

I do not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it. —Voltaire

Stats Reveal Higher SATs, Less Diversity

By ERICA ERWIN
News Editor

According to statistics recently published, the class of 2004 is already starting to make a name for itself.

Each year, the Office of Admissions compiles data on that year's incoming class, including geographic and ethnic breakdowns, as well as academic information and statistics regarding financial aid awards.

One of the distinct trends showing in the figures is an average increase in Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores among this year's incoming first-year students. Entering students scored an average of 1203 on the test, (603 and 600 on the math and verbal sections of the SAT, respectively) compared with an average score last year of 1196 (598 on both sections).

Although the SAT scores are stronger, Associate Director of Admissions Elizabeth Andracki believes they are not the only measure of a student, and says concentration is focused on a student's overall

transcript. She is most encouraged, she said, by the similarly rising percentage of accepted students who fall within the top five, 10 and 20 percent of their high school class, adding that those numbers are more reflective of the strength of a class.

Dean of Admissions Megan Murphy was attending a conference and was unavailable for comment.

Of this year's incoming class, 24 percent are in the top five percent of their class; 43 percent are in the top 10; and 68 percent are in the top 20 percent. These numbers compare with 20 percent, 37 percent and 65 percent, respectively, last year.

Andracki believes these numbers can only strengthen Allegheny, saying that students and parents consider those numbers when choosing a college.

A more dramatic trend is seen in a completely different category—ethnicity. Included in that category is a breakdown of international students, African-American students, Asian-American students, Latino students and Native-American students.

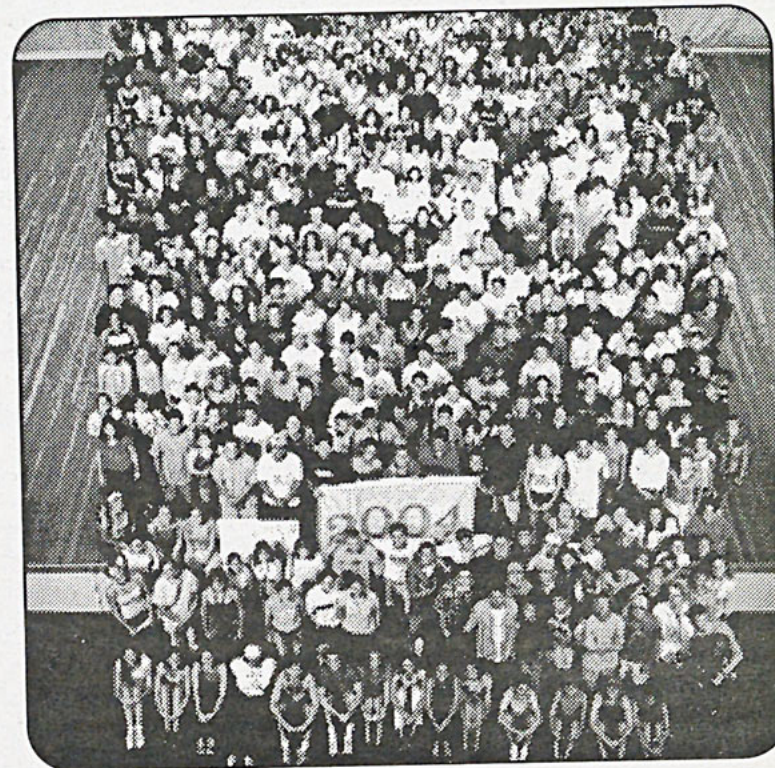
This year, 2.8 percent of the

incoming class, or 16 students, fit into these categories, as compared to 37 students the year before. The most significant drop was in those students of Latino heritage—one student this year, compared to nine in 1999.

Andracki couldn't account for the overall decrease, but said that recruitment of minorities was a constant challenge. She added that such recruitment efforts were increased this year, including programs offered by the Admissions Office such as the multi-cultural overnight visiting program and the Evening with Allegheny program.

Similarly, Admissions has been promoting a scholarship sponsored through LTV Steel of Pittsburgh for minority students. These programs and others, she said, were an indication of how committed the college was to diversity, adding that she believes people at Allegheny have good attitudes and open minds.

In what she calls a climate of tolerance, Andracki believes students of color can excel at Allegheny. She said it is these students who often act as the role models and leaders on



campus, and do a lot to make their cultures known on campus in a positive way.

Not only are less students of color coming to Allegheny, but more students are coming from within the state. Allegheny's largest pool of students has historically come from the tri-state area of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, and the statistics show the trend is increasing. More incoming students are from Pennsylvania than in prior years, a fact Andracki says is part of a national trend as students choose

to stay closer to home.

Schools with more students from within their state get more federal and state funding. The trade-off, therefore, is between geographic diversity and socio-economic diversity, as now more students can afford to come here, Andracki said.

Other statistics published were less surprising, and remained stable this year. The size of the class is almost equal to that of last year and the acceptance rate rose slightly more than one percent.

Class of 2004 First With Own Web Site

By JOHN PAUL MARCANTONIO
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Feel privileged, Class of 2004. You are the first class in the history of Allegheny College to have its own accepted student website.

The website—which is a special section of the college's website—is password protected so that only accepted students had the opportunity to access its pages.

"When admissions sent out acceptance letters to prospective students this year, we included a note at the bottom of the letter," said Associate Director of Admissions Jen Firek. "The message told them to check out the password protected site that is a part of the college's main site."

"This is the first year that accepted students have had the opportunity to access separate pages of the college's website that are geared toward them," said Firek.

The site, which went live in January 2000, to accommodate early decision students, has been well received.

"Although the numbers are not official, over 75% of this year's first-year class gave the office of admissions permission to put their information on the site," added Firek.

The first item that would appear as soon as an incoming student logged on to the site was a welcoming letter from Dean of Admissions Megan Murphy.

Site-surfers then had the option to view a number of different areas. One of the most popular seemed to be the email database directory. Incoming first-years had the opportunity to submit their home email address as well as interests, hobbies, hometown, and high school.

"We actually employed a student to call each incoming freshman to ask them for their personal information and then for the permission to enter it into the email database," said Firek.

"The site helped me out a great deal, especially the part with the email addresses. It gave me the opportunity to get to know my roommate before I even arrived for orientation," said first-year Brooke Woods.

Other areas of the site included an orientation page, which gave some basic information about student orientation that was created by Associate Director of Student Activities Nancy Frambes.

Also included in the page was a link to the financial aid department as well as a link to the online bookstore. The bookstore link allowed parents of the incoming first-years to buy their son or daughter an Allegheny sweatshirt or other Allegheny products for graduation presets.

Another of the links on the page was the Ask-An-Alleghenian page. This page was comprised of current Allegheny students names, profiles, email addresses, and in most cases pictures. This section allowed the incoming students to ask these former students questions about social life at Allegheny that they may have been afraid to ask a member of the admissions staff.

One of the more creative sections on the site was designed

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Profs: 'Keep An Open Mind' Picking Classes

By SHANNON HARBAUGH
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"Keep an open mind when deciding what classes to enroll in" was the unanimous piece of advice three advisers from three different departments tell their advisees.

Even if first-year students are certain about what major they intend on pursuing, English professor, Diane D'Amico, instructor of a First Seminar (FS) 101 entitled, "Huddled Masses and Immigrant Voices", advises that "students should be open to taking a variety of classes, because those decisions can change and they now have an opportunity to explore different disciplines."

"Explore and try new things," was a related comment that professor of environmental science and instructor of the FS 101 class enti-

tled "Human Geography of Where We Grow Up", Terrence Benseal advises his students. "If you add up all the requirements, even for the more demanding majors such as environmental science, biology, and chemistry, you still have two to three semesters to take whatever you would like," continued Benseal. "This leaves eight to 16 courses of your choice that you have as an opportunity to explore the areas you are interested in."

Benseal explained that only half the courses students would take count for the major, and after the minor and other requirements are filled, students still has time to pursue classes that may personally interest them.

Instructor of psychology and FS 101 entitled "Gender, Images, Identities, and Issues" Deborah Dickey assigns her first-year students to take a look at the course catalogue

just for the purpose of choosing 15 classes because of interest before looking at what requirements each will fulfill. "The students look at classes without thinking about distribution, but just to pursue their interests." Dickey said that first year students "should be open minded and flexible. Students should look at interdisciplinary studies and use the first-year as an opportunity to explore."

Broaden your variety of classes by consulting the catalogue or Allegheny website under "registration" for a listing of all classes offered.

For example, an environmental English class is being offered for the first time this semester by a new arrival, Sean O'Grady, professor of English. Hidden in the English department under "Forms of Nonfiction," O'Grady's class is exploring nonfiction writ-

ing from an environmental perspective and incorporating ideas of philosophy

For those students wishing to add just one more credit hour, or if you just find that Sundays are boring, a dance class will be offered this semester. On Sunday, Sept. 10, Lani Weissbach will begin a 12-week study of Butoh, a Japanese dance. "These sorts of opportunities are not readily available in this area," said Jan Hyatt, dance instructor and coordinator. If you are interested, Hyatt can be reached during her office hours, or you can just show up at the Montgomery Performance Space on Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

Hyatt also wanted to let anyone interested in improvisational dance or music to come by the Montgomery Performance Space every Friday at 4:30 p.m.

Dorm, Sweet Dorm: Affordable, Attractive Décor is Possible

Many incoming college students accustomed to the comforts of home are looking for ways to add their personal style to the rather drab dorm rooms found on many campuses. Although dormitory living is temporary, personalized space is important to many of today's college students. Adding small individual touches can help to ease the transition of the first home-away-from-home.

"Today's college students view their residence hall as more than just a place to sleep," said Dr. Brit Katz, director of residence life at Emory University. "They want a living environment that not only complements but enhances their life on campus and the desire to personalize their space is of the utmost importance."

NOVICA.com, the first and leading major e-commerce site specializing in handcrafted goods, provides and opportunity to create a truly distinctive dorm room. The site has thousands of items that fit students' budgets and are shipped directly from artisans around the world.

Students can transform mundane dorm rooms and closets with handmade pillows and beaded purses from Bali; elaborate bed sets and shawls from India; exotic masks from the island of Lombok; rustic journals and photo albums from Java; intricate candleholders and contemporary cubist art from Brazil; wild-animal print candles from Zimbabwe; jewelry and silk scarves from southeast Asia; and dresses and fine alpaca sweaters from the Andes.

NOVICA's items start under \$20 and the site features elaborate histographies detailing featured artists' lives, countries of origin and the influences that have inspired their work.

For those who prefer the Pier 1 "look," Joy Rich offered a few more tips for students:

- No place to sit and relax after a long day of exams? Long considered the recliner of the college crowd, Papasan chairs offer a comfortable alternative to the floor.

- Just because you live on pizza doesn't mean you can't eat like a civilized person. Affordable dinnerware in funky colors and patterns complement anyone's taste.

- Floor pillows are perfect for at-home movie nights and throw pillows add a splash of color to any space.

The closest Pier 1 store is located at 5666 Peach St. in Erie, or you can shop online at www.pier1.com. The store is offering 15 percent off regular and clearance merchandise to students with a valid college ID through Sept. 30.

Walls and windows can be transformed dramatically without a single nail or paintbrush. Many wallpaper borders are self-adhesive, removable and come in styles ranging from traditional to whimsical.

"Don't limit yourself to hanging the border at the top of the wall," suggested Lesley Carlson of The Home Depot, 7451 Peach St. in Erie or online at www.homedepot.com. "Use them around doorways or to frame a wall area. You also can add your own designs to a plain border using acrylic paints and sponge

stamps."

A typical self-adhesive border costs less than \$10 for 15 feet and is available in a wide variety of colors, prints and patterns. To cover an even larger space creatively with a removable adhesive product, check out today's versions of contact paper. For the especially spirited student, Carlson said Home Depot can special-order wallpaper borders featuring school mascots.

Vertical room mirrors are a must and, depending on the placement, have the added bonus of creating the illusion of extra space.

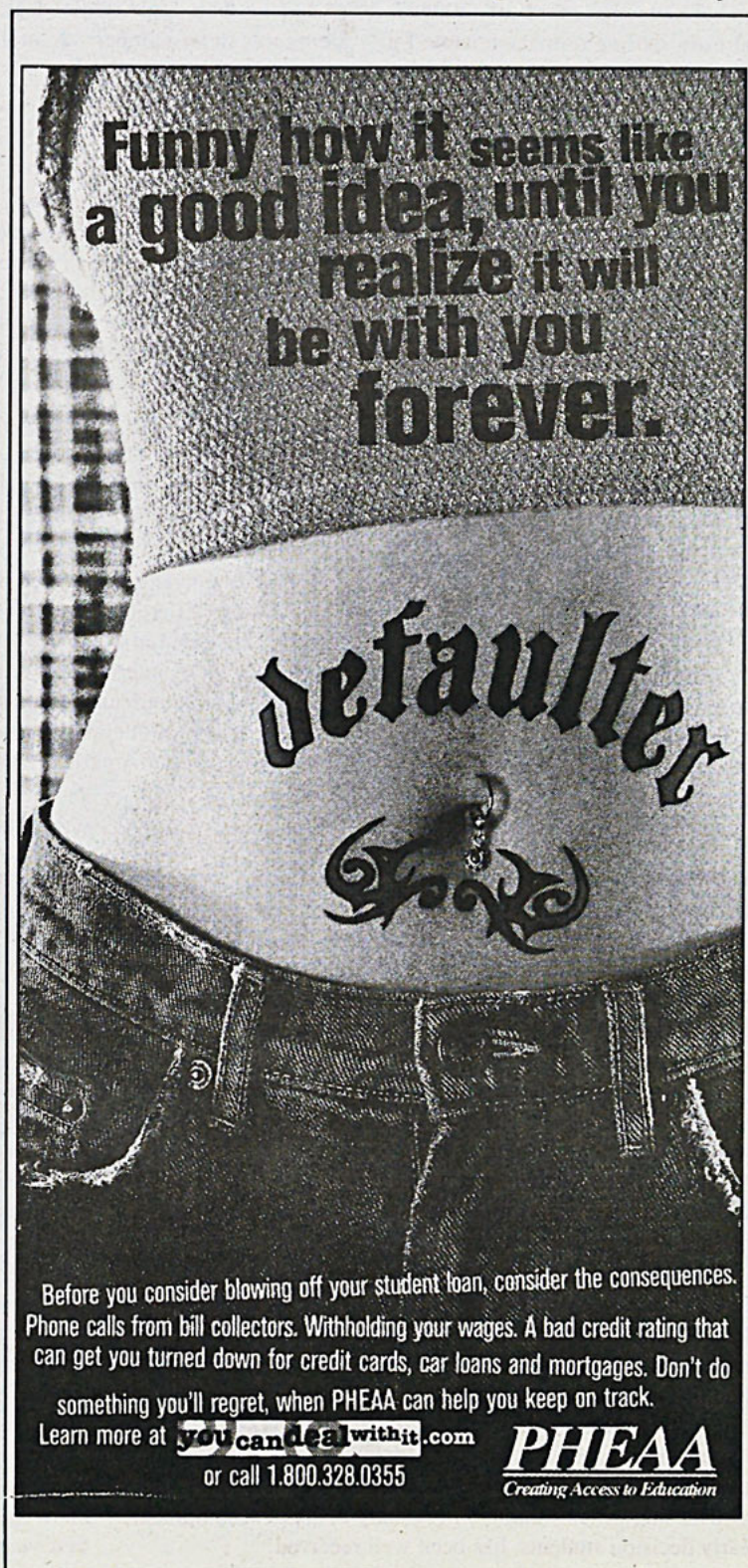
Interior designers always stress the importance of window treatments to make a statement. For dorm rooms, a window valence can work magic in making a dorm room feel like a home. Tension rods with spring mechanisms allow students to hang many styles of window treatments without the need for nails or screws.

For late-night study sessions, proper lighting is essential. Carlson said Home Depot's lighting selection includes a multitude of adjustable desk lights, some with built-in organizers, as well as touch lamps that turn on instantly with the touch of a hand.

Storage Tips

Perhaps the biggest dorm-room challenge, once you've placed your colorful throw pillows and hung your curtains, is finding space to store all your belongings and still have room to move. According to Carlson, students should separate their storage into "dead" and "dis-

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Funny how it seems like a good idea, until you realize it will be with you forever.

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Get Involved!

The education that Allegheny students receive from this liberal arts institution goes above and beyond what is presented in classes.

A liberal arts education is said to best develop individual potential and enables participants to experience and enjoy life to the fullest, allowing the mind to encompass all aspects of the world, according to the Allegheny College Catalogue.

We believe, in order to fully take advantage of the liberal arts education and the opportunities and responsibilities that are incorporated with this curriculum, students should get involved with activities outside of the usual class work.

Whether you are fascinated with athletics, computers, music, dance, skiing, politics, Greek life, religion, or radio broadcast, Allegheny has an organization to meet your interests. If you cannot find a preexisting group or club that satisfies your need for an extra-curricular activity, the opportunity and funds to pull one together are waiting. For example, the need for a women's crew team was identified, and is now in its beginning stages thanks to some enthusiastic students.

The Catalogue also explains that a liberal arts education should create "responsible citizens who are equipped to meet the vexing problems confronting all society." This requirement could be met by getting involved with the Meadville activities by attending church or checking out the theatre on a Friday or Saturday evening.

Allegheny prides itself on having many students committed to service. Students service offers a hands-on way to experience in a sphere outside of the college boundaries. It is a way of bridging the gap between Allegheny College and the Meadville community. The Allegheny Service Network (ASN) works to establish service opportunities and advancements for Alleghenians wanting to help those in need.

Between classes, organizations, and clubs Allegheny students can also attend numerous programs and shows brought to campus through the office of events. For a weekly update, check out the Inside News e-mail that is updated every Monday morning.

Ways to spend your free time do not end at the edge of the campus, the city of Meadville has many places to go in order to escape campus.

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You're Only A First-Year Student Once

You walk into the very first class of your college career, relieved to be on time and in the right place. You dodge the glaring eyes of a few juniors, maybe even seniors, and your heart begins to race. You're not quite sure what to expect, surrounded by people who have already adjusted to the academic scene. This is hardly routine for you.

Abby Collier

No one bats an eye when the professor walks into the room, but you sit up straight. After all, he has a ponytail, he's wearing Birkenstocks, and he looks like Michael Bolton. He dives into his expectations, which include participation, papers, oral presentations, and exams, not to mention the reading. You're not sitting up so straight anymore. In fact, you continue to sink further and further into your seat. You want to disappear, to crawl into a black hole and never come out. You don't want to be a first-year student anymore.

Last year I was that student. When I walked into my first History class I felt like turning around and walking right back out. In fact, I wanted to run. Because I was intimidated by the new atmosphere, I was hesitant to share my ideas and express my opinions. Overwhelmed by expectations, I thought that what I had to contribute wasn't important just because it was my first year at Allegheny. I wish someone would've been around to tell me how wrong I was.

It's hard to remember, especially now, that everyone started out in the

shoes you tied this morning. Most everything is different, so it's hard to know how to react. Upon your arrival, you're immediately bombarded with tons of information and instructions. The scene is overwhelming, and it doesn't die down.

First, you're handed a key and you manage to move into your room. Amid the shock of no air conditioning and only one shower for you and your 10 hall mates, you're presented with the Roommate's Handbook, as if a simple contract will change the fact that you have absolutely nothing in common with that stranger across the room.

Then, if you survive the lovely icebreakers of Orientation, you move on to bigger and better things, like scheduling classes that you won't get into and begging for them at Arena, spending an insane amount of money at the bookstore, and attempting to digest Brooks, and Schultz, and McKinley's.

You end up missing your own bed, your friends, and maybe even your parents (at least their cuisine), although you'd never admit to it. You're essentially on your own now and finally independent, but that can have drawbacks when it's entirely new, especially when you're labeled as a grunt and you have to start out at the very bottom.

Just like high school, you've enrolled into an institution that supports seniority, both academically and socially. There's a top, and then there's a bottom. For some, it's payback time, time to exert their "upperclassmen" status because their knowledge gives them an advantage and makes them feel superior. They spent a year at the bottom of the totem pole too, and now they get a kick out of watching

new students struggle to adjust.

I must emphasize that everyone is equal here, despite their class rank. Don't be discouraged or intimidated by any arrogance around you. It's inevitable that some upperclassmen will have an axe to grind, so let them grind it.

No matter what situation you find yourself in, there's no need to get caught up in the doom and gloom of things. Allegheny provides the world at your fingertips, and as a first-year student you're welcomed with open arms to thousands of opportunities. You can try things you never imagined, and in doing so discover the ultimate glory of college life. You'll make new friends, take a liking to cafeteria food, and actually miss fighting for a hot shower while you're away. This is your life now, and soon it will be your home. Nothing can stop you now, no one but you can prevent you from reaching your goals. Allegheny opens the door, and you need to know that it's okay to walk through it.

Even though they're now called professors instead of teachers and exams instead of tests, one thing hasn't changed. First-year student or not, you're still growing and changing. Use this time wisely to develop into the person you want to be, don't waste it wishing you were someone else. Before you know it your time will come and you will have reached the top, and by then you'll be wishing that you could walk back into Michael Bolton's classroom for the very first time and start all over again.

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College Transition Challenge For Students

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So, you've graduated from high school and waded through mountains of college viewbooks. You've filled out reams of applications, written essays until your fingers ached and you've sweated through the financial aid circus. You're here, finally, so let the good times roll, right? Of course, there's the nuisance of going to classes, but everyone says college is party time.

Then comes the reality check. It suddenly hits you that you're not in high school anymore. Classes are harder, there's more responsibility and professors don't hold your hand. The transition from your former life can be a jolt to your system.

According to Jacquie Kondrot, Director of the Counseling Center, first-year students can face a whole set of unique challenges that come with the change in territory. Kondrot listed homesickness, general stress, time management, academics and relationship stress as some of the top concerns of first-year students. "It's very common to develop such concerns at this stage in life," she said. "The combination of a new environment at times and the importance culture places on this change does something to our heads."

Kondrot called these concerns normal, but said everyone faces different challenges when entering college. "It's not always the same thing," she said. "It's hard to anticipate [what problems students will face]." She also added that students deal with stress differently, which could play a large role in how the student copes with adjustment to

college life. "We all cope with stress differently and have our own support systems, our own psychological profiles," said Kondrot.

Along with the general concerns expressed by first-year students, Kondrot identified six "make-or-break" situations that, depending on the outcome, could have a negative impact on an incoming student's experience. These include the student's roommate, a physical illness, difference at home, or a break-up in a relationship. Negative experiences in courses or in orientation programs could also be factors. "Many students just lack the preparation, academically and socially," Kondrot added.

Here at Allegheny, all students, not just first-years, many face additional stress due to the rigorous academics, so if you're already stressing, you're not alone. "Because Allegheny is highly selective, it can be a huge stressor for many people. The other side of the coin is that there's a lot of support available here," said Kondrot. "We tend to be highly perfectionistic and highly achieving. Many times we get ourselves over-extended in this environment," she added. "Before we know it, we're in up to our neck. Being able to find your own voice and comfort level is a very unique challenge."

Being able to do that may be easier said than done in a setting that has many doubting their self-esteem. A lack of self-esteem could contribute to a growing number of students with depression, anxiety, and eating disorders. "We finally get a sense [of our self-esteem], and then we come here," said Kondrot. "Everything we thought we were is

up for questioning again, and that leaves us very vulnerable. It's a new test of who we are – encountering difference, being challenged in our beliefs." This loss of self may be why many students, especially incoming ones, see college as a time of experimentation, a time to test the waters and try on different hats.

Kondrot says that some problems stem from students comparing themselves to others to judge what is "normal." "Don't compare yourself to other people," she stressed. "We need to honor our differences

and understand that they are valuable in this environment. In spite of what you see, most people are unsure of themselves and whatever you're feeling, you're usually not alone."

So what can you do if you're feeling down in the dumps, having a problem with your roommate, or just need to talk to someone? Kondrot urged students to make the most of resources available here at Allegheny and in the community, including the Counseling Center's web site, which has valuable links to

other helpful sites.

Along with friends and family, other resources include the Residence Life, Dean of Students and Religious Life offices. The Counseling Center itself is open from 8 a.m. until noon and again from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. All meetings are confidential.

As a final piece of advice, Kondrot said, "Draw upon your resources and know that they're there – both internal and external. Breathe!"

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play" storage.

Dead storage is for items like out-of-season clothing, sports equipment and completed schoolwork, which are best stored in large containers under beds or in remote closet spaces. Home Depot and other stores carry various sizes of Rubbermaid containers, shelving units with drawers and down rods and freestanding plastic and wire storage units.

Display storage has the dual purpose of organizing and showcasing plants, books and photos. Cinder blocks and 1x12 boards make for a sturdy, inexpensive

bookshelf that, with a little paint, can become a stylish addition to any dorm room. Home Depot carries stock table legs ranging in size from six to 28 inches that come with a heavy screw-in at the top. Affix the legs to a strong piece of wood and you have an instant TV stand or end table.

Finally, Carlson added, "The Home Depot paint department can mix up your school colors in an instant. All we need is a sample from a brochure or game program to come up with the paint formula to match your school color."

WEB SITE

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on paper by graduate Trey Adams and then converted to electronic media by Allegheny graduate and current Manager of Media and Web Communications Erin McAdams.

In this section the Student Viewpoint informed incoming students of some interesting things about Allegheny that they weren't going to get from a media guide. Student Viewpoint contains such useful information as the best places to eat off campus, what typical students do on weekends, and even discusses the folklore of the

13th Plank.

McAdams was responsible for aiding Webmaster Sue Fenton in creating and sustaining the site, which is in its first year of operation.

"When we decided to go live with this year's site we referred to the templates from last year's proposed site," McAdams said. "We then updated the information and added a whole slew of new items."

In addition to all of the informative functions of the site, newly accepted students had the option to

sign up for such activities as Scholar's Weekend and Multicultural Weekend.

"I went on the website frequently and found that the student directory was very helpful.

"It allowed me to email other incoming first-years and I found other people that had the same interests as mine," said first-year Leann Petrilla.

"The summer student directory is just another bonus that a small school like Allegheny has over a larger university," she added.

Who Wants To Be A Movie Star?

Me too... But would you settle for an extra?

The Independent film "Muddy Waters" has been shot in town over the summer and needs help for the final scenes. Many Allegheny students, alumni, and professors were involved in the production.

SUNDAY SHOOT

Please be at Quigley Auditorium at 1pm this Sunday for a 2 hour shoot.

Bring food, drink, work, reading material, etc. Any questions contact Gene Hong genehong50@hotmail.com

WEEKEND *Features, Music, Movies, Humor*

Meadville Unmasked:

It's A Beautiful Day in Our Neighborhood

By ABBY MILLIGAN
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So, you've been in Meadville for about two weeks now and you've been wondering what's actually in this town besides Allegheny College. Wonder no more. Meadville has more to offer than you might assume, and I'm here to tell you where to look for it. This is your unofficial college student's guide to the City of Meadville.

Here's some useful information: Even though Wal-Mart has pretty much everything, there are many alternatives in Meadville itself.

For instance, the downtown area is laced with shops and eateries that are enjoyed by most everyone. Chestnut Street houses Jack's Pharmacy, which has most all personal items you would need, and Hunter's News, which has virtually every magazine ever published. Julian's Coffee Shop is a great place to pop into for a tasty cup of cappuccino.

Nearby is the Meadville Market House, one of the oldest establishments in Meadville itself. Visit for fresh produce, great molasses cookies and a homecooked meal in its restaurant. The Academy Theatre, also a Meadville landmark, is on Chestnut Street and showcases a variety of performances each year. A Salvation Army thrift store also has a spot on the nearby Market Street. Only a few blocks from campus, Chestnut Street and the surrounding area has great shops with a genuine community atmosphere.

Addicted to Activities? *Take a Trip Through Club Offerings*

By AMY ZADER
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Just as first-years are getting settled in with their class schedules and the experience of living away from home, they have another aspect of college life to look forward to: activities!

In college, activities can help first-year students get involved in things that they are really interested in. They are a great way to meet new people and to begin building a resume early.

Although the Activities Fair was just last night, there are many groups around campus that are looking for new members.

Contact information for all of the groups on campus is listed in

the Compass. Also, students who are looking for activities, but are not quite sure where they should start, can go to the Office of Student Activities located on the second floor of the Campus Center. Below is a brief profile of student activities here at Allegheny:

Religious Groups

No matter what your religion, these organizations are a great way to meet other students of your respective faith. Most of the groups meet for weekly activities during which you can get to know other students who share your religious views.

Allegheny Christian Outreach



COFFEE & NEWS — Hunter's News and Julian's Coffee, on Chestnut St. downtown, are among the spots to stop on your trip through Meadville.

—photo by Abby Milligan

The Downtown Mall, located near Chestnut Street, is also only a short walk from campus. It includes stores like Big Lots, with better prices than Wal-Mart and some different products to sell. The Downtown Mall also includes a Dollar General Store, a Blockbuster, a Hallmark store, a tanning/clothes boutique and a tanning/hair salon. A store called In Phase sells unique posters, cards, jewelry and decorations and should entice at least a quick stop at the mall.

The Park Avenue Plaza is located just over the Park Avenue Bridge. This plaza contains one of the most fabulous stores in Meadville: Value City. You can find anything and everything at this department store and it's refreshingly cheap. What you can't find at Value City you're sure to discover in the Value Home Center hardware store or Peebles department store. Peebles is similar to a Bon-Ton or Kaufmann's, so you have somewhere close to campus to shop to replace designer cosmetics, which is very convenient. Park Avenue Plaza also houses a Radio Shack, and pet and dollar stores.

Montgomery Wards and a Big K-Mart are popular at the Meadville Mall, located about 4 miles west of downtown. This plaza also has two shoe stores, including a footlocker for sporty tennis shoes and a Payless Shoe Source, housing a variety of different styles. The Meadville Mall also contains a DEB's shop to cater to the trendy shopper.

Aside from shopping, one can go to shows, movies, and parks for entertainment. The Meadville Cinema is located downtown and has viewings every afternoon and evening. Again, the Academy Theatre produces a variety of diverse shows

throughout each season.

The Baldwin-Reynolds House Museum is a popular historical sight to visit. Also, checking out the David Mead Log Cabin is interesting to those not originally from the Meadville area. The Baldwin-Reynolds house is located on Terrace St. and the David Mead Log Cabin is just outside of town on French Creek.

Appreciating the natural beauty of the area can be done at Woodcock Dam and Tamarack Lake. These water reservoirs are outlined with hiking, roller blading, and biking trails. The banks of French Creek are also a good place to get in touch with nature.

Another valuable asset to Meadville is the public library. The building is beautiful and contains a wide assortment of books. You can find the public library on North Main Street near the diamond.

Knowing local restaurants is key to getting out and tasting exceptional food. Some favorites include Chippers Pub, Pub on the Square, The Whole Darn Thing, and Valenti's Restaurant, all located in the downtown area. Other Meadville restaurants that are popular with Alleghenians are Sandy's European Marketplace, Carini's and Ricci's. If you want to sample the best ice cream you've ever tasted, be sure to make your way to Hank's before the summer's over.

I hope this article will entice you to travel outside Allegheny's campus and into the town of Meadville and also act as a guide to the entertainment that is within it.

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Sojourners Christian Fellowship
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of Catholic students

Religious Life Council

Islamic Awareness Association.

Social Action Groups

Join other college students who share your frustrations with justice in the world by joining an environmental, human rights, or gender equality group.

Or you can take part in helping the college's own environment-friendly coffee shop. Wherever your interests may lie, college is an exciting time to get involved with social action

groups.

Amnesty International
Grounds for Change Coffee House

Students for Environmental Action (SEA)

Society for the Advancement of Gender Equality (SAGE)

Service-Related/Leadership

Want to make a difference in the community? Participate in a

service organization! Want to take part in planning activities on campus? Join GAP! Whatever you choose, you can strengthen leadership skills and make a difference.

Allegheny Service Network
Habitat for Humanity

Alpha Phi Omega

Gator Activities Programming (GAP)

Allegheny Leaders and Liasons
SEARCH

Political

If you want to share your excitement in the upcoming election, join a political group on campus. Allegheny has both a College Republicans and a Young Democrats group on campus. Anyone interested in debate or world politics can join the debate team and Model UN. If you want to get the true of experience of politics in action, join ASG today!

Allegheny Student Government (ASG)

College Republicans

Debate Team

Model United Nations

Young Democrats

Diversity Groups

Celebrate diversity with one of these organizations on campus. All groups are open to anyone who wants to join.

Allegheny Gay Pride (AGP)

Allegheny Non-traditional Students

Association for the Advancement of Black Culture (ABC)

Association for Asian and Asian-American Awareness (A5)

International Club

Union Latina

Club Sports

Like sports but don't have the time to commit to a level varsity sport? Join one of Allegheny's fantastic club sport organizations! If you like to camp, hike, and canoe, take part in one of the Allegheny Outing Club's wonderful adventures.

Allegheny Outing Club

Allegheny Ski Club

Cheerleaders

Hockey

Intramural Sports

Lacrosse

Rugby

Self-Defense Club

Ultimate Frisbee Organization

Volleyball

Women's Club Soccer

Academic Interest Groups

For anyone interested in a spe-

cific academic area of interest, but you're not sure you want to major in it, the academic interest groups are a great way to find out if you fit in. Or if you are thinking of medical school, become a certified EMS or take part in the Medical Ethics Journal Club.

Association for Computing Machinery

Chemii Club

Dimensions

Economics Society

EMS (Emergency Medical Systems)

Geology Club

Medical Ethics Journal Club

Philosophical Forum

Theater/Art

For anyone who is interested in theater, Allegheny offers a wide variety of organizations to participate in. Whether its acting, directing, production, or set design, get your start here!

Allegheny Improv UnLTD

Allegheny Roles and Games Organization

Student Experimental Theater

Student Art Society

Writing

Tired of writing all those assigned papers for class and anxious to write something in your own style? Show off your creativity in one of these groups.

Allegheny Review and Allegheny Literary Journal

The Campus Newspaper
Golem

Dance

Dancing is a fun way to get to know other students. Allegheny offers a wide variety of performance and social dance organizations. Take your pick!

Allegheny Liturgical Dance Choir

Allegheny Repertory Dance

Dance Team

Orchesis Dance Company

Social Dance Ensemble

Music

Whether you like singing, playing an instrument, or just listening to music, Allegheny offers a wide variety of music organizations just for you!

Allegheny College Amateur Radio Association

Allegheny College Choirs

Allegation

Chamber Orchestra

Civic Symphony

Sons of Pitches

WARC Radio

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SPORTS

Scores, Schedules, Columns, Features

Football Opens with 48-21 Mt. Union Loss

The Mount Union Purple Raiders showed why they are the number one ranked team in the nation with 48-21 win over the Allegheny Gators in front of 3,116 at Robertson Field Sept. 2.

The Purple Raiders scored 17 points in the second and third quarters, opening up a close game that was once tied midway through the first quarter.

The Gators held Mount Union on downs on the opening possession of the game, as Derek Vikara stuffed Dan Pugh at the 2-yard line on fourth and goal from the seven. However, the Gators went three-and-out on their possession, allowing Mount Union a short drive for a touchdown to take a 7-0 lead.

Allegheny answered on its next possession, as sophomore quarterback Joe Cowart, making his second collegiate start, connected with LaMarcus Thurman on the opening play of the drive for a 40-yard completion to the Purple Raider 26-yard line. Seven plays later, Shane Ream found paydirt from the 2-yard line to knot the game at 7-7. From there, though, Mount Union would dominate the scoreboard.

The Purple Raiders scored on their next to possessions and then added a field goal to make the score 24-7 at the half. Mount widened its lead to 31-7 early in the third quarter, before Allegheny got a lucky break that led to a score midway through the third quarter.

Championship Team To Enter Hall of Fame

Then-Athletics Director Norm Sundstrom called it "the greatest athletics achievement in Allegheny's 175 years." And because of it, the usual selection process for the Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame took the year off.

This year there is but a single inductee into the Hall of Fame, the 1990 National Championship Football Team. The annual ceremony coincides once again with Homecoming Weekend.

The Gator's electrifying 21-14 come-from-behind, overtime victory over Lycoming, on Dec. 8, 1990, was cinched when quarterback Jeff Filkovski hit tight end Kurt Reiser with a 15-yard touchdown pass on the Gator's overtime possession. Then cornerback Tony Bifulco ended the game with an interception on fourth-and-long on Lycoming's OT possession.

ESPN College Football Producer Brian Williams called it "the most exciting game we've done all year."

The annual induction ceremony will be held September 29, at The David V. Wise Sport and Fitness Center on Allegheny's campus. The performance arena will be turned into a banquet hall for this special event.

The program includes a viewing of the 1990 highlight tape, an audio presentation of the season by the voice-of-the-Gators Ray Horner and a video message from former head coach, Ken O'Keefe.

Tickets to the induction dinner can be purchased by calling Mandy Prusia at (814) 332-3351 or by writing to: Hall of Fame Induction, P.O. Box AC, 520 North Main St., Meadville, PA 16335.

On fourth-and-10, Cowart zipped a pass intended for tight end Jared McNeilly, the ball deflected off his hands and into the waiting arms of Thurman who sprinted to the end zone

for a 41-yard TD reception.

Jeremy Snyder rounded out the scoring with a 4-yard TD run late in the fourth quarter.

The Gators could not get into an offensive

rhythm against an overpowering Mount Union defense as the Purple Raiders out-gained Allegheny 536 to 254. The relentless Mount Union passing attack converted 20-of-26 passes for 223 yards, while the ground attack totaled 313 yards.

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The Gators, now 0-1 on the season, take on Washington & Jefferson Saturday at Robertson Field. Kickoff is set for 1:00 p.m.

The Allegheny College football team was picked to finish second by the coaches and the media at the 17th annual North Coast Athletic Conference Media Day. The Gators, who tallied four first place votes in the media poll and two in the coaches' poll, stood behind only Wittenberg in the voting.

Scores & Recaps

Men's Soccer

Date: Sept. 5, 2000
Opponent: Mount Union
Final: W, 2-0

The Gators picked up their first win of the season with a 2-0 win over visiting Mount Union at Robertson Field this afternoon. After a scoreless first half, Allegheny took a 1-0 lead just three minutes into the second half when Eric Bland tallied his first collegiate goal. Justin DeLeon picked up his second assist of the season on the goal. Matt Sowa added an insurance goal in the 60th minute, his first of the season, from Brett Weber. Josh Ver Hague went the distance in goal, stopping three shots for his first win of the season. The win upped Allegheny's record to 1-2 on the

year.

Next: At Virginia Wesleyan Tourn., Sept. 9-10

Women's Soccer

Date: Sept. 3, 2000
Opponent: Geneseo
Final: W, 4-1

The Gators took the championship in the annual Allegheny Classic with a 4-1 win over Geneseo today at Robertson Field. For the second straight game, the Gators got on the board early as Jane Och netted her third goal of the year in the 10th minute. Erica Frank picked up the assist. Mandy Sysko tallied her second goal of the year, off an assist from Lauren Moser to make the score 2-0 at the half.

The Gators struck again less than a

minute into the second half as Sharon Green picked up her second of the year off a scramble in front. Following the lone Geneseo tally, Teresa Lettrich netted her first career goal in the game's closing seconds to round out the scoring. Joan Anderson went the distance in goal for Allegheny, earning her second win. She made five saves. Next: vs. Carnegie Mellon, Sept. 6 at 4 p.m.

Men's Cross-Country

Date: Sept. 2, 2000
Meet: Case Western Reserve Invitational
Finish: 4th of 11
Teams - Points
1. Baldwin-Wallace - 70
2. Case Western - 77

3. Wooster - 102
4. Allegheny 112
5. Muskingum - 134
6. Carnegie Mellon - 148
7. Grove City - 157
8. Findlay
9. John Carroll
10. Mount Union
11. Bethany
Individual - Place - Time
Dan Princic - 2nd - 27:39
Brice Allen - 7th - 28:14
Brett Zook - 8th - 28:18
Seth Houwer - 50th - 30:15
Corey Drabert - 54th - 30:26

Women's Cross-Country

Date: Sept. 2, 2000
Meet: Case Western Reserve Invitational
Finish: 4th of 12

Teams - Points

1. Baldwin-Wallace - 23
2. Findlay - 65
3. Carnegie Mellon - 92
4. Allegheny - 92
5. Wooster - 137
6. Case Western - 149
7. Mount Union - 204
8. Grove City - 205
9. Muskingum
10. Bethany
11. Norte Dame (Ohio)
12. John Carroll
Individual - Place - Time
Nicole Morandi - 10th - 20:43
Deserae Pegg - 18th - 21:00
Lindsey Hayes - 23rd - 21:17
Leigh Sesecko - 28th - 21:27
Lisa Weed - 39th - 21:55
Next: Allegheny Classic, Sept 2:30 p.m.

Some people actually think that taking notes during an athletic event isn't "cool." We at *The Campus* know better. Join us in enlightenment—write for Sports. E-mail Jenn at <midglej>. It's never too late to see the light.

THE LAST PAGE

Mixed Reaction to Changes in Sex Talk

By BRIANA PIKE
Assistant Weekend Editor

The Sex Talk is one of the most talked about events at the Allegheny during Orientation Week, but this year it has undergone some changes.

The most talked about change was the introduction of a hands on activity for the audience. This activity consisted of every student receiving a cup of liquid. Each student was then asked to trade fluids with someone else three times. At the end of the activity, a drop of chemical was placed in each cup of liquid. If the liquid turned pink, then that student had a Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD). The activity was met to simulate sexual activity of the average college student, and to raise awareness about STD susceptibility.

"Someone told me about the fluid experiment, and I decided that I would try it this year," Susan Plunkett, the director of health services and a nurse practitioner.

"I had students exchange liquids three times, because that is the average number of partners that a college student has," added Plunkett.

Plunkett has been giving The Sex Talk for about seven years.

"As long as people can gain some type of knowledge," said Plunkett, referring to the goal of the talk.

Reaction to the "new" Sex Talk was met with mixed reviews.

"I thought it was very informative, but I thought it was rather drawn out at the end with the liquid thing," said first-year Suzy Hecker.

"I know that some kids thought it was too long, but I have also had some kids come this week who

really liked it," said Plunkett.

Plunkett also added some information to the Sex Talk about the spermicide Nonoxnol-9.

Nonoxnol-9 has been shown to increase the likelihood of contracting HIV or any other STD. This is because the spermicide can cause vaginal lesions,

which makes the the chance of contracting an STD very high. However, the study done on Nonoxnol-9 was done on prostitutes, who have very high levels of sexual activity. These women used a large amount of the spermicide, and that may have attributed higher occurrences of HIV and vaginal lesions in them.

Allegheny will continue to keep these condoms on the shelves, because the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has not yet rendered them a severe threat to public health.

So Happy Together?

Tips for a Happy, Healthy Home Away from Home

By LINDSAY SMITH
Weekend Reporter

It's that time once again; the time when the new students arrive, when resident advisors are faced with question after question from new freshmen about dorm living, getting along with roommates, and, of course, sharing community bathrooms.

"It can be a little overwhelming at first," said Dawn McIvried, a junior. "But that's what the RAs are there for, and if you have upperclassmen living with you, they are great people to talk to for advice." One of the first pieces of advice anyone will give is to be respectful of your roommate or roommates and also your hallmates.

"Obviously, it's not going to be easy at first to get along right away with someone you've never met, but I think that my roommate and I are doing a pretty good job so far!" said Nikki Spardy, a freshman.

"Always be respectful of your roommate's choice of decorations and ways to express themselves—even if they are out of season sometimes!" said Alyssa Yargar, a sophomore. "And another piece of advice—try not to burn popcorn! It makes the hall smell bad, and there's always the possibility of a fire alarm!"

Fire alarms have always been a source of humor among many halls, with Baldwin being the most notorious.

"Last year while living in Baldwin, someone overstuffed a clothes dryer in the laundry room and left the stuff there, and the whole building had to evacuate for what seemed like our millionth fire drill of the semester," said John Schwend, a sophomore. "The best advice is to be considerate of other people, always."

Another factor that goes along with being considerate is the sharing of community bathrooms. This is where many problems can occur, such as men using bathrooms on a female hall, and vice versa, and keeping the bathroom a sanitary place.

"Try, try, try as hard as you possibly can to keep the showers as clean as you can!" said Brianna Pike, a sophomore. "It's pretty disgusting to go into a shower and find hair all over the walls and used Band-Aids in the shower stalls."

Dorm living and adjusting to the new environment doesn't have to be difficult; it just may take a little work at first. Be considerate, be respectful and above all, just be nice, and this first year will seem to fly by!

WEEKEND WHEREABOUTS

...A listing of this week's happenings at Allegheny

Thursday 9.7.00

Community Involvement Extravaganza; 6-8 p.m.; CC Lobby

Barbie Nation, Women's Studies film series; Henderson Auditorium; 7 p.m.

Orchesis Auditions; Montgomery Performance Space; 7 p.m.

Friday 9.8.00

Karaoke Fest; CC Lawn; 3 p.m.

Allegheny Cross Country Classic; Robertson Fields; women, 2:30, men, 3:15.

Allegheny Invitational Volleyball Tournament; Wise Center; 4 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Saturday 9.9.00

Fall Run-out; Brooks Circle; Noon

Football game against Washington and Jefferson, Robertson Fields; 1 p.m.

Allegheny Invitational Volleyball Tournament; Wise Center, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday 9.10.00

Writers House Open House; 382 E. College St.; 3 p.m.

Orchesis Auditions; Montgomery Performance Space; 7 p.m.

The Campus open meeting, newsroom, Campus Center, 9 p.m.

Monday 9.11.00

Orchesis Auditions; Montgomery Performance Space; 7 p.m.

Wednesday 9.13.00

Wares Fair; CC Lobby; 5-7 p.m.

GAP movie, "Erin Brokovich"; Shafer Auditorium; 9 p.m.

Interested in Community Service?

Come to the Community Involvement Extravaganza

Tonight at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center Lobby