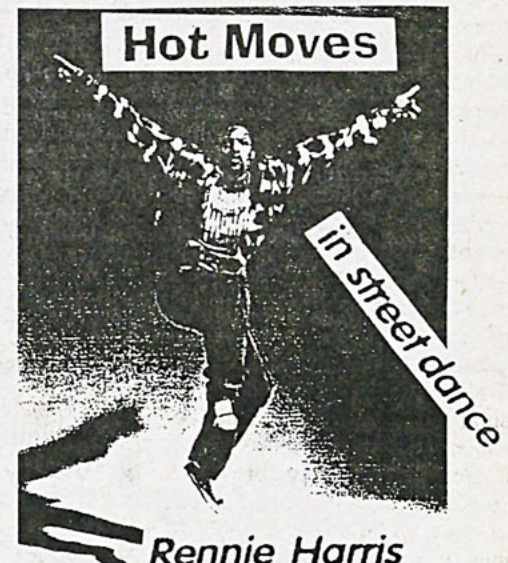
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Clubs Grow in Numbers and Success

By MIKE IVANUSIC and KEN COHEN
Sports Editors

Under the guidance of player/coach Pete Hoffman, the Allegheny College men's club hockey team is in the midst of one of their most successful seasons in a number of years. Entering tonight's game with Slippery Rock, Hoffman, a senior, has his troops near the top of the WCHA Western Division with a 4-1 record.

As a club sport, many students are unaware of the team's recent success. Some might believe it's a bunch of guys playing "pick-up" hockey in an unorganized league, but Hoffman reassures that skill-wise, the league is very competitive, but mainly revolves around having fun and giving guys who have played hockey previously an outlet.

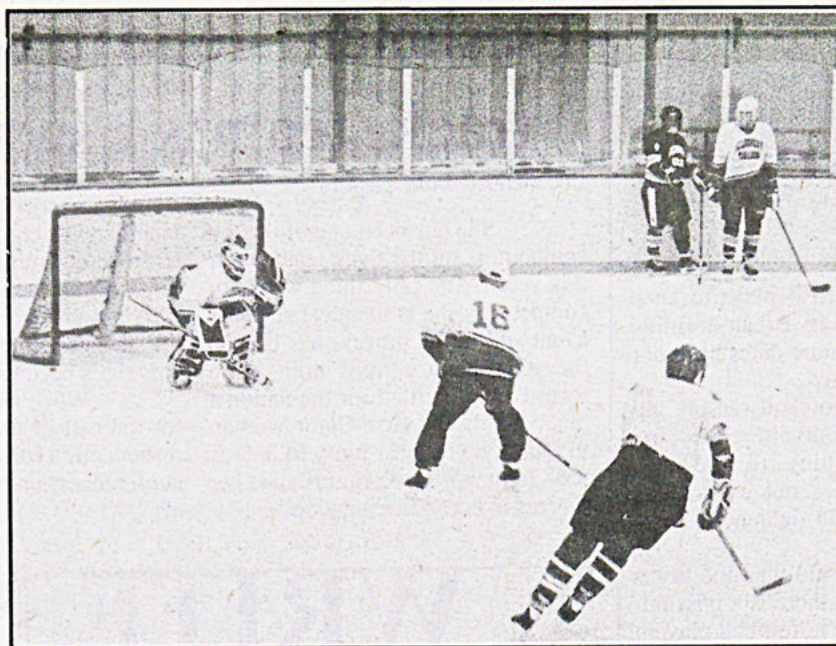
"Some guys had the option of playing varsity hockey elsewhere, but wanted to just have a good time playing," Hoffman said. For the most part, players came to Allegheny involved in other varsity sports, and decided to remain active in hockey once they found out about the club team.

A majority of the current Gators came in with a couple of years of hockey experience gained from playing in high school and with other club teams. The team is composed of athletes mainly from Buffalo, Cleveland and the Massachusetts and Connecticut region.

Hoffman added that there are not many from Pittsburgh, although hockey is growing in the area, especially with the success of Meadville High School.

When Hoffman arrived at Allegheny, he said five or six new players inquired about the team, and approximately the same number showed interest in each of his first three years. This year though, at the end of September, up to 30 men approached the player/coach.

The team has been molded into a core of 25 members. Eight seniors, including assistant captain Brian Thompson, Jay Milligan, and Chris Merski, head the team. With only four juniors, the Gators will rely on this year's



ON THE ICE— The hockey team endures another late night practice in preparation for tonight's game at the Recreation Complex. —Ryan Ott Photo

seven sophomores and six freshman to pickup the slack next year, in addition to a fresh crop of interested newcomers from next year's freshman class.

Like the hockey team, Allegheny's men's volleyball club has been around for more than a decade without having to compete with a varsity team to get players. Freshman Ryan Trzcianski would have probably been lured to a varsity program if there had been one. He competes annually on the East coast's amateur two-man beach volleyball circuit and plans to do the same this year. Trzcianski thinks that the Gator club team will prepare him well for the summer season. "We play good teams. Some even have their own coaches. It is a high caliber."

Although the team has no formal coach, senior Ryan Temel is in his second year as the club manager. "I did not play in high school," he said. "But I would say half the guys have high school experience."

The team will need any bit of experience it can get as the conference schedule is 18 games long and it all takes place during the second semester.

"We probably had about 25 guys try out this year, and so far all of the ones we took are traveling with us," said the captain. The roster of 13 is currently holding a 2-3 conference record, with all of the losses coming to teams from outside the division.

The Northern Division of the

Western Pennsylvania Conference has six teams that the Gators each play twice. The Southern Division also has seven teams, and Allegheny plays them once. All contests are five-game matches, unless there is a scheduled double-header. In that case, the matches are shortened to three games.

In preparation for the season, the club practiced at 7:00 am twice a week last semester. "It was rough," said Trzcianski. "Seven to nine is pretty early in the morning, but it was the only other time we could get the gym besides Friday and Saturday nights from midnight to two in the morning."

The club takes a back seat to varsity teams, and does not keep as strict coverage of their statistics, making it tough to rate players for floor time.

According to Temel, senior middle hitter Bruce Gunning is the team's most consistent player. "And he did not have any high school experience," adds Temel. "So whatever he has learned has been from his recent competition."

"The seniors are in control, and we go by who they think should play. There may be a little bias, but the seniors are probably the best guys on the team right now anyway," said Trzcianski.

The team will continue their drive to better last year's less than .500 mark Saturday at 7:00pm in the varsity gym against Penn State-Behrend. Only the top two teams in the division make the playoffs in April.

Pressure to Win is Found at Any Level

A VOICE FROM THE STANDS

I was reading Soccer Magazine this week, and to my surprise, they actually did a story on a Division III team. The story centered around Salisbury (MD) State's women's soccer team, and their handling of two games in two days.

Ken Cohen

I was really getting to enjoy the piece, when all of a sudden came a catch phrase that has managed to bust blood veins of mine since the first day I stepped onto Allegheny's campus in August: "After all, this is Division III."

I tried to put the line to rest and go on with the storyline, but at the end of the next paragraph, it appeared again. And again. And again.

The quote was being used as a tie-in for the whole story. Whenever something went wrong, or wasn't quite professional, the reader was made aware that this probably was occurring because the school was Division III.

Wait, it gets worse. The game being covered was taking place during a torrential downpour, according to the author, but at the same time there was hardly anyone at the field because the teams competing were only Division III.

What! Are you kidding me? Our football stadium is regularly packed in any weather. Our basketball teams... O.K., now I see the author's point.

Allegheny has a tremendous tradition in athletics, and every student here knows it, but this tradition includes more than the fall sports. Allegheny's first athletic championship of any kind came in basketball in 1894.

Last weekend, the women's team was playing a crucial NCAC conference game against division leader Wittenberg, and the largest section of seats were occupied by the Active Aging Senior Citizens.

Last week, junior Anson Park said, "When people show up and don't support a team; that is wrong." Being there is half the fun. Being vocal completes the picture.

Last season, fans taunted Slippery Rock players at a men's soccer game, and the team could not handle it. Two Rockets were ejected and the Gators won 3-0. Oh my, you mean we can be loud enough to evoke chaos in the opposition just like the Cameron Crazies? But we are only Division III.

Ask any athlete in any sport here, and they will tell you that the caliber of play here is not the same as Michigan, UCLA and Florida State, but the level of competition is. Winning is still the main objective, as opposed to going out there to have a good time.

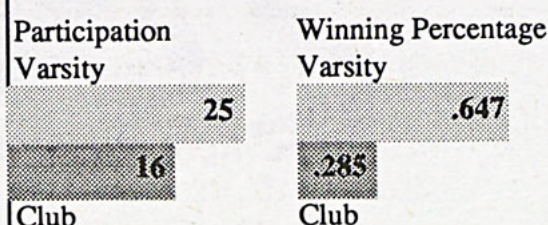
If winning were not so important, then we would not celebrate football conference championships, or qualifying runners and swimmers to national championships. We would not be so eager to recognize All-Americans and academic All-Americans.

My point here is not to win brownie points with coaches or players, or to turn *The Campus* into a cheerleader. This is about balanced support regardless of record or number of participants. Call it Affirmative Action Attendance.

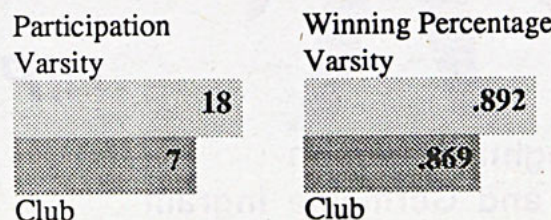
Proving this particular article (and others like it) wrong is not my justification for making this plea for support. My justification is that if a few more people were making a lot more noise Saturday, the women might have not lost by three points, and they might have won the NCAC, giving us another reason to celebrate which is definitely something none of us mind doing.

CLUB SPORTS VERSUS VARSITY SPORTS

Women's soccer at Allegheny — 1994



Men's volleyball at Penn State — 1994



As this graph displays, club athletics allows participants to play for enjoyment as opposed to the rigorous competition of varsity athletics, when the two options exist. The graphs compare participation and winning percentages between the Gators' NCAC third-place women's soccer team, and Penn State's National Finalists in men's volleyball. The difference is noticeable even when the varsity team is not fully-funded in scholarships. —Ken Cohen graphic

— The club volleyball team will try to even their 2-3 record against Penn State-Behrend Saturday at 7:00 pm in the varsity gym.

GATORS AT A GLANCE

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

NCAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (FEB. 5)

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
W	L	W L
WITTENBERG	13	0 19 2
OHIO WESLEYAN	10	2 17 3
ALLEGHENY	9	4 14 6
KENYON	6	8 10 8
CASE WESTERN	5	7 7 13
WOOSTER	4	8 6 13
DENISON	4	8 7 11
EARLHAM	4	9 7 11
OBERLIN	1	10 3 15

NCAC MEN'S BASKETBALL (FEB. 5)

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
W	L	W L
WOOSTER	12	0 19 1
WITTENBERG	9	4 15 6
KENYON	9	5 15 5
OHIO WESLEYAN	7	5 13 7
DENISON	6	7 11 9
CASE WESTERN	6	6 10 10
EARLHAM	3	10 5 15
ALLEGHENY	3	10 5 15
OBERLIN	2	10 4 15

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIM RESULTS

NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS

WOMEN (TENTATIVE)

50-YARD FREE	JAIME RUFFENNACH	24.70
100-YARD FREE	JAIME RUFFENNACH	53.70
	AMY SACUNAS	54.12
100-YARD BACK	LISA SOUDERS	1:00.74
	JENNIFER ERDOS	1:00.96
200-YARD BACK	JENNIFER ERDOS	2:09.40
	LISA SOUDERS	2:13.46
200-YARD BREAST	AMY SACUNAS	2:30.40
100-YARD FLY	JAIME RUFFENNACH	1:00.32
200-YARD IM	JAIME RUFFENNACH	2:13.90
400-YARD IM	JENNIFER ERDOS	4:42.19
	AMY SACUNAS	4:47.25
200-YARD FREE RELAY		1:40.70
400-YARD FREE RELAY		3:39.87
400-YARD MEDLEY RELAY		4:01.78

MEN (TENTATIVE)

100-YARD FREE	GREG PARKS	46.69
100-YARD FLY	GREG PARKS	51.10
1-METER DIVING	DAN NOEL	
	SCOTT WOLF	
3-METER DIVING	SCOTT WOLF	

WVIA (VOLLEYBALL) WPA CONF. (JAN. 30)

NORTH DIVISION	W	L
GROVE CITY	5	0
GANNON	3	1
BALDWIN-WALLACE	2	2
ALLEGHENY	2	3
WESTMINSTER	1	3
PSU-BEHREND	1	4

WPCHA (HOCKEY) WEST DIV. (FEB. 6)

SCHOOL	W	L	T	P
CARNEGIE MELLON	5	1	1	11
PITTSBURGH	4	2	0	8
SLIPPERY ROCK	3	3	1	7
ALLEGHENY	3	1	0	6
CC ALLEGHENY CO.	2	3	0	4
EDINBORO	0	7	0	0

NOTES

- The Schick Three-on-three basketball shootout will be held in the varsity gym Saturday at 4:00pm. Rosters are due in the Intramural office at the fieldhouse today.
- Rosters for Intramural bowling are due today in the intramural office.
- Intramural wrestling rosters are due in the intramural office by Friday, Feb. 24.
- Last week, senior Kim Huber became only the third women's basketball player in school history to score 1000 points and total 500 rebounds in her career.

Men's SWIMMING

RECORD: 5-4 in dual meets

NCAC RANK: NA

IN THE POOL... The men fell closer to the .500 mark with a pair of losses to NCAA Division II schools, Clarion (144-97) and Edinboro (127-105)... Four Gators have tentatively qualified (see panel at left) for the NCAA Division III National Championships to be held at Miami (OH) University the weekend of Mar. 16-18... Senior Dan Ledrick won the 200-yard breaststroke by two seconds... The next scheduled meet for the men is the NCAC Championship, to be held at Oberlin Feb. 15-18... Following the NCAC meet, the men will again look at conference opponents at the Case Western Reserve Invitational Feb. 25... Senior Scott Wolf won both the three-meter and one-meter diving events... Other solid individual performances were turned in over the weekend by junior Greg Parks and senior John Lindmark, finishing two-three in the 50-yard freestyle... Parks also finished in second in the 100-yard freestyle. —By Michelle Downes

Women's SWIMMING

RECORD: 7-2

NCAC RANK: NA

IN THE POOL... The women came out of Saturday's meet against two Division II schools, Clarion and Edinboro, with a win and a loss... The team fell for the second time this season to the Golden Eagles, this time by a score of 138-104... The Gators also disposed of Edinboro 157-66... Paced by freshman Jaime Ruffennach's qualification in four events, the team has tentatively qualified seven women in 14 events for the Division III title meet, to be held Mar. 9-11 at Wesleyan College in Connecticut... Winners over the weekend included freshman Jennifer Erdos in the 500-yard and 1000-yard freestyle, and Ruffennach in the 50-yard and the 100-yard freestyle... The next meet up for the women is the NCAC Championship, scheduled to coincide with the men at Oberlin, Feb. 15-18... The team will also attend the Case Western Reserve Invitational Feb. 25... The women are averaging over 100 points per win. —By Michelle Downes

Men's BASKETBALL

RECORD: 6-15

NCAC RANK: 8th (4-10)

ON THE COURT... The Gators lost to Penn State-Behrend last Wednesday for the first time in five years... Friday the team dropped a close home game to the Earlham Quakers, 62-61, falling to ninth place in the NCAC... To complete the wild week, the team beat the NCAC's second best team, Wittenberg, 73-63 at home on Saturday, reclaiming the conference's final tournament berth... Junior Dave Masciola totaled 60 points in the three games, boosting his average to a team-high 16.7 points per game... The NCAC tournament begins Feb. 21 at seeded schools and finishes Feb. 25... Yesterday, the team beat Oberlin 80-60, to help secure a bid to that tournament... The team's final three games are at home, and two of them (Ohio Wesleyan and Case Western Reserve) are conference games... "The young men on our team are very resilient. We were confident we could play with Wittenberg and did a better job executing," said head coach Phil Ness. —By Damion Jones

Women's BASKETBALL

RECORD: 15-6

NCAC RANK: Third (10-4)

ON THE COURT... The Allegheny women's basketball team split their two games this weekend, defeating Earlham 72-57 and losing to Wittenberg 68-64... The loss to the first place Tigers, the second this year, continues the Gators' trend of mediocre performances against top NCAC teams... Senior forward co-captain Erin McQuillan recorded her sixth double-double performance of the year with her 25-point, 10-rebound game against Wittenberg... Sophomore center Tammy McGill stepped up her game, pulling down seven rebounds against the Tigers while seeing additional playing time... Senior forward and co-captain Kim Huber now stands second in the NCAC in scoring with a 19.6 points per game average... The Gators will be tested Saturday at second-place Ohio Wesleyan (17-3;10-2). Tip off is slated for 2:00 pm... Jan. 30, the team beat NCAC foe Oberlin 67-33. The Gators never trailed in the game. —By Paul C. Evans

THIS WEEK IN GATOR SPORTS

TONIGHT

-No varsity events scheduled

-No intramural events scheduled.

FRIDAY

-No varsity events scheduled.

-No intramural events scheduled.

SATURDAY

WBB- at Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops at 2:00 pm.

MBB-Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops at 4:00 pm. Fieldhouse.

WIT- at Kent State Invitational at 11:00 am.

MIT- at Kent State Invitational at 11:00 am.

MONDAY

Intramural Blue League: Phrogg vs. Fat Guys 11:15 pm. Screwups vs. Dalmations 12:15 pm. Fieldhouse.

— KBY:

MBB- men's basketball. WBB- women's basketball. MIT- men's indoor track. WIT- women's indoor track.

TUESDAY

Intramural Gator League: SNG&Laska vs. Abits 11:15 pm. Aliens vs. KOK's Misfits 12:15 pm. Fieldhouse.

WEDNESDAY

Intramural Gator League: All-Star Game 5:45 pm. Fieldhouse.

WBB- at Carnegie Mellon Tartans at 7:00 pm.

MBB- St. John Fisher 7:30 pm. Fieldhouse.

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Sports

Men's Track Receives New Head Coach

Assistant Football Coach Leipheimer Assumes the Position

By MICHELLE DOWNES and KEN COHEN
Assistant Sports Editor and Sports Editor

Yesterday, the Office of Public Affairs announced the appointment of football defensive coordinator Jack Leipheimer as head coach of the men's indoor and outdoor track teams, effective July 1, 1995. Ralph White will remain at the helm of the women's cross country and track squads.

Leipheimer replaces White after eight seasons as the head coach of five Gator varsity programs. According to White, that workload was one of the primary reasons for the switch.

White said that during the year, he is always in season and can spend up to six hours a day at practice, "...when you are coaching pole vaulters, sprinters, distance runners, hurdlers, and shot putters, you can't just practice one time. We practice eight times during the day."

When White first arrived on the job in 1987, he was hired solely as the women's track and cross-country coach. His duties with the men's team were added the following year when George Yuhasz left track to concentrate on the men's cross country team.

The problem of time management was not nearly as apparent upon White's arrival. In 1987, the track and cross country teams had a total of eight coaches for six programs. Over the years, the number of coaches has dwindled to two, while the number of athletes has risen. White's only aid, graduate assistant Brian Olson, is not a full-time employee.

"It's ironic our team has grown and our coaching staff has shrunk," said White.

According to Charlie Pollock Secretary of the College and director of public affairs, another reason for the change was gender equity. Title IX, the gender equity law, states that women are entitled to a fair and equitable share of whatever opportunity a federally-assisted educational institution offers.

White, as head coach of both teams, was in charge of the track and field programs' funds and practices. Those practices and the teams' meets were often at the same times.

According to Leipheimer, the decision was one that had been developing for almost a year. "He (Athletics Director Rick Creehan) and I discussed things last spring and summer, then he called me back about a month ago."

In anticipation of the move, Leipheimer met with the Penn State men's track coach in conjunction with a football trip.

Leipheimer's experience transcends the football field, since he was with the Gator track team under Yuhasz for four years as the sprinting coach.

Still, the new coach admits he will need White's extensive experience. "Ralph is a great coach, and I plan to lean on him heavily. We have had a great relationship in the past, and I hope it will continue to be that way."

White is prepared to lend the helping hand. "I feel confident the two teams can work together very well," he said.

That is music to the ears of the men's team, which was concerned about the future of their close working relationship with the women's team.

"When you have an All-American middle distance runner (Laura Moeller) to train with, she can push you just as hard as any guy can," said men's team member sophomore Fred Hemminger.

White also stated that his newfound time with the women will give him a chance to take the team to a new level. The women have won five of the last six NCAC running championships, including seven straight conference cross country titles.

The men's program has also won seven of the last nine NCAC running championships, a tradition Leipheimer hopes to continue, but not until his official term begins July 1.

"Right now I want to interfere as little as possible with the current season," he said. "I certainly don't want to stick my nose into his program."

Team captains junior C.J. Morgante and senior Dave Murray met with Leipheimer Tuesday to convey the teams' perspective.

They said that there were two main concerns the squad had. First, they had hoped to maintain the high caliber of competition in seasons to come. The men's team largely runs at Division I invitationals that prepare them for the conference and national championships.

The men also wanted to ensure the fall training schedule and Leipheimer's priority of



GETTING READY—The men's track team prepares for the upcoming NCAC Championship by running outdoors. The track teams have no indoor track. Ryan Ott photo

Track Teams Enjoy Early Success

By Mike Ivanusic
Sports Editor

Last Saturday, only a fraction of the Gator indoor track teams traveled to a highly competitive meet at West Virginia. While some teammates trained through the weekend, a certain few competed in hopes of reaching national qualifying standards against Division I opponents. Team scores were not kept at the invitational.

Highlights of the meet included sophomore Maggie Rehm's fourth place in the 3,000 meter run (10:56.5), and the return of senior tri-captain Dave Murray in the shot put. Murray finished fourth in the standings with a personal best toss of 47' 5-3/4".

Tying his own school record in the high jump, freshman Chris Haberer cleared 6' 4" to win the event at West Virginia. Haberer is part of the influx of freshmen that have been contributing to the team's early season accomplishments.

Haberer, a history major hailing from Angola, New York, participated in volleyball, basketball and track in high school. His impressive resume included his alma mater's pentathlon, 110 high hurdles and the high jump records. His senior year in track cumulated with a second place in the state meet in which he reached 6' 8".

As an Allegheny freshman, Haberer has set the Gator record and has achieved his share of first places, but looks to reach the level he set in high school during this indoor season. He said it is "different jumping indoor" and is currently working on a new technique.

Assistant coach Brian Olson said, "He's ready to make a breakthrough. He's had unbelievable spring [over the past few meets] and is ready to break 6' 6" or 6' 8".

With a little over three weeks until NCAC's Olson claims Haberer is one of the top two jumpers in the conference. Olson added, "As far as I am concerned, he's the person to beat." In addition to Haberer, fellow classmate and jumper Steve Proctor is on the verge of a breakthrough jump. The Gators will have depth at all field events and will challenge for NCAC titles in each. "We will have someone challenging the leaders in every event at conferences," Olson said. The talent of the jumpers also includes newcomer on the women's team.

Freshman high jumper Kari Bonomo began her athletic career at Seneca Valley High School in Zelienople, Pa., where her team won the district championships her freshman year. She jumped very well in high school [her PR was 5' 5 1/2"] and was figured to be one of Allegheny's best track recruits on the women's side.

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LEFT COLD—Former men's track head coach Ralph White will coach women's track and cross country. —Ryan Ott Photo

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