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Drug epidemic reaches Allegheny campus

By PHIL SECRETAN
News Reporter

A student is talking quietly into a telephone in a darkened bedroom on the edge of campus. Wary of revealing too much information, he clutches a brown leather wallet containing \$950 cash. A shiny, expensive mountain bike rests in the corner against the wall.

"My friend has made \$400 or \$500 a night selling marijuana..."

The phone call ends and the student stands up, wiping sweat from his forehead and breathing a sigh of relief. He has just finished selling a big consignment of marijuana brought in from Pittsburgh two days ago. His batch, weighing 16 ounces, was sold to at least 30 other students, who probably passed on

smaller amounts to other friends.

He is only one of a number of student dealers at Allegheny College.

Marijuana and other drugs, including acid, mushrooms, speed and cocaine, are easily available at Allegheny. Small time dealers are supplying both regular users and weekend partygoers with illegal substances shipped in from Buffalo, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, said students and a police representative interviewed for this story.

A spindly, tired-looking junior confirmed, "Most drugs are brought in from home or outside sources. The exception is high quality Meadville home-grown pot, which is very expensive."

In 1995, a government survey found that one in five young people regularly smokes marijuana, a figure that has doubled since 1992. Having risen consistently for the last five years, levels of drug use are climbing toward the peak of 1978,

when over a third of high school seniors used marijuana.

Although by no means a problem for every student, drugs are firmly established in Allegheny culture, reflecting a problem that is affecting colleges and cities across the United States. Marijuana, acid and mushrooms are the most popular drugs on our campus, but Meadville itself is in the midst of a more serious heroin crisis.

"Marijuana has lost its stigma; you can't kill yourself with it."

Director of Health Services Sue Plunkett said, "Students do use drugs as a whole, not just marijuana, but hallucinogenics, amphetamines and cocaine." She added: "One of the biggest changes is the resurgence in the use of hallucinogenics. They are cheap and there isn't much

publicity warning against them."

Some students interviewed say they can cope with limited drug use, but for many, sustained use can lead to a deterioration in physical health and a decline in grades.

In the spring semester, Counselor Judd Kulas founded the Drug Education Committee with the aim of educating students about the consequences and decision-making involved in taking drugs. Kulas said: "It's an issue that needs to be addressed, because currently it isn't. There are some frightening stories even here on campus."

The committee, which is made up of 11 students, four administrators and one faculty member, has met once this year, and is appealing for more student involvement.

A mixture of escapism and enjoyment are the main reasons students turn to marijuana. Social aspects also are emphasized. "Instead of hanging out drinking beer, we sit

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Papers taken in protest

By JENNIFER M. NAGEL
News Editor

By 8:30 a.m. last Thursday, 2,500 copies of *The Campus* were delivered to various locations around Allegheny College as usual.

By the time the day's first classes ended, many of the stacks had simply vanished. Some were found in the trash. In total, one-quarter of *The Campus*' weekly press run was confiscated.

Early that morning, one secretary in the Hall of Advanced Biology discovered a stack of newspapers in a trash can, which she retrieved. She told another secretary about her discovery.

"We were standing here talking about it and one student listening said, 'Yeah, I threw some away.' He told us he threw some of the newspapers out because it gave fraternities a bad name," the secretary said.

Last week, *The Campus* ran a story about two fraternities who allegedly violated interfraternity alcohol policies.

Though she speculates that the student was a member of a fraternity due to his comments, the secretary was unable to identify him. She said, "I wouldn't know him again if he walked in here."

Phi Kappa Psi President Dave Eber said: "I am shocked. I had no idea that it happened. We may be upset by what's been written in the newspaper about Greek life, but I don't think that any fraternity would respond to the allegations that have been printed in *The Campus* by stealing."

The Campus attempted to reach Delta Tau Delta President Mike O'Neil for comment also, but he was unavailable.

College Judicial Officer Allan Blattner said he plans to show the biology building secretaries pictures of possible suspects for identification.

Ronda Chollock, editor-in-chief of *The Campus*, said, "I wasn't too surprised that the papers disappeared because I was expecting some fall-out over the fraternity article." After discovering that entire reams of the newspapers were taken, Chollock informed the Allegheny Security Department of the incident.

Dean of Students Dave McNally said, "In my opinion, stealing the newspaper violates college policy

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"Bull"/Yoder reveal on-campus bar proposal

By NATALIE WEAVER
Assistant News Editor

ASG President Gary Pennell announced his plans for establishing an on-campus pub at Tuesday's meeting.

Pennell said the pub would allow students who are 21 to drink responsibly. ASG Junior Class President Katrina Hal said a bar would "give the administration a chance to prove they're real about promoting safe drinking." She added that creating the facility would foster trust between the students and administration.

"A campus bar is not a litmus test for whether the alcohol plan will work," said Associate Dean of Students and Director of Residence Life Amy Hirschy. She described the proposal as "an idea worth pursuing."

"If the college believes in healthy, responsible drinking, it doesn't mean they have to put a bar on campus," said Dean of Students Dave McNally. He added that ASG is approaching the idea in the right way, and the bar could be a good thing.

According to Pennell, a number of schools, including small colleges like Allegheny, have similar establishments which work well for them.

McNally said there was a campus bar where he attended college, and although it was "not the coolest place to hang out," there were no prob-

lems with the establishment.

Pennell outlined pertinent security issues. Students under 21 would have a separate Insta-Gator card. Those over 21 would have to purchase a new ID and show proof

of their age. The exact method of differentiating between ID's has not been decided, but color coding is one option.

The proposal also allows for the possibility of a drink limit. Pennell

said a reasonable drink limit would be something ASG would "live with" if the plan went through.

Other security measures included a liability waiver form to be signed

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Let it snow!



Registrar Ben Haytock makes his way across the snow-blanketed campus during this winter's first snowfall. In the background, students also brave the chilly weather.

—Ben Wyrick Photo

NEWS BRIEFS

• The following corrections should be made to the Spring Registration Guide: CA 120-1 Intro. to Communication, MWF 11-11:50 (*Instructor should be changed to Simonson, P.*); CA 120-2 Intro. to Communication, TR 9:30-10:45 (*Instructor should be changed to Gilmore, S.*).

• A workshop on "Searching for Jobs on the Internet" will be held Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. at computer Lab #2 in Pelletier Library. Jim Chaffee of Computing Services will lead this hands-on session. All students are welcome. For more information, contact the Office of Career Services at x2381.

• PNC Bank's Operation Native Talent (Career/Recruiting Conference) will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Philadelphia on Thursday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Dec. 27. The conference is geared toward college seniors. There is no pre-registration or admission fee. Contact the Office of Career Services, x2381, for more information.

• The economics department will offer the course Law and Economics (Econ 190) for the Spring Semester. The course is not listed in the catalogue. An investigation of the contributions of the economic theory to the core areas of the law -- e.g. property, contracts, torts, civil procedure and criminal law procedure. The course will compare economic and non-economic theories of law and will address the strengths and limitations of the economic ap-

proach. Prerequisite: One micro-based introduction to economics course.

• The Association for Asian and Asian-American Awareness (A5) and the Meditation and Mindfulness House will be co-sponsoring this year's celebration of Diwali, Festival of Lights. The celebration will include a brief talk by Sonya Jones, a chant and a dancing saptah. It will be held Sunday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. in the Campus Center lobby. All are invited to attend the celebration. For more information, call 332-2238 or e-mail <meditate>.

• The Meditation and Mindfulness House (558 Highland Ave.) will host a meditation workshop for meditation beginners and interested persons. The workshop will give an overview for meditation formats and introduce beginners to the practice. This will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome to attend. Please sign up by contacting the house at 332-2238 or e-mailing <meditate>.

• As part of the Mathematics Faculty Lecture Series, Mathematics Professors Steve Bowser and Chuck Cable will deliver a lecture titled "Niche Graphs and Mixed Pair Graphs of Tournaments" on Friday, Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. in Carr 223.

• Connie Capers Thorson, director of the library and professor of library science, will present a lecture

titled, "Popes, Profligates and Pardons: Anti-Roman Catholic Literature in Britain, 1660-1746," on Monday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Brooks Alumni Lounge. The lecture is a continuation of the Humanities Lecture Series. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Assistant Professor of Art Richard Schindler, x3380.

• A Bagel Brunch will be held at the Hillel House on Sunday, Nov. 10 at noon. Contact Campus Ministry, x2800, to attend. Chaplain John Colatch will lead the interfaith discussion.

• Six large girders (each 127 feet long) for the Sports Facility will be delivered Thursday, Nov. 7 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The route will travel Water Street to Randolph Street to Highland Avenue. Delivery could be delayed due to bad weather. Weather permitting, they will be installed on the facility Wednesday and Thursday.

• Anyone interested in becoming a member of the AIDS task force is welcome to attend our next meeting, on Monday, Oct. 11, at 6:45. We are meeting in Carnegie, room 212. We will be discussing appointment of officers and planning upcoming events for the school year. These events include AIDS awareness day and AIDS awareness week. If you are interested, please e-mail Professor Alec Dale at <adale>.

• Learn more about Germany! Celebrate the anniversary of the fall of communism in East Germany at "Seven Years After the Berlin Wall," an evening of music, games, refreshments, and entertainment, to be held Monday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the German House, 388 East College Street. The event is open to the entire college community, and English will be spoken. For more information, please contact Barbara Stroeve, x2248.

• Numerous vendors will be in the Campus Center lobby selling holiday gifts until Christmas Break. Special attractions include jewelry sales (Nov. 12-13 and 19-20), sweater sales (Dec. 2-3) and African artwork (Dec. 6 and 10).

• Campus Ministry is re-instituting the "Adopt a Student for Thanksgiving Dinner" program. Students who will be on campus during Thanksgiving and would like to have Thanksgiving dinner with a family should contact the Campus

Ministry Office, x2800. Faculty, staff or administrators who would like to open their home to a student for Thanksgiving dinner should inform the Campus Ministry Office as soon as possible.

• Completed applications for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8. All applications should be turned in to the Dean of Students Office. For more information, contact Marcia Greathouse, x4356.

• All Allegheny students are invited to enter the 1996-97 Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest, sponsored by the Committee on Racial Issues (CORIS). Entries are sought on the topic, "Martin Luther King Jr. and the American Dream."

The essay is to be six to 10 pages typed and double spaced. Entries are due by 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13 to Professor Don Goldstein of the economics department, Box 149 or Quigley 208.

POLICE
BLOTTER

The following incidents were reported to the Office of Security and/or the Office of Residence Life from Oct. 15 through Nov. 5, 1996.

Theft

• The license plate was stolen from a vehicle parked in the Caflisch

lot.

Criminal mischief

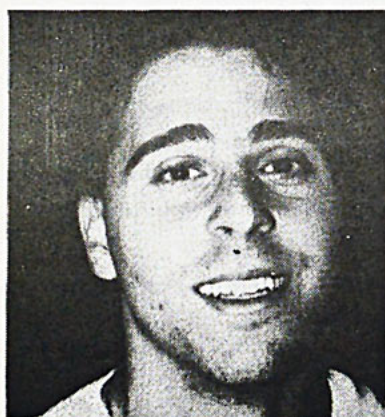
• A professor's vehicle parked near Quigley was damaged. The vehicle's hood was dented.

• Dog food was dumped on a vehicle parked in the lot by the tennis courts.

The Campus Asks...

How are you?

Compiled by Ben Wyrick



I'm wonderful because I'm in touch with my inner feelings. And only I know what that means!

Gary Occhino
Class of '98



I am constructing my self to be quite well today, thank you.

Ryan Tebo
Class of '97



Other than my boyfriend telling me he's sleeping w/ my dog, failing my comp so far, Jim thinkin' he owns my ass, and my room catching on fire... I'm doing great! But who knows why!!

Diana Hall
Class of '97



Mildly neorotic. . . I have managed to suppress my homicidal drives quite successfully so far.

Michael Marshall
Class of '95-'97



A hell of a lot better now that I got my right foot back! A message to all the people out there: wear a Superman cape before taking a leap of faith off the C.C. roof.

Thomas Latona
Class of '99

Women's Services provides safe haven/intern experience

By JESSICA GOWEN
News Reporter

"In 1984, I was married and my husband smashed my face." Phyllis, a hair salon owner in Meadville, speaks softly as she tells of the violence that, even after twelve surgeries, left her face disfigured.

Phyllis warmly welcomes her customers, and she speaks with the knowledge of someone who has suffered in ways most people cannot even imagine. She is a survivor in every sense of the word. She has decided to stop living in fear.

Her shop is brightly-lit, comfortable, and filled with photographs of family and friends of her and her employees. When asked if she would like to use an alias or conceal identifying features of her story, she laughs and says, "Honey, it's okay, I'm healed."

Phyllis is one of many women in Meadville who have sought assistance from Women's Services, Incorporated, where numerous Allegheny students intern. Twelve years later, she has come full circle, now helping to train volunteers, educate the community, and reach out to women in crisis.

Some of the counsellors for Women's Services were Phyllis's clients at the salon, and when they became aware of her situation, they urged her to seek counselling. She resisted initially, but after about a year of persistence, she agreed to go in. She credits the organization with helping her get her life back on track.

In 1976, Women's Services was established to address the issues women in crisis face. The Crawford County Drug and Alcohol Executive Committee established a task force consisting of community activists, local officials, and Edinboro students to look at the needs of women in the area; they identified a need for an emergency shelter for women and children in crisis.

There was no funding or means to start a shelter, so the task force incorporated itself and began raising funds in the summer of 1977. The

Episcopal Diocese provided a seed grant, and in 1978, the shelter opened with an annual budget of less than \$15,000, and one 24-hour-a-day, six-day-a-week staff person. The first client arrived the day they opened.

"When we opened the shelter, we didn't realize that we'd be serving domestic violence victims, but that was who was showing up again and again needing shelter," explains Melissa Mencotti, the Assistant to the Executive Director.

The mission of the fledgling organization was established "to identify the needs of women in Crawford County, and to develop, support, and facilitate programs to meet those needs." Throughout the past nineteen years of service, the mission has remained the same.

In 1984, Women's Services merged with Crawford County Rape

Crisis Center, which had run out of funding two years earlier. Judy Griffin, who later became the Executive Director of Women's Services, and a group of volunteers kept the center functioning for two years without monetary support. Because the organizations had similar missions and services, a merger allowed them to streamline programs.

Today, Women's Services, Inc. has evolved into an umbrella organization spearheading community awareness, intervention, and support services. With a staff of 25, many of whom have abuse in their backgrounds, and an annual budget of \$762,381, Women's Services is a powerful actor in the community in both sexual assault and domestic violence direct service, prevention and education.

Services offered include not only shelter, but also counseling for victims and their loved ones, support groups, community education programs, legal advocacy, hospital and court accompaniments, as well as a twenty-four hour crisis hotline.

"What we have always done is ask people what they need and try to act as a catalyst to get the programs developed," explains Mencotti. "The intention was never that we would do all of these things, but that we'd identify a need and then pass it off to someone else."

This philosophy has served the community by developing a day care program at the YMCA, an information referral service through the city, pre-employment programming to help women coming into shelter identify their interests and develop their job skills, and child and date abuse prevention programs in local schools.

The organization cannot rely on its 25 staff members to ensure that all needs identified are met. Women's Services acts in cooperation with many other direct-service providers in the county, as well as with law enforcement agencies and the justice system. Further, they rely on an extensive volunteer network to cover service areas that the staff cannot.

Volunteers at Women's Services are required to commit an extraordinary amount of time to training. The organization runs two trainings per year, each lasting about six weeks with nearly 11 hours of training each week. Volunteers are trained in issues pertaining to diversity, religion, the legal system and law enforcement in order to counsel women, accompany them in hospitals and courts, to work the crisis hotline and to work directly in the shelter.

Phyllis argues that all students should be required to take a course similar to the volunteer training at women's services so men and women alike realize that abusers come from all backgrounds. "[My ex-husband] stole hearts away," she said. "He had a good reputation, and he could move away and salvage his reputation. Men have a way of get-

ting what they want and walking away."

"People should learn about all forms of abuse, about the cycle of abuse and abusive personalities. It would help people make decisions more clearly. It can help you make your life better. The course honestly changed my life." Phyllis also sees a need for education about healthy family and intimate relationships starting in kindergarten to stop the generational component of abuse.

Volunteers play a critical role in the functioning of the organization as they supplement the work of paid staff. Burn-out rates are high, as the work and the time commitment are taxing. Most maintain that the commitment is equally regarding as it is trying. In the past year, volunteers logged over 8,000 hours of service in the shelter.

Chief Tubbs of the Meadville Police Department argues that low retention rates are not necessarily a negative point in the organization because those who do leave after training still carry back a significant amount of awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault issues into the community.

Another way Women's Services supplements the work of their staff is with an internship program offered through area colleges and universities primarily to juniors studying psychology and sociology. At Allegheny, the internship program is directed by Associate Professor of

Sociology/Anthropology Ellen Gray.

"It was a priority of mine to develop an internship with Women's Services when I joined the Allegheny faculty," said Gray. "I believe in the value of service and of applied learning. The WSI internship has proven to be a good experience for all the students who have undertaken it, and a life altering experience for some. Advising this internship and being associated with Women's Services is one of the most satisfying parts of my job at the college."

Senior Bridget Redman, who works in the children's program at Women's Services says of her experience, "I think the most important thing that I have learned is that often, children's issues and concerns get pushed aside in times of family crisis."

Other Allegheny students become involved with Women's Services as child care workers for their work study. Senior Carrie Dubrosky, one such student, explains her experience:

"I witnessed many ups and downs within the walls of the shelter. I found my job to be not only nerve-racking but rewarding as well. I encountered some of the most wonderful people imaginable. It was a valuable experience for me because it showed me life outside of my little bubble."

Many student who have worked

in the shelter also explain that it was one of the most trying of their experiences at Allegheny because of the severity of the problems women and children in the shelter face. "I do not think I could ever go back as a child care worker," explains Dubrosky, "it hurt too much."

In the past fiscal year, Women's Services has provided 3,204 days of shelter to 173 women and children. They have received 2,415 domestic violence-related phone calls, and provided over 11,000 hours of counseling to women in crisis, their children, and significant others. Women's Services is also a powerful agent in educating the community about abuse issues. Also in the past year, they have facilitated 34 community education programs, reaching over 10,000 people.

Women's Services effectiveness, both as an advocate for abused women and children, and as an educator in the community, stems from their mission to represent the needs of area women.

Gay Taylor, the Executive Director, summarizes her view of the organization: "My mission is to stay in touch with the women and the children, to bring in their voices, making sure that people in the community are aware of them, so that [everyone] is aware of those needs and develop, revise or modify the systems to meet the needs."

Newspaper protests cause national concern

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cies." Turning to the Student Conduct Regulations listed in *The Campus*, he quoted, "Students are prohibited from contributing to, or participating in...the theft, destruction, or improper use of College property..."

According to McNally, *The Campus* may fall into the domain of College property.

In response to the newspapers' disappearance, Chollock had 500 additional copies of the paper printed for distribution on Friday. At first, members of *The Campus* staff planned to sit in the post office to guard the papers but soon realized that they were no longer under threat of being stolen.

"Whoever did this should have thought about how he was representing his organization. This certainly won't endear his group to the administration," Chollock said.

Associate Professor of English Sonya Jones was advisor of *The Campus* a few years ago, when two other thefts occurred. "It was rumored both times that certain administrators may have picked them up because they contained articles that reflected badly on the college at a time that was not good for the school," she said.

Jones explained that the thefts occurred around campus visitation weekends. She also emphasized

that rumors about administrative involvement were never confirmed.

The disappearance of newspapers at Allegheny is one of many similar incidents that have occurred at colleges and universities nationwide.

Some 23,000 copies of the University of California at Berkeley's student newspaper were stolen yesterday, according to *The New York Times*. The theft happened after the paper ran an editorial in support of ending affirmative action programs. Campus police currently are investigating the incident.

More locally, several newspaper thefts have taken place over the past few years.

In 1993, 14,000 copies of *The Daily Pennsylvanian* were stolen from the University of Pennsylvania campus after a group calling themselves "The Black Community" deemed the paper as racist. The university's police commissioner did not charge the individuals involved in the theft because he reasoned that the paper was free and accessible to students.

Adam Mark, executive editor of the paper, said that a lot of contro-

versy surrounded the school's decision not to press charges.

At Franklin and Marshall College, a small liberal arts institution located near Lancaster, 1,500 copies of the student newspaper were thrown into a dumpster in 1994. Administrators at this school viewed the act as actual theft instead of simply an act of protest.

These incidents, along with many others, attracted much legal attention.

In response to an epidemic of student newspaper thefts at colleges and universities during the 1993-94 academic year, the governor of Maryland passed a law stating that newspaper theft could be punished with a \$500 fine, a 60-day jail sentence, or both.

Regarding legal ramifications, Crawford County Assistant District Attorney Paula Cosenza said, "If there is evidence of one person taking 100 newspapers, it could be prosecuted as a crime, but you would need definite evidence and it would depend on the specifics of the case."

When does a date become a crime?

When she says "No." And he refuses to listen.

Against her will is against the law

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Students express need for expansion of security escort service

By JESSICA BAKER
News Reporter

Recently, an Allegheny student coming in an academic building until 3 a.m. decided to take precautions when it was time to return home. Instead of leaving alone, she phoned security to ask for a walking escort to her residence. It was the first time in her four years at Allegheny that she had requested an escort.

Because she needed to be escorted off-campus and security does not offer such escorts, she found herself walking to her apartment in the "Castle," located on Highland Ave., alone.

According to *The Compass Handbook*, "Security provides free transportation to the hospital emergency room and doctor's offices....Other escorts are normally limited to the campus area. In exceptional cases, Security may escort students to off-campus areas. If the students are concerned about walking alone on campus, they should call security."

Admissions tour guides tell prospective students about the 24 hour service available to escort students across campus if a student is concerned about his or her safety.

Yet to some students, on-campus escorts fall just short of their needs. It is the poorly lit routes to off-campus housing which evoke the most fear, particularly in female students.

One student, who was assaulted earlier this semester, thinks that the lack of information students have about crime and the potential problems of being alone at night, presents a major security problem that merits addressing. She encourages people to walk in numbers and feels

the lighting around campus should be improved.

She also thinks that there needs to be a student organization which can keep tabs on security and look after people who have been attacked.

"It should be a student-run group to keep students informed. Whether we live on- or off-campus we're still Allegheny students. We all deserve the same protection."

Sabrano says if the only available officer on duty is off-campus when a fire alarm goes off, a large

number of the student population could be put at risk of injury. He believes safety issues do not lie solely with students being escorted, but for all students on campus who may be put in jeopardy if an officer is unable to respond quickly to their calls because he is off-campus.

"It's about establishing priorities," Sabruno explains. He does note the need for the program, and although escorts are currently limited, he is willing to work with campus organizations in order to publicize and revise the program.

Mary Beth Berardi, a student member of both the ASG Student Life Committee and the Campus Life Committee is concerned that not enough students know about the escort service.

Campus lighting is another concern for the committees. Sabruno is aware of these concerns and is attempting to work with these committees in order to elicit change.

Both Sabruno and the committees currently are working on the idea of having student volunteer groups available to escort fellow

students after dark.

Dean McNally would like to see the program extended to include some off-campus areas, a sort of "circle radius" of concentrated student housing areas. He recognizes the difficulties with security staffing and would also like to see volunteer services organized to help out.

**YOU COULD LEARN A LOT FROM A DUMMY.
BUCKLE YOUR SAFETY BELT.**

ASG proposes plans for pub on campus

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by patrons of the bar, and a hired, non-student security guard to be present at all times.

Assistant Dean of Students Christa Edwards said that waivers are problematic because they do not hold up in court. Hirschy agreed that waivers will not necessarily eliminate college liability.

Although he acknowledges that it may be a hassle for students to obtain the necessary ID card, Pennell believes the pub's convenient location will be a key element in its success.

Pennell believes the pub can attract a private investor, because he or she is likely to make a substantial profit. This investor will make a profit from alcohol sales, but will lease the space for the bar from the college.

Several potential locations for the pub were discussed. Since space in the Campus Center is limited, Pennell said Montgomery Gym is a possible location for the pub after the Fieldhouse is torn down.

Another potential site is Cochran Hall, Pennell said. If the post office and bookstore are moved to the Campus Center as planned, the empty building could house the pub.

The idea of using an existing space rather than building an area will help make the project possible, Edwards said, because of the other building projects in which the college currently is involved.

Pennell also outlined his idea for the bar to function as a dance hall. The bar could close at a certain hour and be sectioned off from the rest of the club. After clearing the venue of bar patrons and locking up the alcohol, it would be re-opened for students of all ages as a dance club.

"Allegheny doesn't have anything to offer students but keg parties," Pennell said, adding that the dance hall would provide students with something different to do on the weekends.

"A place where students can get together outside of alcohol-based parties is a great idea," Edwards said. She added that the college's new

ideas to deal with the alcohol problem include plans for a "campus party center."

Hal said the bar and dance hall would offer students more activities on the weekend, but added that students will probably still drink.

McNally agreed that encouraging social life on campus is a good idea. Hirschy said ASG should begin incorporating the ideas of other organizations such as Security and Bacchus to improve the plan.

Students would be charged a nominal fee to enter the dance hall. Pennell said this fee would be used primarily to pay a cleaning staff.

Although Pennell described the proposal as a "long shot," he believes it can happen if students are willing to work for it. The project will require a great deal of student commitment, Hirschy said.

Student committees will be formed in order to further plan the project. One committee will review pertinent laws of both the college and the city of Meadville. Another will be in charge of informing students and obtaining signatures for a petition. Pennell believes he can get over 1600 signatures in support of the pub.

Student reactions to the campus bar are mixed. "I think it's a good idea, but I don't know how realistic it is at this point," said ASG Junior

Class Secretary Tennille Jenkins. She added that students will probably find a way to get around the age limit.

"I'm in favor of it as long as they enforce the age limit," said Junior Mike O'Hare. He said the bar could also help deter people from driving drunk when they go to bars. Hal agreed that there will be less chance of students driving drunk.

"If security issues and the drink limit are taken into consideration, it will be a good idea," said ASG Senator Ben Schultz.

Not all students, however, are voicing their support. Sean Ramaley said the college should not fund a bar in any way, and that underage drinking will probably occur regardless of attempts to prevent it.

Question and answer sessions for students are also being planned, Pennell said. Hall council and fraternity/sorority chapter meetings may also be visited so that student feedback can be obtained in an orderly manner.

Pennell stressed the need for student participation in the project. He said the committees will be structured to allow students to choose their own level of involvement. Students who have ideas or are interested in participating can e-mail <ASG> for more information.

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Perspectives

EDITORIAL

Journalism 101

The Editorial Board would like to address the confusion that recently has arisen concerning the purpose of this newspaper in our community, as well as the concern some readers have expressed that *The Campus* is not objective in its reporting.

The most important goals of any news reporter for *The Campus* are accuracy and objectivity. This year we have exemplified these two qualities in our News section. All news articles are researched and investigated thoroughly. Every attempt is made to interview all relevant parties who may inform the reporting of the article.

When a source is kept anonymous, it is because he or she specifically asks that his or her name not be revealed. Anonymity is a sacred promise that we do not violate under any circumstances. We assure you that every time we feature an anonymous source, we personally have talked to this person; we know who they are and how they may be contacted to verify information. This is an accepted practice of all professional journalists.

When any news happens on Allegheny's campus that is of an interest to the community at large, it is subject to investigation and reporting by our News department in an objective, straightforward and professional manner.

Although all news articles are strictly objective, the columns in the Perspectives section of *The Campus* are not. This is because they represent the opinion of the author of each column, and solely that author's opinion. Perspectives columns do not represent the opinion of *The Campus* Editorial Board. The board's official position on an issue is found only in each week's editorial.

The Campus welcomes submissions to the Perspectives section. Writers are selected solely on their ability to present their opinions articulately. The columns that are printed each week accurately reflect each week's submissions. Anyone interested in writing for this section of the newspaper is encouraged to contact the Perspectives editor.

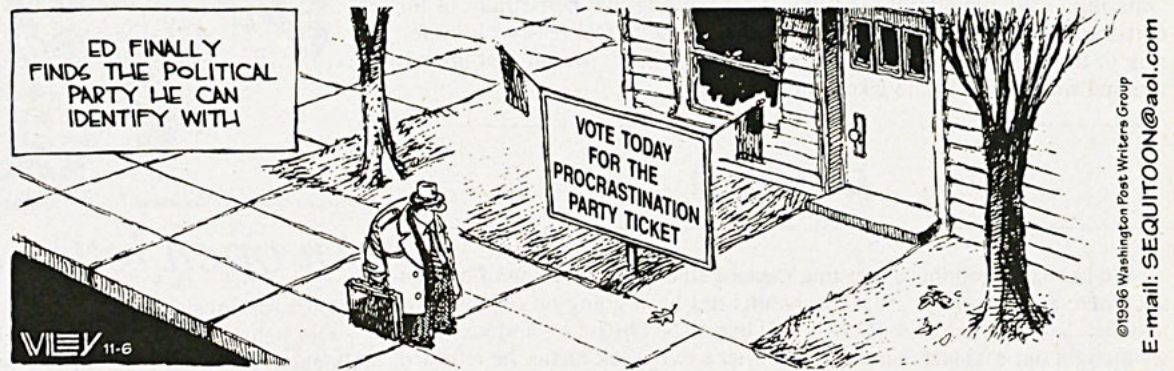
The Campus' mission is to relay relevant news to the Allegheny community in an accurate, ethical and timely fashion.

Anyone with a question concerning the policies stated above is encouraged to contact the Editor-in-Chief.

All editorials represent the majority opinion of the Editorial Board.

The Campus welcomes all reader response. We reserve the right to reject all letters of a purely promotional nature, as well as letters which do not meet our standards of integrity, accuracy and decency. We also reserve the right to edit pieces for space and grammar. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor, editorial columns and editorial cartoons do not necessarily represent the viewpoint of The Campus. The deadline for letters is 5 p.m. the Monday before publication. Letters must be type-written, double-spaced and signed, with a phone number included for verification. Any letter that cannot be verified will not be printed.

All questions concerning the above policy should be directed to the Editor-in-Chief.



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Letters to the Editor

Women and Greeks respond to column, claim biased report

We, as representatives of Allegheny's sororities, fraternities and the Allegheny Panhellenic Association, are writing to express concern about the quality of the editorial decisions made by the staff of *The Campus* over the past two months.

Gowen, Liberatore, et al.

J. Eric Bischof's column in the Oct. 17 issue of *The Campus* exemplifies a lack of high standards for columns printed. We are concerned about the content of his column not simply as sorority members, but as women. His piece reflects a complete lack of journalistic integrity, propagates inappropriate and outdated views of women and indicates a lack of respect for women on our campus.

As Bischof tells us in his last

paragraph, he uses sex and satire together in an attempt to be humorous. We contend that his attempt fails grossly. Satire is "the use of humorous ridicule to convey rebuke or criticism to expose human folly or vices." His column is not humorous, nor does he have the background knowledge necessary to make any sort of intelligent critique of the organizations and individuals he calls into question. Quality satire has a purpose. We ask you, J. Eric Bischof, what is your point?

In the course of his column, Bischof targets a variety of organizations and individuals, including the Meditation and Mindfulness House, last year's proposed Gay Pride House, President Cook and Allegheny's sororities. While it is clear that sororities took the brunt of his failed attempt at satire, his childish treatment of commitments people make to organizations and extra-curricular activities indicates a lack of respect for the personal decisions and commitments of other students.

Bischof's suggestions about prostitution on campus in the second half of his article objectify women

in a problematic manner.

By using Allegheny's sororities as a vehicle for his suggestions, Bischof has targeted and offended over thirty percent of the female population on campus. Allegheny Panhellenic Association is the largest women's organization here, and we will not tolerate ignorance of the dynamic roles women on this campus play, both within and outside of the Greek system, nor will we tolerate the college's newspaper being used to propagate chauvinistic and misogynistic attitudes.

We ask the editorial board and staff of *The Campus* why a column like this, as well as the "stairwell sex" piece, were deemed newsworthy and fit to print. Discussion in the editorial section about the role of the Greek system on campus has exploded, but each letter has been in response to an article or another letter. This column, however, is a blind and particularly uninformed attack reflective of nothing but contempt for women in general and sorority women in particular.

Though the paper has become a battleground about Greek issues,

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Bischof sheathes his proverbial sword

After much introspection, I have decided that I will no longer wield my pen as a proverbial sword any longer; that is, my days of satire are over. I am remorseful that my last column, which proposed that sorority women should all become prostitutes, offended so many. Henceforward, I will contribute only good things to the college community.

J. Eric Bischof

Having opted to become this overflowing cornucopia of wholesomeness, I feel I should start my new stint in feel-good journalism by writing about a topic of timely import to Allegheny students: class registration.

Since scheduling is already upon us, it is too late for the computer Schedule Builder people to add newly created courses to the on-line

listings. Knowing my love for the NeXT system and my willingness to help my college brethren (and sistren, of course), these folks asked me to list new courses here in my column. *Caveat Lector.*

ENG 228: Giving Negative Press. Students will learn the fundamentals of writing negative stories on various college groups. Students will start by writing mean stories about Marriott and work up to picking on Greek organizations. Students will be expected to ignore the numerous philanthropy projects that organizations perform and to concentrate only on their car-cheesings or dorm-eggings. Students will learn what the hell "philanthropy" means so they can use the word profusely.

REL 666: Using the Bible to Justify Prejudice. This course will teach students how to effectively quote the Bible when justifying their bigotry. Students will gain firsthand knowledge on how the Bible

condemns homosexuals and gives any God-fearin' individual the right to hate anyone who behaves in a fashion of which the individual disapproves. Prerequisite: students enrolling should have working prejudices against at least two groups.

SOC 36A: Adjusting to Life In Meadville. Students will learn the fundamentals of living in Meadville. Emphasis will be placed on cruisin' the diamond, spittin' 'backy, huntin' deer, and drivin' the Chevy truck. Students must supply their own work boots, flannel shirts, and .30-.06's. In class, students will address each other by the two first names of their choice (e.g. Billy Todd, Bobby Ray, Tammy Jo). Students enrolling need not have all their teeth.

ART 176: Sidewalk Graffiti. In this studio art course, students will learn various techniques in designing sidewalk chalk art. Students will learn the fine art of offending and annoying people by working in such

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Yearning for an end to urine

"Bring him to me," says Jessie Troilo. "I'll rip his toenails off." What could a person do to incite such rage? It would have to be terrible. And it is. Someone using the bathroom on third back Brooks has been "missing." We would not mind, but after missing, the perpetrator of this evil deed makes no attempt to clean up after himself. Our reasons for referring to this person as "he" will be explained shortly. We are fed up with this and we're not going to take it anymore.

Gail Giewont

We have endured this disgusting menace since the beginning of our tenancy here at Allegheny. That means this has been going on for over two months. We, of third back Brooks, call him "The Urinator," and just when we thought our trial had come to a halt after a two week hiatus, he returned, bringing with him new waves of anger and resentment.

For instance, Jessica Yauger related to me her recent experience with the Urinator. She'd been having a terrible day that included falling out of bed. All she wanted was to use the restroom. The little yellow droplets on the toilet seat were enough to drive her over the edge. "It really pissed me off," she says.

Another hall mate, who prefers to remain anonymous, forgot to look at the seat one night as she stumbled, half awake, into the bathroom. Needless to say, she was less than thrilled that she had to take a shower in the middle of the night to erase the stain of the Urinator. Another resident also noted how wrong it is that we must examine toilet seats before we can sit down. We shouldn't have to do that.

Following an examination of the droplets, which were splattered over the entire surface of the toilet in such a way that it almost looked intentional, we have concluded that the said Urinator cannot be female.

This assumption was reinforced a few Saturdays ago during a visit from my friend, Michelle. As I was showing her the bathroom, an unaccompanied male exited the second stall. Demonstrating the neurotic depths to which we have all been driven by the Urinator, I charged, full of investigative fervor, to inspect the toilet seat in that stall. Lo and behold—I had located the Urinator! But when I ran back into the hall, the Urinator was nowhere to be found and I had not seen enough of him for a positive identification.

If the Urinator is not female, he must be male. (Nothing escapes us on third back Brooks.) Our search has therefore been narrowed to under half of the residents of Allegheny College. Brooks is an all-female dorm, so we are relatively confident that the Urinator is not a resident. We realize that the Urinator must be a frequent visitor to our area of the building, yet we do not know who he is.

This disturbs us greatly. We chose to live in an all-female dorm to avoid such inconveniences as these. We find the actions of the so-called Urinator to be disgusting and rude, and we are prepared to take any action necessary to eliminate this menace. We would even settle for plastic seat covers, even though at this point I doubt the Urinator would actually use one.

We are starting our war as peacefully as we can. We posted a sign on the bathroom door begging the Urinator to please wipe the seat. He has not heeded our advice. Now we are really angry. So watch out, Urinator—we will find you. Hopefully the old adage is true and what goes around will come around.

And we thought leaving the toilet seat up was bad.

Gail Giewont is a columnist for The Campus.

The afterglow of Bingo: \$500 pot a welcome escape from the mania of Meadville

Last Friday I found myself stranded with a myriad of possible choices of evening activities. They consisted mainly of watching television and doing laundry. Despite these thrilling options, I jumped at the chance to participate in a wholesome community activity. My friend Spencer suggested that we go play Bingo.

Mike Matott

Now, I know you're laughing hysterically at me. What a nerd, you're thinking. Doesn't he have a social life?

Well, frankly, no. That's how I found myself with five friends in the Seton School Hall on a Friday night.

I was a little nervous. Here I was, an atheist, going into a holy place on a holy day. I envisioned myself bursting into flames or being struck down by lightning for the sacrilege. I was safe, however, as this den of church-sponsored gambling occurred not in the church proper, but in the church hall.

Now, Bingo is a very simple game. They give you a book of paper sheets with the numbers on them, and as numbers are called you mark them out with ink-filled blotters. These blotters come in a variety of rainbow colors and the bottle caps have cute little bingo numbers written on them as if they were Bingo balls.

You might think that sitting around while someone called numbers would not be very exciting, but

you'd be very wrong. If you had been there you would have seen the incredible tension building in that room as more and more people found themselves getting closer to that miraculous mantra: Bingo!

At the conclusion of each game, the temperature of the room increased by about ten degrees as a row of lighters were ignited and a slew of chain-smokers lit up.

You could almost say there was something sexual in the building tension, the climactic final call of Bingo and the afterglow of a cigarette.

But that would be sick.

Shame on you. That could be your grandmother you're talking about.

As the night progressed (and my lungs compressed from the heavy

smoke-filled air) the Bingo jackpots rose. There were three \$500 pots that night. The first \$500 pot was for "ING" Bingo, in which you have to cover all of the numbers under the letters I, N and G.

My friend Mark got down to one number: I23.

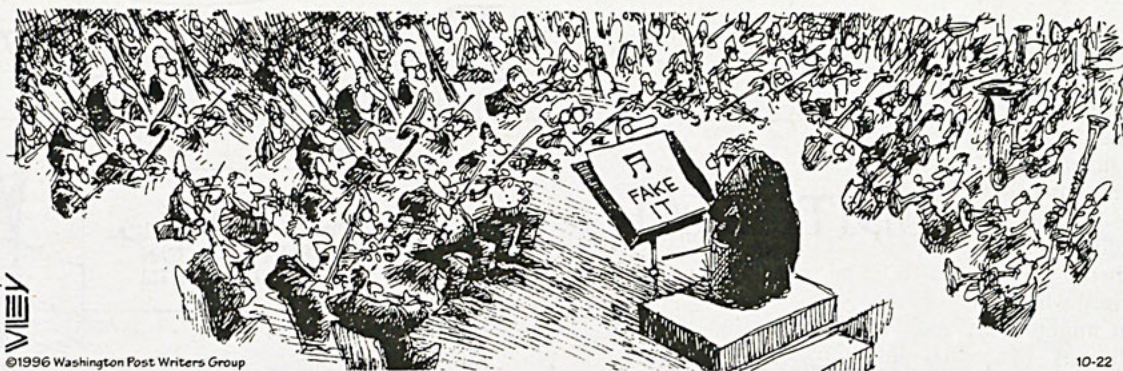
The six of us went through every superstitious luck charm of which we could think. I began chanting "I23" in my head and visualized the number coming up out of the machine. My friend Jeremy did something that would be obscene in most circles that involved the number 23 and, somehow, his nipples. John stared blankly. Spencer and Jen watched the caller. I'm sure someone must have prayed. We were gambling in a church hall, after all.

And then, the number was called:

"I23." Victory! Jumanji! We won! (Well, Mark won, but we had previously agreed to split any and all winnings.) We got to share a \$500 pot!

So, for those of you who laughed at us, I laugh back. Bingo is not just a game for senior citizens. It is a game for all ages, including bored college athletes who aren't allowed to drink in season and have no real social life. Now, you may say that you're better than me if you had a party, got trashed and had a thoroughly good time, but I have to ask: who made more money this weekend?

Mike Matott is a columnist for The Campus.



An open letter to a re-elected President Clinton

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the students of Allegheny College, I would like to congratulate you on your re-election. While we, like most colleges across the nation, were divided in our views on who should be the next President, we realize that now is the time to unify in a common cause of improving America.

Adam M. Van Ho

However, please do not assume that our backing is blind and unconditional, but is instead a trust committed to you and your administration in the hopes that you will make America what it should be—a land where opportunity and equality are no longer ideals, but are a reality for all.

While we realize that we are fortunate enough to attend a private, liberal arts college, we realize that there are still those who are not blessed, through no fault of their own, with the resources to obtain a quality education.

Because of this inequality many of our youngest, and potentially brightest people are left with feelings of hopelessness and despair, both about themselves and others around them. It is this lack of educational opportunities that creates the largest gap among Americans, and that gap must be bridged.

But increasing the amount of loans students can borrow is not enough, nor is increasing grants to students. We realize that young

children must be drawn to learning early, while the values of an education can still be impressed upon their young minds before they can be drawn into more destructive habits.

While we applaud your effort to bring technology into the classrooms, we remind you that without qualified, caring teachers, all the technology in the world will not be of any benefit to students who are not taught in a nurturing and productive environment.

Young students have to feel loved, not only by their teachers and friends, but most importantly, by their parents. While most of us are not parents yet, we can recall from our own experiences that almost all of our pleasant childhood memories were spent with our parents, just as our children's will be spent with us.

But the problem facing many of America's families today is that parents cannot afford to spend time with their children because while attempting to keep their families financially stable many parents are torn away from spending time and energy with their children. The existing Family Leave Act is a start, and we applaud and encourage your efforts to expand and improve it so that some day in the distant future we may be able to spend time with our own families.

Part of our future, and the future of our children, will concern the environment. While it is necessary for us to be able to enjoy the clean air and safe drinking water that our forefathers enjoyed, another part of the environment must also be looked

at—the environment of our cities and neighborhoods.

While trees and parks may be beautiful places for children to enjoy their youth, many parents fear the gangs, guns and drugs that, like a toxic oil spill, are polluting our cities. And while education is the long-term solution to these problems, the more immediate solutions lie in getting criminals out of the neighborhoods and into prisons, and making sure that they remain there for their entire term.

The solution should not rely solely on law enforcement, but should be based on communities and neighborhoods coming together to clean up their neighborhoods themselves. But in order to do this, citizens need time to work on the problems, support from their government and most importantly, inspiration from their leaders, especially their President.

Mr. President that is why we re-elected you. We need a man who will take America into the 21st century with a clear vision of what America is and what America can be. We need a president who will lead America down the road of prosperity and give us hope and inspiration for the future. We need a president who is committed to the future, but who remembers the lessons of the past.

I wish you God's grace and guidance during your term of office, and I know you carry America's trust not as a banner of an electoral success, but as a sacred obligation to America and her future.

Adam M. Van Ho is a member of the Class of '00.

The false celebrity of single motherhood—glamour goes when the bills come

After a 12-hour labor on Monday, Oct. 14, an unmarried woman named Madonna Ciccone gave birth in Los Angeles to her first child: a healthy, beautiful girl with a headful of black hair. Newspapers trumpeted the event, TV reports theorized what brand of booties the infant might wear, and MTV ran continuous Madonna videos in honor of the birth.

Donna Britt

After 12 hours of labor on the same day here in Washington, an unmarried woman named Danielle Epps gave birth to her first baby: a healthy, beautiful boy, also with a headful of black hair. Except for Epps' family and friends, few noticed.

Why would they? Epps is a freshman at Bowie State College and a part-time employee at a local TV station, not a celebrity whose

comings and goings are media events. She isn't a star who can announce she's having a baby outside of marriage and receive the media's, and much of society's, blessing.

Epps is just another scared young woman whose sporadic use of birth control caught up with her. She's yet another single mom who, less than two weeks after her son's birth, is starting to realize what she's gotten into.

"I was so spoiled," says Epps, 18, of the days when sleeping late, hanging out with her boyfriend of two years and focusing on classes were easy things to do.

Now life consists of "getting up in the middle of the night, maybe three, four times—I've never been so sleepy," she says. "Worrying about if (the baby) is getting enough to eat. ... I never had to worry about anything."

Epps sat in her robe, in her mom's comfortable suburban town house, staring at her baby. For over

an hour she sat there, tracing little Robert's cheeks with her finger, looking radiant, like a painting of the original Madonna.

As for the current Madonna, Epps is "happy for her—it seems like she wanted a baby for a long time."

What concerns Epps, and me, is the surrounding hoopla, which Epps says, "glamorized being a single mother." The only child of a single mom herself, Epps doesn't find unwed motherhood wrong. "I just don't think it's easy. Unless you're like Madonna, with unlimited resources, being a single mother is hard."

Tell me about it. Despite my college degree and decent-paying career, the years I spent raising two sons alone after my first marriage collapsed were my toughest. The increased financial burden, the endless responsibility, the buck always stopping with you—it can wear you out.

More women are learning it. In 1994, the most recent year for which figures are available, about 1.29 million American babies were born to women out of wedlock. That's 32.6 percent of births, the highest percentage ever. About two-thirds of women receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children are single mothers, half of whom never have been married.

Compared with many, Epps has it good. She expects to marry her boyfriend, 22, who is employed, joined her in the delivery room and is "very caring" to their baby. Thanks to financial support from him and her mother, and to an aunt who'll baby-sit, Epps will next month return to work and her studies, which she hopes will lead to a career at the FBI or in law.

"But I'm worried about not being there," she admits. "I'm thinking I'm going to miss something that happens in his life."

Suddenly, tears are rolling down her cheeks.

"I just really want to be a good mother to him."

Invariably, life surprises. You think you're just having a good time, and you end up pregnant. You know abortion is a choice and discover you're incapable of choosing it. You plan how to resume your life after a baby and find your heart

gets in the way.

The most joyful thing in your life turns out to be the most difficult.

In many ways, it's laughable to compare a 38-year-old superstar to a part-time clerk of 18. But both Madonna and Epps are responsible for precious new lives; both, I know, are rethinking all they thought they knew. Babies make you do that.

I wish them the best, but their situations sadden me. Though marriage offers no guarantees, and I know courageous single mothers who are triumphing, I can't forget the statistics. They show married moms—and their children—fare better, and not just because of economics.

There's something about promising God, your loved ones and the legal system to be there that helps to keep you there. There's something about acknowledging that kids need both fathers and mothers that shouldn't be dishonored. Children deserve the best that women, and the men who make babies with them, can give.

More often than not, that's marriage. A media—and a society—that pretends otherwise about any beautiful baby's birth is nuts.

No matter how many records its mother has sold.

Boston Globe, 1996

Suggested courses make for more well-rounded students

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popular genres as hate messages and insipid messages about environmental issues. Photographs of the most temerarious works will be featured in *The Campus* each week.

PGD 001: Discovering Your Superiority. Each student will learn what about himself makes him better than everyone else. Emphasis will be placed on whether a student will have brethren with whom he can stay if he returns to campus in ten years, whether he can express himself effectively in monosyllables and how many philanthropy projects he has done (see ENG 228). By the end of the semester, each student will be able to explain his superiority over others without actually making any valid points.

COM ARTS 903: Is Anybody Listening? Aspiring disc jockeys will not want to miss this course! They will learn the fundamentals of creating an entertaining radio show in the event that one day someone might tune in. Students will learn how to advertise their station as playing small time bands while simultaneously playing Alice in Chains and Phish at least twice an hour. Potential DJ's must be dull and inept.

SOC 069: Issues in Prostitution. Students interested in being solicited for sexual favors will learn the basics of being a "streetwalker." Students will learn some introductory techniques in slinky dressing, haggling, spanking, domineering, avoiding welshers, and preventing venereal disease. Students should be open-minded and willing to try something new.

SOC 169: Advanced Issues in Prostitution. Students will learn the pros and cons of working with a pimp, whether to offer one's favors at a brothel or a street corner, and the negative view of prostitutes on most college campuses. Students enrolling in this course should be sure to sign up for the accompanying lab, in which students will gain actual experience working in the field. Prerequisite: SOC 069 and signed permission of big sister.

POL 041: Great Republicans: Robert Dole. Closed due to lack of interest.

POL 042: Great Republicans: Phil English. Also listed under **PHYS ED 360+.** The title of this class may be misleading, for the emphasis is not on politics but on English's tried and true fitness program. Students will learn to maintain

that flabby, pasty look. Students who wish to succeed in this course must be willing to add a few chins, to sweat profusely from minimal movement, and to maintain the popular Pillsbury Doughboy look while on television. No students with college loans allowed.

POL 043: Great Republican Presidents of the Future: Quayle in '00. Students will learn lots of political stuff and things about politics and too they will learn about family values and hurry sign up this class is going like a hot potatoe!

LS 299: Go Ahead and Cry, Little Baby, Cry! A must for all Allegheny students! Students will learn how to whine, moan, caterwaul, blubber and whimper about all the rotten things that are forced upon them. Possible topics to whine about are having mean, nasty people write mean, nasty things about you in the newspaper; having mean, nasty professors who give you an unfair amount of work; and having no hookers on campus. Students enrolling must have no sense of humor, satire, sarcasm or reality and must take everything seriously.

J. Eric Bischof is a columnist for The Campus.

Concern expressed about column

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The Campus is not the place to do battle about the integrity of the Greek system. This column seems to reflect a move to tabloid journalism. We maintain that there are more important, relevant and tasteful issues to write about in the newspaper.

Some of our fellow Greeks have argued that if *The Campus* has nothing nice to say about our system, it shouldn't print anything at all. We, however, assert that a campus

newspaper has a responsibility to fairly, accurately report news, be it good or bad, regardless of whom it involves. This should not sound revolutionary or inappropriate, as it reflects the basic tenets of quality journalism. Our point of contention is that these standards are not being met. J. Eric Bischof's column is a prime example.

As members of the campus community, we request more balanced, accurate reporting, a re-examination of what is newsworthy and what is fit to print. It is our hope that in the future, the editorial board and staff of *The Campus* will give these questions and their own

motivations more thoughtful consideration.

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Students turn to drugs for escapism/enjoyment

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around smoking joints," said one junior. "It helps relax my mind from studying." Another student, a smartly dressed senior, said, "Everyone I know smokes marijuana, from the 4.0 grade student to the slacker." He added: "This is the problem with the US. It's easier to get drugs than alcohol. Marijuana has lost its stigma; you can't kill yourself with it."

Those taking more powerful acid and mushrooms complained that the lack of entertainment on weekends caused them to take drugs. Puffing contemplatively on a cigarette, a thin, long-haired sophomore said: "I do drugs because it's so boring here. They keep me sane." He said he usually spends \$20 to \$30 a week on marijuana and sometimes spends extra money on the weekends to buy acid or mushrooms.

Drug use is more common among upperclassmen and marijuana smokers usually congregate in off-campus houses, where the absence of Residential Advisors reduces the likelihood of being caught. However, some students are doing drugs in college residence halls.

Head of Security Tony Sabruno said, "We get a lot of calls from students who say they smell something

suspicious, but by the time an officer responds, it's usually gone."

Sabruno said that security officers are constantly patrolling the campus and occasionally even use dogs. "I'm not naive enough to think it's not there, and so I'm going after it," he said.

Most students say it is not difficult to evade detection. "I just open the window, put the fan on, and place a towel under the door," described one freshman in a relaxed, deep voice. Exhaling through paper towel rolls stuffed with dryer sheets, can also dampen the smell.

Some users can be "stoned" or "tripping" for hours, but unless behavior is outrageously abnormal, it may go unnoticed by other students and security.

Sabruno recalled an incident two years ago. "A student took too many mushrooms and ended up running down North Main street. He ran past the diamond, and continued beyond the railroad and city limits. In the end some citizens subdued him." The student was later expelled from the school.

The Residence Life Judicial Board decides appropriate penalties for suspected users, which range from warning and probation to loss of the right to live in campus housing, and in more serious cases, sus-

pension or expulsion from the college.

In the spring semester, 12 Allegheny students were reprimanded for suspected drug use, although no substances were actually found. The college deals internally with drug users who are caught, unless they are suspected of supplying other students. In cases such as these Allegheny Security enlists outside help. The last time Meadville police were called in was three years ago, when they arrested a student for receiving a package of marijuana in the mail.

"Most drugs are brought in from home...The exception is high quality Meadville pot, which is very expensive."

Far fewer students are caught than the number who actually use drugs, said Head of Residence Life, Alan Blattner. "The number of cases we see is not reflective of the number of students using drugs."

Drug use among young people appears to be an even bigger problem in the Meadville community. In the past week Meadville Police have

arrested four people for carrying marijuana, three of whom were juveniles.

Assistant Chief of Police Dave Acker, said, "Drug problems come in cycles. Right now there is a problem with crack cocaine."

He says Meadville's heroin problem is confined to people between the ages of 18 and 25, but claims marijuana use spans all ages. "A lot of older people, who smoked marijuana in the 60's and 70's, are still using it," he said.

However, police say there is not much of a drug flow between Meadville and Allegheny. Acker believes that most students have their own suppliers, and only a handful may know where to go in Meadville.

Looking shifty and loitering near some mountain bikes in Ravine parking lot, Billy, a 16-year-old who attends Meadville Junior High School, confirmed Acker's suspicions. "Most stuff comes from the big cities outside, not from students." With his face painted black for Halloween, he added, "My friend has made \$400 or \$500 a night selling marijuana, but it is not usually that much."

In September 1995, after a six-month investigation, Meadville police carried out a raid on growers,

arresting 17 suspects. Acker says the problem has died down since, but realizes it hasn't gone away. "Scattered batches of marijuana are grown outside the town, but by this time of year it has already been harvested. Its probably hanging up in the basement now."

By the age of 18, more than 43 percent of high school kids will have tried marijuana, according to government studies. Plunkett claims it is difficult to detect drug use unless individuals undergo a dramatic change in health, physical appearance or hygiene. She suspects prescription drugs are also being abused.

Warning of the dangers, Plunkett cited one girl who took LSD and became violent and angry, and eventually punched her fist through a wooden door.

Also urging caution, Sabruno recalls a day two years ago when a security officer walking around campus looked up to see marijuana plants growing in a window. After alerting other security guards, they burst in to find that the owner had eaten the plants. Despite being high for several days, the student was quite ill.

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Preferences, health concerns top meal selection influences

By NICCI MICCO
Arts & Living Editor

Another dinner in the Food Court, and you have \$4.40 to spend with your Gator card. The Allegheny specials tantalize you from the corner—two slices of Sbarro's pizza, a cookie, or the Gator Grill Sandwich of the Day, complete with fries. Oh wait, don't forget the 16 oz. soft drink. From across the room, the colorful salad bar beckons, "Vitamin C. Fiber. Protein." Crossroads' sizzling selection promises exotic appeal to the palate.

How do Allegheny students chose what to eat?

Appearance, aroma and taste of foods seem to be the primary basis for meal selection, with nutritional and health concerns following a close second. Time constraints affected food choice considerably, and two of the twenty-one students who were interviewed identified moral and ecological reasons for excluding meat from their diets.

"Almost 100% of my eating choices are made simply by what I want most at the time," said one senior girl who wished to remain anonymous. "It may not sound healthy, but it seems to work."

Junior Ellisa Keith says she makes choices about what to eat "on what I'm hungry for at the time—not on health concerns, diet or ecological considerations."

"I don't give too much thought on what I am eating, as long as it fills my stomach and doesn't make me sick," said one senior male who wished to remain anonymous.

While these students based their nutritional decisions almost entirely on sensory appeal, most students said that, to some degree, nutritional concerns influenced their food choice.

Except for one woman who said she had "no idea what the pyramid is," all of the students interviewed said that they were familiar with The Food Guide Pyramid which was introduced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1992.

The pyramid which replaced the four food groups as a guide for healthful eating, draws the emphasis away from meat consumption and encourages one to chose more grains, vegetables and fruit.

The pyramid recommends six to 11 servings of grains, three to five servings of vegetables, two to four helpings of fruit and two to three servings of each the "milk, yogurt, and cheese group" and the "meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nuts group."

Sarah Brown, a senior who rates her nutritional knowledge as "moderately high," believes the pyramid is helpful when used as a guideline, not a strict menu to follow. "I think that every person has different needs, and while the food pyramid is a good basic outline, individual alterations should be developed according to one's own body and metabolism," said Brown.

Many students agreed with Brown's assessment of the pyramid; however, some felt that its recommended requirements were difficult to meet. "It is very difficult with the amount of time and the choices



SALAD SUPREME—Salads ranked high on the list of foods that Allegheny students cited as their most frequent meal choices. Alleghenians say that personal preferences, health and ecological considerations, cost and time constrictions influence their food selections.

—photo by Ben Wyrick

that are available to students," said Abby Goodelle, a senior.

"I don't follow the it, because I don't eat as much as it recommends," said junior Megan Terebus.

"I do try to follow it, but it's hard to get that many fruits and vegetables into my day," said another student.

Comments such as these indicate that students may be misinterpreting the pyramid. Fulfilling the recommended amounts of grains does not entail eating an entire package of frozen bagels. A bowl of cereal with milk and a piece of wheat toast takes care three servings of grains and one serving of dairy products. Add half a banana and a glass of orange juice to the meal and you have taken care of your fruit for the

day.

Another nutritional misconception was the assumption that low-fat foods are the most healthful dietary choices. "I first judge by health concerns," said one senior woman. "Is it fattening? If it is high in fat, I try to stay away from it."

Another said that living off-campus has changed her eating habits for the better because, "I don't buy anything but low-fat stuff." She said that she ends her typical meal with a couple of Snackwell cookies, which may have little or no fat, but are high in sugar and relatively high in calories.

This preoccupation with low-fat foods seemed absurd to David Bosley, who focuses on maintaining a well-balanced diet, rather than

counting fat grams or calories.

"Eating based on improving one's appearance is stupid," said Bosley. "You don't necessarily receive good nutrition from eating low-fat, low-cholesterol foods. However, eating for health reasons will improve one's appearance in the long run."

Bosley, unlike most of the students interviewed, said that his eating habits have improved slightly since he has been at Allegheny. He says he has reduced his meat and desert consumption, while upping his servings of vegetables.

Students gave a variety of reasons for poorer eating habits at school—poor selection, tempting deserts in dining halls, late night

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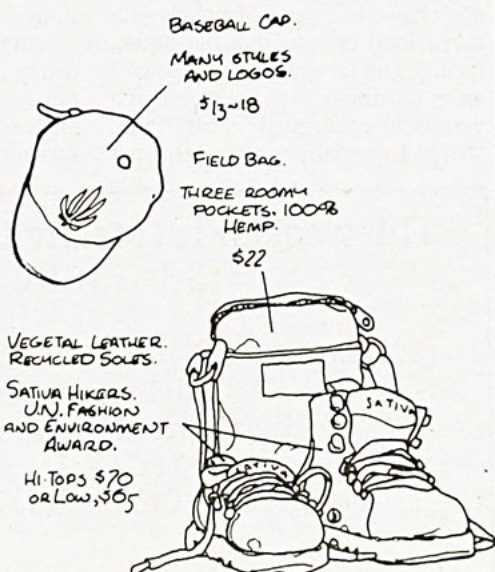
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Couple advocates alternative uses of hemp

By PHIL SECRETAN
Arts & Living Writer

"I couldn't believe it when I saw the shop," said Luis Santamaria, a freshman. "It's like something cool we have back home in California. I'm going back to buy a beanie and a scarf," he added with a smile.

Tucked away deep in the downtown mall is a small shop called The Hemp Corner. It is one of the growing number of specialist hemp stores in the United States, and the first ever in Meadville.

Run by Mike Byham and his fiancée Tanyia Camasi, the shop unobtrusively sells a stylish and colorful range of clothes, shoes, bags and rope made from hemp fabric.

Hemp clothes are becoming increasingly fashionable among young people; many Hemp Corner customers are Allegheny students. However, since prohibition in 1937,

hemp itself has been misunderstood as a plant.

Although the fabric comes from the same plant as marijuana, puffing on industrial hemp will not lead to the euphoric effects associated with smoking marijuana.

Owners Byham and Camasi, in their late twenties, are hemp experts. They are fully aware their products are not drugs, but recognize that others may not be as well informed.

Byham and Camasi are happy to describe repeatedly to curious customers how the hemp plant, scientifically called *cannabis sativa*, comes in two basic forms.

Marijuana hemp is a leafy plant abundant in THC, the chemical which induces the narcotic effects associated with the hemp plant.

Industrial hemp, on the other hand, contains less than one percent THC. Any attempts to "get stoned" by smoking the plant, which is

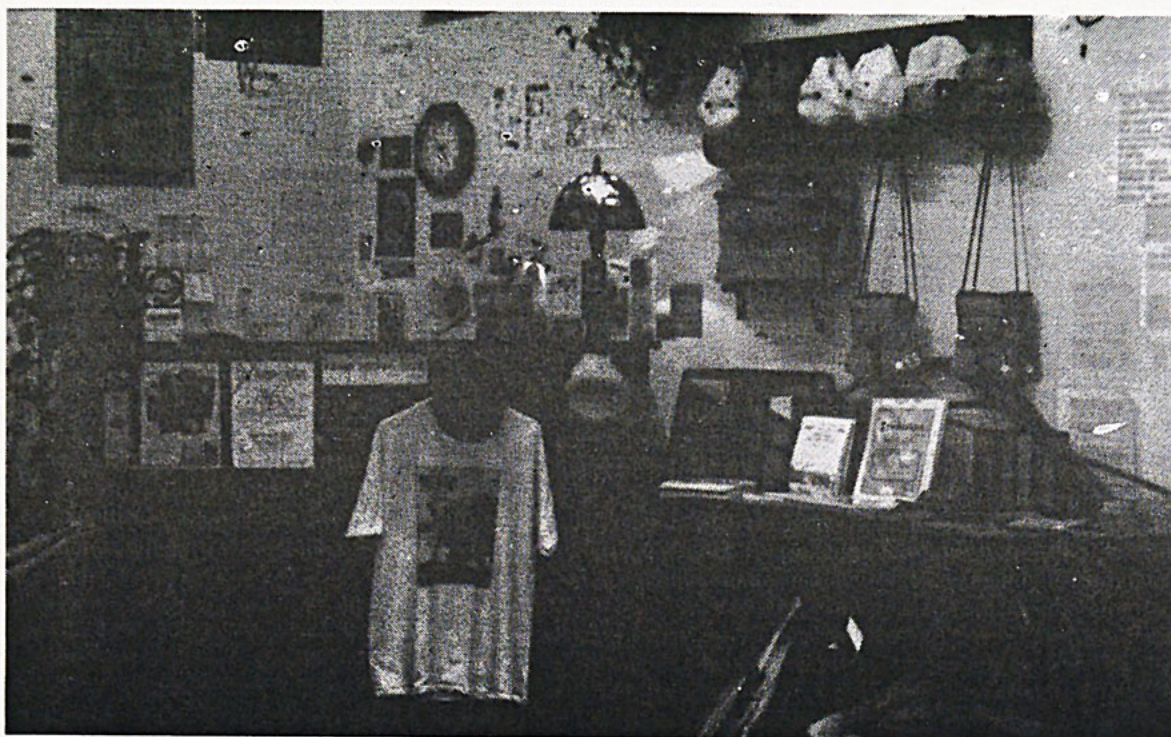
mostly stem and can grow as tall as 16 feet, would be fruitless.

Since establishing The Hemp Corner last spring, Byham and Camasi have engaged themselves in an ongoing battle to inform people about the valuable uses of industrial hemp fiber.

They admit that it was difficult initially. "People are scared by the word hemp. You can feel their attitude," said Camasi. "But you can turn them."

Opposition has challenged the store from day one. What should have been the cheerful opening of their hemp store was spoiled by the *Meadville Tribune's* effort to make readers think they were selling marijuana.

Following the opening of Hemp Corner, on May 1 this year, the *Tribune* ran a headline which read, "City mall corners marijuana busi- (continued on page 10)



NOT YOUR USUAL CLOTHING JOINT—Located in the Downtown Mall, The Hemp Corner sells a wide range of apparel and accessories made from industrial hemp. Co-owners Mike Byham and Tanya Camasi are trying to dispel the negative connotations associated with hemp products through literature which explains its industrial and historical value.

—photo by Jessica Custer

Hemp clothing is earth-friendly and durable

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ness." The article sparked a flurry of controversy and resulted in many angry letters from readers.

The article upset Byham. "I thought the *Tribune* did a very poor job," said Byham, sporting a ponytail and a natty goatee beard. "We were misrepresented."

Camasi quickly adds, "You would have thought someone had been busted here!"

As the shop does not sell marijuana, only industrial hemp, the article misled readers. While Byham and Camasi were reluctant to kick up an unnecessary storm, Joe Mazzone, Manager of the Downtown Mall, rushed to the *Tribune* to confront the editor.

"He came into the office and yelled at some people; he didn't like the connotations of the headline," said Ralph Tasgal, who wrote the article. Tasgal admits that some people took offense to the headline, penned by editors at the paper, but maintains it was appropriately tongue-in-cheek.

"They admitted it was a blunder, but they didn't do anything about it," says Mazzone.

The mall is quiet, but the store and its proprietors are bright and welcoming. Shirts and pants in many styles hang on the walls. A collection of olive green, navy blue, dark red, and rusty gray, the clothes have a starchy feel to them, but otherwise differ little from normal clothing.

After six months of business, damage done by the headline is lifting. Byham and Camasi say Meadville locals are beginning to realize their products are not a danger.

The opinions are changing, indeed. The Chairman of Crawford County Democratic Party Richard Friedberg says the hemp shop should not be associated with drugs.

"People don't smoke the clothing do they?" he quipped.

Byham and Camasi, both native to Meadville, set up shop returning after a year of living in Florida. Camasi recalls: "When we came back, my mother saw a pair of hemp pants our friend was wearing. She loved them and began checking out if there were any hemp companies in the area."

From then, the couple realized a great opportunity to open a unique store in Meadville. With the help of a loan, the business was soon established. Both working part-time jobs at Pub on the Square and spending time with their one-year-old son, Sage Augustine (named for the Saint) they are always busy.

Both Byham and Camasi firmly believe in the environmental friendliness of the crop and cite its strong historical tradition.

"Until this century 90 percent of clothes were made out of hemp," says Camasi.

Through the nineteenth century hemp was an indispensable fiber plant, but in 1937 U.S. Government outlawed it, in an attempt to stunt the spread of marijuana.

Since then industrial hemp has enjoyed only one brief comeback. During the WWII the U.S. government released a film entitled "Hemp for Victory," encouraging people to grow the plant. However, after the war the plant was banned again.

On Oct. 26, 1994, *The London Financial Times* reported, "fiber hemp is making a comeback in Europe and the United States as an ecologically friendly raw material for clothing and paper."

In other Western countries, government regulations permit farmers to grow industrial hemp on a limited scale. In France, where some 10,000 tons of the industrial crop is harvested every year and the cost is

much lower, hemp has even been used to build houses and mansions.

The versatile crop produces some of the strongest, most durable natural fibers, with few artificial pesticides. Industrial hemp, in its fabric form can be used to make many products ranging from backpacks and baseball caps to magazines and mops.

In their attempts to heighten hemp awareness, Byham and Camasi travel to rock festivals and often set up a stands at flea markets. They note the market for hemp goods is still small, however.

Byham and Camasi sell goods made of imported fabric from Asia and Europe. They acknowledge the high costs, but say that until hemp production acquires more support, prices will be expensive.

There are signs that American attitudes towards the commercial cultivation of industrial hemp are changing for the positive. Recently, the Governor of Kentucky announced the formation of a new task force to evaluate the feasibility of hemp production as a supplemental crop to tobacco.

In the meantime, Byham and Camasi believe that hemp production should be legalized. They hope that one of the states will decide to pioneer its production soon. The couple also advocates the legalization of marijuana for medicinal purposes and distributes photocopied information detailing ways to encourage such a change.

As hemp crusaders, Byham and Camasi are optimistic about the future of the plant. The first two drafts of the Declaration of Independence were written on hemp; both George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were hemp farmers. It seems that after 50 years out in the cold, this forgotten crop may well be making a comeback.

Students explain food choices

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study snacks. "I eat less healthy at school because I don't like the cooked vegetables here, so I eat less veggies," said Taraka Dale, a sophomore who was raised as a vegetarian. "It's a lot easier to eat bread and cheese, which is okay ... but not all of the time."

One senior girl agreed that good vegetables are hard to come by in the dining hall and said that she has reduced her milk-drinking from once a meal to once in a while because, she said, "The milk in the food court smells funny."

In general, most upperclassmen who have moved into off-campus housing and have reduced or no meal plans with the school, say that their eating habits have improved from when they ate in the dining halls and McKinley's regularly.

"I don't have to drown my pasta in oil or my veggies in butter," said Kerri Zawadski, who moved into an apartment this year, after living three years in the residence halls.

Another senior woman said that not having a meal plan gives her better control over what she eats. "If I don't buy junk food at the grocery store, then I won't have it around to tempt me," she said.

Bosley says that off-campus facilities allow him to prepare his own food to be healthier than what is served in the dining hall. He creates ways for his food to taste better without "dousing it with the fat, sugar and salt products which satisfy a superficial taste bud."

Additionally, students said that not eating in the dining halls has allowed them to eat when their bodies—not the clocks on Marriott's machines—tell them to. "Now I eat when I am hungry, not because Schultz is open between five and six," said Candace Boyer, a senior.

Off-campus dining is not all bliss, however. Senior Becky Garland says that her eating habits have worsened since she left the dorms, since she rarely has the time or money to prepared well-balanced meals.

Ellisa Keith and Jen Taggart also say that they are eating less "balanced" meals now that they don't have the myriad of already-prepared food options that the dining facilities on campus offer. "When I ate in the dining hall, I ate more of a variety at each meal," said Keith. "Now, I normally eat one item per

meal, and they usually are things that are easy to make, which are not always best for me."

Evi Mavrogeorgis, who has lived in a off-campus house for the past two years, sees both benefits and disadvantages in the dining halls. On the positive side, Mavrogeorgis identifies the fresh vegetables and fruit which the food service is able to provide students.

Mavrogeorgis says that making healthy food a normal part of her diet is difficult because she doesn't have the time or the money to go to the grocery store weekly to replenish her perishable food supply. She cited the temptation to over-eat in dining halls as their downfall.

The tendency to overeat is strong in campus dining halls, where food is there for the taking, and one who has finished eating may grab something to munch on while he or she waits for friends to finish.

One sophomore woman with a full meal plan, says that she tends to eat bigger lunches and dinners when she is at school than when she is at home.

Most of the respondents said that eating meals off-campus has definitely reduced their portions sizes.

"When I'm eating with friends, I feel pressured to eat things that I would prefer not to or to eat more than I really want because they are eating a big meal," said one senior.

Time restrictions influenced eating habits for most students. Often, one's meal selection consists of nothing more than identifying the shortest serving line at McKinley's or the food which is easiest to bag up and cart off to the library.

"I often don't have time to sit down and eat, so I end up eating the most portable foods, which might not always be best," said Senior Ronda Chollock.

Also, the few students surveyed who don't eat breakfast everyday said that they don't have time before their first classes.

In general, Allegheny students know what they should be eating. However, food options, personal temptations, cost and time restrictions do not always allow students to eat would what is most nutritious.

And while most said that their eating habits could be better, their most frequently mentioned food choices were bagels, pasta, rice and salads.

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Allegheny poet invites others to share in her world at The Blue Planet

By KRISTY WHISKER
Arts & Living Writer

Peeking from behind the smoky blue eyes and smoldering red curls, the shy one emerges from her inner world.

You may have seen her around campus. She's the quiet one who walks around, wrapped in her own thoughts, blanketed by her own words, the one who very honestly confesses she's spacey.

She may be spacey, but it is what goes on inside that mind space that's important. It's music. "I write because of music," Andy Krackow explains. "There's a queer music going on inside my head. I want to get it out. I want to make something of it." The music always changes.

She transforms this music into poetry as well as fiction. Two years ago, her poetry earned her a spot as one of two student-poets nationwide

to write as part of the Stadler Semester for Young Poets. For four months, Krackow wrote poetry at Bucknell University. The result was a chapbook entitled, *Dirt*, published by Bucknell University Press.

But, Andy Krackow doesn't truly consider herself a writer: "I write in my head. I don't have pencils or pens. It starts with a rhythm or a sound. After a few days, I get it down on paper."

"I write a little everyday, but the things that I would consider to be poems—and I don't even know if they are poems—I'd say I write a couple a year, just a few, but I write everyday."

This weekend, her poetry is the focus of her third reading at the Blue Planet Cafe, a monthly gathering of writers and musicians, at the Market House. Krackow's reading is one of three 20 minute acts including Singer/Songwriter Sam Hyman and

Erie-based rock group FP 503.

Despite her shyness, Andy is no stranger to performance. She has done countless open mics and readings in places from Buffalo to Erie to Lewisburg, Pa. In addition, she has acted in variety of theatrical productions produced by the Playshop Theater and S.E.T.

"I'm not shy when I stand up in front of an audience. That's when I feel most powerful. I've memorized all of my poems, so when I get up there, it's more of a performance. I can look right into people's eyes; and I have no fear."

"I'm a kamikaze actress," she said. "I dive in head first. It may be extreme, but to me, it's cozy. I feel safe."

Making the transition from writer to performer and back again isn't the only transition Andy's had to make. As a child, her family moved around a lot, never staying in one

place for more than a year or two. "I went to ten different schools, five different high schools," Krackow said.

Through it all, she has remained close to her father, "I talk to him every day," she says. "Right now the most important thing to me in the world is my father. When I was in high school, we would get into the car and just drive and we wouldn't have to say a word to each other." After a pause, "I love him so much," and after another moment of silence, Andy, looking up from the tops of her brown leather boots, says, "He's just the best."

According to Krackow, she draws influence from many areas. Her favorite writers range from Raymond Carver to AI to Ntzoze Shange. "I read everything, from my father's medical texts to *National Geographic* to comics and cereal boxes." The largest influence on her writing, though, is her mother. "She's a free-spirited, passionate person, [who has] affected me very deeply," Krackow said.

She's an English major and anthropology minor, but Krackow claims, "I'm a horrible student. I'm not good with deadlines. My mind is everywhere: it's like a riot. I

have a hard time concentrating."

In her spare time, Andy is a member of the straight auxiliary of Gay Pride, serving as Head Chef, and is also involved in SAGE and S.E.T. In addition, Andy soon will be lending her cooking skills to the coffee shop. She is also an avid runner.

What's in store for Andy after Allegheny? That script hasn't been written yet. "I don't know. I like to make things. I feel like a carpenter when I write. I get to build, saw and hammer. I like to cook, so sometimes I think I am going to cooking school."

Now matter what she does, Andy wants to be able to afford two dogs and her own small house. Her ultimate dream is to relax under the sun, drinking Piña Colodas, with her dogs by her side.

"I don't think I am a typical Allegheny student. I just do my own thing. I'm in my own world. But, it's not a closed-off world. It's very open; anyone who wants to come in is invited."

The events at the Blue Planet begin at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 9. The cafe is located in the upstairs of the Market House, on Market Street. Admission is \$3.

Root Remembers the old, creates new sound

By ADAM KUKIC
Arts & Living Writer

Artist: Rusted Root
Album: *Remember*
Rating: 8/10

From the first song on *Remember*, you can hear that Rusted Root is a mature band. Three or four years ago, I saw Root as strictly a jamming band, fun and good to dance to, but not much lyrically. They relied heavily on emotional power given off by their tribal sound and Mike Gablicki's unique voice, and ignored things such as lyrics.

Music Review

This album keeps alive the Root we have come to love (or hate), and also introduces a more mature, more mellow sound. The percussion on this album does not monopolize the music. Also, the lyrics are actual words, not just sound emanation from Gablicki. (Some are still incomprehensible, but the inclusion of the lyrics on the CD sleeve helps you decipher the words).

Root's new sound is enhanced by Liz Berlin's sultry voice, which was not featured on *Cruel Sun* or *When I Woke*.

The highlights of this album are many. First, *Remember* is well worth the money (\$14.99 at the bookstore), for it has a playing time of over 60 minutes. Also, the album has more cohesion than their *When I Woke*. The feeling is more somber; it reminds me of winter depression.

The first group of songs demonstrates the new sound of Root. These include "Faith I Do Believe," "Sister Contine" (the first single off this album), "Infinite Space," "Dangle," "Baby Will Roam," "Bullets In The Fire," and "Circle of Remembrance." These songs all

have a haunting sound which gives them a more mellow mood than the Root we knew in the past.

If you were a fan of "Beautiful People," these songs are sure to be early favorites on *Remember*. A little note: Two years ago, I saw the debut of three of these songs at Mad Mex in Pittsburgh, (the day after Root opened for Page and Plant at the Civic Arena), so I have a little sense of nostalgia for them.

The second group of songs sound most like old Root: "Heaven," "Virtual Reality" (from the *Twister* soundtrack and *Evil Ways* EP), "Silver-n-Gold" (I told you it had a winter feel to it), and "Who Do You Tell It To." These all invite a lot of concert jamming which I do not think is a possibility for the first songs. The percussion is more prominent in these songs, as is that tribal feel which has become their trademark.

The final grouping of songs are old ones which have been recycled.

"Voodoo," "Dangle," and "River In A Cage" will sound familiar to anyone who has attended a Root concert in the past four years.

The album does have some problems. While there may be actual lyrics now, do not spend too much time looking for deep meanings in them. Mike Gablicki has not become the next Bob Dylan. They mostly are still just strings of words that sound good together.

I also am still upset that spunky Jenn Wertz was forced to leave the group when she and Gablicki broke off their romantic relationship. I am a little concerned, too, that they are becoming a soundtrack band. As noted, "Virtual Reality" has been used in *Twister*; "Send Me On My Way" was used in *Matilda*, and a cover of Santana's "Evil Ways" was on the *Home For The Holidays* soundtrack.

Pushing these negatives aside, I think that any fan of Root definitely must add *Remember* to their music collection.

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Bill Murray and his elephant provide *Larger Than Life* disappointment

By JON CANTWELL
& FRED HEMMINGER
Arts & Living Writers

"You're Welcome!" was our collective response to this week's film as we left Tinseltown. We say "you're welcome" for each donating \$4 to the Bill Murray "I have no career, so I star with an elephant" Fund. Unfortunately, the government will not recognize this as a tax write-off.

By the way, the movie we saw was entitled, *Larger than Life*. We intended to see *Romeo and Juliet* except, as usual, we left 30 minutes before the start of the show to embark on this 45-minute drive. Also helping us out were those careful, methodical Erie drivers, who watched the construction on Route 19 in awe. We did not realize that so many people found orange road cones fascinating! That is how we were stuck reviewing the latest comeback attempt of another fallen comedian, Bill Murray.

The movie started with Jack Colchran, Bill Murray (*Caddyshack*, *Ghostbusters*), giving a motivational speech to the MRA (Motion Recliners Association). Do people really

need to be motivated to make chairs? After his heart-warming speech Colchran returns home, where a family party is in progress.

For some reason, Colchran takes a stack of telegrams and begins to read them aloud. He stumbles upon one from the town lawyer which tells of his father's recent death a month ago. Jack, having thought that his father had been dead for years, learns that his mother lied to him because she had left her husband.

Angrily, Jack sets out to find the lawyer and get his part of the inheritance. Colchran is hustled by the lawyer, which results in his signing a document that guarantees that he will pay that amount of 35,000 dollars in damages and take his dad's inheritance with him. The only problem is Jack's inheritance is his dad's circus elephant, Vera. Jack's father left not only an elephant with Jack, but also a trunk of belongings along with the phone number of a friend named Blockhead. Jack then explores his options and discovers he can sell Vera to the San Diego Zoo or an entertainment firm. The only problem is how do you get an elephant from Maryland to California?

nia?

Jack then experiences a series of conflicts and adventures in his attempts to get Vera west. The most memorable character we meet is Tip Tucker, a redneck trucker. Tucker is played by Matthew McCoughey (*A Time to Kill*). His humorous anecdote about elephants having sex and his insane behavior enlivens the trip west. In the end, Jack must choose whether to sell Vera to the Zoo or the agency, considering not only his interests, but also those of his new friend, Vera.

Jon's Pick—What the hell were we thinking? Bill Murray and elephant sharing the screen. How could this possible be any good? Unfortunately, the cliché that "an elephant never forgets" should be restated as "the audience never forgets." We will remember forever this painful experience of Bill Murray delivering continuously unfunny lines. Matthew McCoughey stole the show from Murray. If it not for him, I may have fallen asleep like my esteemed colleague Fred did! Did the writer not remember the last action packed elephant story (there are so many!) Operations Dumbo Drop's dismal showing in the box

office? I actually felt bad for Bill Murray and that his career has become what it is. The best part he can get is a crazed motivational speaker traveling across the country to deliver an elephant that was left to him in a will. I just kept waiting for Murray to bust into one of his Karl, the grounds keeper, lines from *Caddyshack*. He didn't; instead, he tried to act. *Barb Wire* is starting to look better, after I give *Larger than Life* a barely-thirst-quenching score of 2 Snapples.

Fred's Pick—What the hell were the producers thinking? Did they think that a movie with bad acting, bad plot, and no humor would be saved by the addition of an animal. Did they learn nothing from *Ed* or *Dunston Checks In*? This movie was painful. I must agree with my partner though that Mr. McCoughey stole what little of a show there was. Before you ladies wipe the drool off of your chins and run out and waste your money to see him on the big screen again, I must warn you. He was on the screen for about two minutes before we even recognized him. He wears a wig

and ugly hick clothing and looks nothing like he did in a *Time to Kill*. If you are so obsessed with the man that you want to pay money to see him in a turquoise shirt, maroon pants and a cowboy hat, go ahead (the "Save Bill Murray's Career Fund" thanks you).

The most entertaining event of the night was when I pulled into Taco Bell and paid for my \$2.71 meal in all change (no quarters). The worker was not too thrilled with me; Jon and I got more laughs from this than during the movie. I was in a bad mood because I had to see this movie in the first place and seeing it made me even more upset. I have several Snapple scores to give out this week. To the construction in Erie that made me miss *Romeo and Juliet*, I give no Snapples (actually, I give them a cup of that nasty blue stuff from the dining hall—ha). To all the people who have said to me, "You didn't see R&J? It was such a good movie!" I give one Snapple. To *Larger Than Life*, I give my lowest Snapple score ever, one. Until next week ... Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?

Personals

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Happy 45th, Dad!
—Jenn

K—
Thanks! You may be a bad drunk, but you're a great friend.

Angela—
How is the German Beer?
—C

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Hang in there for one more week, English compers!

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Personals

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Redrum

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Has anyone seen fez?

Claire Danes in the evening.

Are you desirable? Are you irresistible? Maybe if you drank Bourbon with me it would help.

Personals

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Zhao Rongchun, performer and composer, will present a concert on the erhu on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Allegheny College's Ford Chapel. Lucile Soule will accompany on piano.

The erhu is a traditional Chinese stringed instrument that emerged more than 1,000 years ago during the Tang Dynasty. It began to be used for performances at the Chinese Imperial Palace in the Song Dynasty (1031-1095), and developed into a solo instrument in the 17th century.

Today, the erhu is one of the main instruments in the Chinese National Orchestra. It functions much like the violin, except that it has two strings, instead of four, and is played with a horsehair bow that rests between the strings just above the rosewood sound box.

Rongchun began studying the erhu at the age of 11 when he was accepted as a student by the famous erhu virtuoso, Zhao GuoLiang. He was a student at the JiLin Art Institute where he studied music theory and majored in Chinese national stringed instruments.

He completed his postgraduate work at the China Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. Rongchun was a solo performer and concert master in the JiLin Orchestra, one of the four main orchestras in China. He also was a solo performer in the Guangdong National Song and Dance Troupe, as well as a guest artist in the Orchestra of the Beijing

Opera.

In 1985, Rongchun was chosen as one of seven members of the Chinese delegation to participate in the International Arts Festival of Percussion Instruments in India.

Zhao has garnered prizes, both as a performer and composer, and two of his works were recorded and subsequently broadcast by the Chinese Central Radio Station. He is included in the Ohio Arts Council Presenting/Touring Program and on the Artists of Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland.

Jahja Ling, resident conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra, said of Rongchun's talents: "Zhao Rongchun is an extraordinary musician. He is an artist of rare sensitivity with the power to touch the emotions of his audience."

Rongchun will perform Cantonese music, "Camel Caravan," based on an ancient folk tune from the inner Mongolia Autonomous "Danny Boy," an old Irish melody. Other pieces include "The Song of Lullaby," "Go to the Village Fair," "Hara Staccato," "Second-best-Stream Reflecting the Moon," "Moon River," and "Ten Thousand Horses Galloping."

This Centerstage event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Deb Baker at 332-5371.

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Rehm and Schuckert running to NCAA regionals

By TENNILLE JENKINS
Assistant Sports Editor

Allegheny women's cross country wrapped up their regular season last week with senior Maggie Rehm and sophomore Amy Schuckert advancing to the NCAA Mid-east Region Championship. The Gators finished a disappointing eighth out of a nine team field at the NCAC Championship at Denison.

"It was very disappointing," said Rehm. "We hoped to pull through and still win the conferences, to not qualify for regionals was a big let-down."

Allegheny women's cross country won eight of their last 11 championship races, falling second the other three times. "Going from second last year to eighth this year was a let-down to the Allegheny tradition,"

said Schuckert.

This year's team differed greatly from those in the past. The Gators' team was comprised of inexperienced freshmen and required some rebuilding. "It was a challenging season as far as putting together veterans, freshmen and a new coach" said head coach Bill Ross. "We never finished lower than third at any of the invitational."

The Gators' schedule did not allow for them to attend big meets with Division I and II teams. Because of this, the Gators were never pushed before conferences. "We needed at least one high level meet to challenge us and make us aware of the level we needed to be on," said Rehm.

Ross stated that there were three factors that posed a problem at conferences. The first problem was sickness and injuries that plagued a few

members on the team. "We didn't have the depth that was needed to have a strong showing at the conference championship," said Koss.

The lack of big meets played a crucial role. "A lot of the courses that we ran on were slower and didn't push us ahead in our training," said Schuckert.

The team also may have tapered too soon in the season. They were well-rested but they may have lost some of their conditioning, said Ross. "We just had an 'off' two weeks. This team could rebound and do well at regionals and easily place in the top ten." Unfortunately, the Gators don't have that chance.

Although the Gators fared well during the regular season, they were unable to pull it together at conferences. "I don't think as a group we ever found that spirit of training or

competition this year," said Rehm. Some of this spirit can be attributed to freshmen inexperience. "Not everyone was into the team," said Schuckert. "We needed to be closer as a group and more willing to sacrifice to gain something from it."

Overall, Ross was pleased with the team. He highlighted the Davis & Elkins Invitational as their best meet of the season. "I was amazed at the way everyone did what was asked of them throughout the season," he said. While the training for the cross

country team is over, Rehm and Schuckert are still pressing on.

"They have been running outside of themselves," said Ross. "Both of them are hungry to come back and show what they have." This week they have been working hard to make up for lost ground. "I'd like to make it to nationals, but running my fastest time in my collegiate career should help to make up for the disappointments in the past," said Schuckert.

The Gators will travel to the NCAA Mid-east Region Championship at Dickinson this weekend.

Volleyball advances in NCAC tourney

By PAT SHELTON
Sports Editor

The Allegheny women's volleyball team won three matches in the past week, including a three game victory over Wooster on Tuesday night that moved the Gators into the semi-finals of the NCAC tournament.

On Oct. 30 the Gators took on Oberlin in their final regular season NCAC match of the year. Allegheny made quick work of their opponents, winning 15-5, 15-2 and 17-15.

Freshman Wendy Turkovich had a strong match for Allegheny, leading the Gators in both kills (9) and digs (13). Senior Amy Bryson was the Gators' leader in assists with 17.

Saturday Allegheny played a doubleheader against Rochester Institute of Technology and Gettysburg. The Gators disposed of RIT in four games in the first match of the afternoon.

Turkovich was once again impressive in Allegheny's victory. She led the Gators in digs with 31, a career-best. Bryson added 40 assists to Allegheny's cause, while junior Molly McCoy and senior Missy Rau collected 19 and 17 kills respectively.

In the second match of the day Allegheny faced off with a Gettys-

burg team ranked second in the mid-Atlantic region of NCAA Division III. The Gators came up with a 15-12 win in the first game of the match, but dropped the next two games 13-15 and 11-15. Allegheny bounced back with an impressive 15-7 win the fourth game, sending the match into a fifth game. The Gators couldn't pull out the win, though, dropping a hard fought final game 14-16.

Despite the disappointing loss several individuals had strong days. Rau was the Gators leader in both blocks (11) and kills (24), both of which were also career bests. Bryson bumped out an amazing 53 assists in the match, which was also a career-best. Rounding out the list of extraordinary Gator performers was McCoy, who gutted out a career-best 40 digs to top the Gators.

Tuesday night Allegheny hosted Wooster in the quarterfinals of the NCAC Tournament. The Scots proved to be little challenge for the Gators. Allegheny blasted their way into the semis with a three game win, 15-4, 15-4 and 15-3.

The Gators finished the NCAC regular season tied for first place with Wittenberg and Ohio Wesleyan. Wittenberg will be the Gators' opponent in the semi-finals Friday night and the winner will advance to the finals on Saturday.

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Gators down the Eagles

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Gators could move into scoring position.

Brockport began the second half in an impressive fashion. For the first time the Golden Eagles mounted a drive on the Allegheny defense. Brockport advanced to the Allegheny 19 before a penalty pushed them back to the Gators' 28-yard line. This was still close enough for the Golden Eagles' kicker to attempt a field goal. The 46-yard try was good and the Gators lead was cut to 11.

Allegheny's offensive possession immediately following the field goal was slowed by a penalty early on and the Gators were faced with a first-and-18 situation. On second down Mormino fumbled and the Golden Eagles recovered.

Brockport's drive began on the Allegheny 39-yard line, but the Gator defense did not allow the offense to move past the 22. Brockport attempted another field goal, but this one fell short and the score remained 14-3.

Throughout the remainder of the game neither offense could move inside of their opponent's 40-yard line until the Gators advanced to the Brockport 32 while running out the clock at the end of the game.

Smesko and Adamson were the top offensive players for the Gators in the win. Smesko gained 89 yards

rushing and scored a touchdown on 26 carries. On the season he is sixth in the NCAC in rushing with 86.5 yards per game and leads the NCAC in scoring with 14 touchdowns for 84 points.

Adamson completed 13 of 21 passes for 127 yards in the game. On the year he is first in the NCAC in passing efficiency with a 169.1 rating. He is also tops in the NCAC in touchdowns with 14 and completion percentage with .611.

Reiser was the Gators' leading tackler for the third straight game with 13. Reiser also caused a fumble, recovered a fumble and recorded half a sack.

Allegheny remains third in the *Football Gazette* NCAA Division III national poll and fourth in the NCAA North Region poll.

The Gators are back in action Saturday at Kenyon in an NCAC matchup.

Swimmers compete in the NCAC relays

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for nationals, several of the men turned in quick times.

Freshman Jeff Hundt finished first in the 1000 freestyle with a time of 10:25.13. He also placed second in the 500 freestyle in a time of 5:04.22. Hundt swam a leg of the winning 400 freestyle relay as well. Junior Chris Sullivan, sophomore

SOCCER SNOWMEN FROM HELL



The Allegheny men's soccer team finished their season with a loss to Wittenberg last Saturday. The Gators finished the season with a 5-9-6 record and in fifth place in the NCAC.

—photo by Jamie Eckel

Brent Znosko and freshman Tim Phillipson joined Hundt on the relay team.

Sullivan finished second in the 200 butterfly and third in the 200 freestyle to go along with his first place finish in the relay. The other members of the Gators' winning relay team also had top-three finishes. Znosko took third in both the 200

individual medley and the 200 butterfly, while Phillipson took third in the 50 freestyle.

Freshman Seth Swarner was another top performer for the Gators against Clarion. Swarner earned first place in the 200 breaststroke (2:30.32), second in the 200 freestyle (1:54.86) and third in the 100 freestyle (51.59).

Saturday both teams competed in the NCAC Relays at Kenyon. The men's team finished a disappointing ninth out of nine teams, while the women finished fourth out of nine.

Both teams are in action again this Saturday at Case Western Reserve.

Women's soccer ties the school win record

By TENNILLE JENKINS
Assistant Sports Editor

Allegheny women's soccer completed their season with a 1-0 shut-out victory over Wittenberg. This was a significant victory, as the Gators tied the school win record of 16 established in 1988.

While the Gators finished second in the NCAC, they failed to receive an NCAA Tournament bid. In light of this letdown, the Gators have a lot to be proud of.

"We turned out to be better than I expected," said junior co-captain Jeanne Kondrich. "After the nightmare of the 1995 season, I knew the team could only go up."

It was during pre-season that the team began to realize they had a lot of potential. One important addition was new Assistant Coach Carrie Ly-

sek. "She added a new dimension to things and related very well to us," said sophomore Lisa Hollis. "She was a new, young face that added some brightness to our day."

Not only was the assistant coach helpful, the freshmen class was an additional bonus. They contributed a lot to this year's team, adding the depth and support that was needed throughout the season, said Hollis.

The Gators worked hard throughout the season re-defining themselves as a team. "This year we exemplified the meaning of the word team," said Kondrich. "Each person on the team, no matter if they were on the bench or on the field, contributed to our success."

The team played each game as it was the most important throughout the season. Their hard work and determination led to the reputation they

developed amongst their opponents. "We knew we had a great record and that our opponents knew it too," said Hollis. "It gave us the confidence going into the game that we needed to stay focus and leave with another victory."

As the victories began to accumulate, they knew they had a good shot at winning a tournament berth.

While the Gators were overlooked for the playoffs this year, this season's record will make them a part of the history books.

"I personally don't think it's a big deal to tie a record like that," said Hollis. It would have been nice to have beat it, but I guess that's why we have next year."

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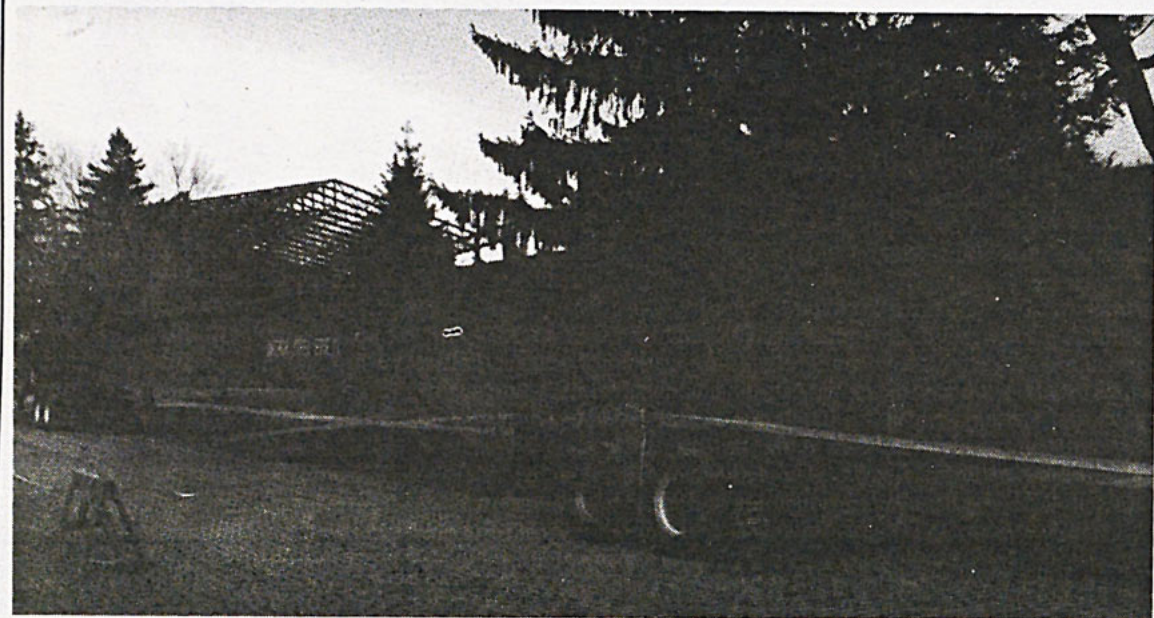
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Football survives scare against Brockport

By PAT SHELTON
Sports Editor

For the second time in the past three games the Allegheny football team's defense stepped up their play to clinch a win when the offense stumbled. The Gators roared out of the locker room in the first half, scoring 14 points against Brockport State in the first 10 minutes of the game, and then held on for a 14-3 win.

The defense was impressive throughout, limiting the Golden Eagle offense to just 181 total yards and 2.8-yards per play. The Gators' defense rarely bent and never broke, helping the team to their eighth win of the season and extending their winning streak to 15.

The Gators took the opening kickoff and quickly began to move the ball down field. Their drive stalled at the Brockport 44-yard line, and the Gators were forced to punt. Junior Vince Coley dropped his punt on the Brockport 3-yard line, pinning the Golden Eagles deep in their own territory.

The Allegheny defense set the tone for the game early on. On second down, senior Bob Tatsch dropped the Brockport ball carrier in the backfield for a 2-yard loss, and the Golden Eagles couldn't move the ball past their 4-yard line on third down.

Forced to punt from deep in their own territory, Brockport State may have been more worried about a punt block or bad snap for a safety than anything else. Junior Antione Morris—subbing for injured senior Chris Conrad who leads NCAA Division III in punt return average—proved that he should have been their main concern. Fielding the ball at the Golden Eagles' 33-yard line, Morris broke up field, slicing

his way through the coverage team and racing his way into the end zone to give Allegheny their first score of the game. Sophomore kicker Jake Merski hit the point after, moving the score to 7-0.

Sophomore kicker Kevin Bowser's resulting kickoff went out of bounds, giving Brockport the ball at their own 35. The improvement in field position made no difference to the Golden Eagles' offense however. On first down the Brockport ball carrier fumbled and Tatsch recovered.

The Gators wasted no time getting into the end zone. With a strong mix of runs and passes, Allegheny moved the ball 33 yards in eight plays, before senior running back Kyle Smesko plunged in from 1-yard out. Merski's extra point was good and the score was 14-0.

On their next drive Brockport began to drive from their own 32. After sputtering for several plays, but being aided by a Gator penalty which helped to keep the drive alive, the Golden Eagles' running back broke off an 18-yard run, followed by a 5-yard run, moving the ball to the Allegheny 41. The Gator defense stepped up their performance, forcing a fumble which senior Nick Reiser recovered, putting an end to any threat of a Brockport score.

The Allegheny offense failed to move the ball at all after the fumble recovery, and Coley came on for his second punt of the day.

Following Coley's punt the Allegheny defense dominated Brockport's offense again. The Golden Eagles ran three plays and lost 6 yards before punting. Tatsch and junior Steve Smith combined to sack the Brockport quarterback for a 7-yard loss on second down, high lighting the defensive series for the Gators.

The Gators fumbled the punt and Brockport recovered at their own 43, but the Allegheny defense held once again, forcing the Golden Eagles to go three-and-out.

The Gators' offense, starting their drive at their own 11-yard line, failed to move the ball enough for a first down, and Coley's punt was short. The combination of these things gave Brockport excellent starting field position at the Gators' 49. Once again Allegheny's defense was strong. The Golden Eagles managed just 5 yards before being forced to punt once again.

Morris fielded the punt at his own 10-yard line and returned it 2 yards, but a holding penalty moved the Gators back to their own 6. The offense rebounded from their brief slump, and began to march towards what looked to be their third touchdown of the day. Several strong running plays moved the ball to the Gators' 23-yard line before senior Ronnie Anderson made a terrific leaping grab of junior Kyle Adamson's pass for a 28-yard pick up into Brockport territory.

On the next play junior Jim Mormino ran 15 yards, moving the ball to the Golden Eagles' 27. The Gators moved the ball well, but faced a third-and-four situation. Adamson found Anderson in the end zone, but Anderson couldn't simulate his feat of a few plays before and the pass fell incomplete. Merski came on to attempt a 39-yard field goal, but it sailed wide left, and the score remained 14-0.

The Gators' defensive unit continued its strong play on Brockport's next offensive series. The Golden Eagles managed just one first down before being forced to punt. Allegheny fielded the punt and started their next drive at their own 25-yard line, but time expired before the

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Men's cross country at regionals

By TENNILLE JENKINS
Assistant Sports Editor

Allegheny's men's cross country team finished third last week at the NCAC Conference Championship at Dickinson nine points behind co-winners Earlham and Wittenburg. While they took many of their competitors by surprise, the team was still disappointed with their overall finish.

"We were confident we would win the conferences," said senior Jeremy Bloeser. "A couple of guys didn't run to their potential and not all of the guys ran as team." As a result, each individual ran their own race rather than playing off team strategies and supporting each other.

Even though they didn't win the conferences as expected, the team was a lot more successful than they had expected earlier. "We didn't know what to expect," said senior Spencer Mell. "We thought we would have a mediocre year, nothing great."

The returning team proved to be a lot stronger than most people outside of Allegheny believed, said junior Mike Matott. This is due in part to the fact that Matott and junior Kurt Krouse both have run the season injury-free thus far.

Another pleasant surprise was walk-on sophomore Mark Hudson and junior Kevin Anthony. "No one expected Mark and Kevin to be as good as they turned out," said Mell. As the season progressed, the team began to realize just how talented they really were.

The Gators have created a unique bond amongst themselves. The team

is very tight-knit, focused and intense. While they recognize that there are a few "jokesters" on the team, they know how to remain focused.

"There is an intense feeling on the team," said Bloeser. This intensity is passed down from head coach George Yuhasz. "Coach is able to pull everyone together," said Hudson. "You can't get anywhere without a coach to help you along and give you the tools to go far."

At the beginning of the season, Mell stated that they were a team looking for respect. The Gators are currently ranked fourth on the polls and other teams are talking, said Mell.

"We're a team ready to work hard," said Anthony. "We're just hoping that everything will fall into place and prove how good we really are."

While everyone is hoping to run well at regionals, this race means a lot to the seniors. Bloeser and Mell both realize that this may be their last collegiate race and hope to make it to nationals. "We can see the foundation made by Jeremy and Spencer. They've set the team up as something positive," said Hudson. "Regionals will mean a lot to the work that they've already done."

The Gators are looking to display all their hard work at regionals and not walk away disappointed. "We're a good team looking to rebound ourselves from conferences by turning regionals into something positive," said sophomore Ben Wyrick.

This weekend the Gators will travel to the NCAA Midwest Region Championship at Dickinson.

Swimming opens their season

By PAT SHELTON
Sports Editor

Allegheny's men's and women's swimming and diving teams opened their seasons last Wednesday in a meet against Clarion University. Though neither Allegheny team won their meet, they both had strong showings for an early season meet, and several individuals also performed well.

The women's team fell 138-96 in the meet, but there were still several highlights for the Gators.

Sophomore Ann Magdic was the biggest star for Allegheny. Magdic won the 1000-yard freestyle (10 minutes, 58.44 seconds) and the 200 breaststroke (2:29.96). Her time in the 200 breaststroke qualifies her for the NCAA Division III Championship meet. Magdic was also a member of the Gators' second-place 400 medley relay team (4:06.03) along with junior Jen Erdos and freshmen Megan Rogers and Becky Smullin.

Erdos also had a good individual

meet. She finished second in both the 200 individual medley and the 200 backstroke.

Rogers and Smullin performed well in individual events as well. Rogers placed third in the 100 freestyle with a time of 57.17 and Smullin earned a third place finish in the 50 freestyle.

Freshman Kelly Tobias had a strong meet for the Gators. She was the victor in the 200 butterfly in a time of 2:17.63. She also placed second in the 1000 free and third in the 500 free.

The Gators' 400 freestyle relay of juniors Julie Oplinger and Megan Terebus, sophomore Barbara Fowler and freshman Jenifer Torpey placed first with a time of 4:00.81.

Other Gators who placed in the top-three were freshmen Carla More and Dana Fuhrman in the 200 breaststroke and Kyle Kopnitski in the 25 freestyle.

The men's team dropped their meet 142-78. Though no individuals had times which qualified them

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