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Ice Castles



Local artist T.J. Grubisha carves the Allegheny College seal into an ice castle sculpture outside of the Campus Center. The sculpture decorated the grounds for last week's Winter Carnival festivities.
—photo by Ben Wyrick

Black women join off-campus sororities

By TENNILLE JENKINS
Assistant News Editor

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This week members of the Allegheny community may be leaving campus to join a sorority at another location. Three black females will travel to Edinboro University in pursuit of becoming members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority (AKA).

AKA is a predominately black sorority that was founded on January 15, 1908 at Howard University. "Black sororities were founded because they couldn't function with other white sororities and fraternities," said Area Coordinator Tawanda Beale. "They are for the improvement of the black community. It's not about partying and being social."

While these sororities are not limited to people of color, they try to keep a critical mass of blacks to maintain the focus and keep representation. "Race is no longer an issue but the agenda is still the improvement of the black community," said Beale.

Through the years, several students of color have expressed an interest in having their own AKA chapter on campus. Because the numbers are so small, they cannot establish their own chapter on campus. Instead, they will combine with Edinboro University, Penn State-Behrend, Mercyhurst and Gannon University to become general members of the city chapter.

This group will be under the supervision of Beale, who pledged AKA in 1988 at Lincoln University of Pennsylvania under the Epsilon Mu chapter. In addition, she just became a member of the AKA graduate chapter. "AKA is really big on membership that helps you learn about history," said Beale. "It helps you gain a stronger sense of pride because there are a lot of successful blacks that you will share a sisterhood with."

Each chapter requires an advisor to make sure they are adhering to the policies of the sorority and aren't doing anything wrong. Beale will be present at all the functions and meetings of the chapter.

"It's difficult to bring something on campus without the necessary supervision," said Beale. "It's better not to start it than do it halfway."

This year Beale decided to make every effort to get Allegheny's students into the city chapter. With enough students expressing interest, she was able to make some students' dreams a reality.

"Ever since I was a young girl, my family always told me I would be a AKA woman," said sophomore Julia Allen. "AKA is a good sorority and everyone in my family is in

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Allegheny debate team receives first-place ranking in Pennsylvania

By ADAM M. VAN HO
News Reporter

If America loves an underdog, then the Allegheny Debate Team is "America's Team."

The Allegheny Debate Team achieved two major victories last weekend in the Russel D. Martin Debate Tournament at Cornell University. Sophomores John Whittaker and Daniel Joyce broke into the finals, and sophomore Sarah Davitt was ranked in eighth place for speaking points.

According to its coach, Jeanie Gallagher, the Allegheny Debate Team currently is ranked first in Pennsylvania by the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA). Additionally, the team has had several of its members break into the final rounds of tournaments this year.

So far, Allegheny has competed in five tournaments, and will be competing in three more this year, including two national competitions. In each tournament to date, at least one team member has received recognition for their debating skills.

"We have a strong core of debaters, who are really talented speakers, persuaders and arguers," says Allegheny Debate Team President Shannon Piccirillo. "But, unfortunately their skills are under utilized due to all the constraints."

Piccirillo points to the team's lack of funds, research capabilities and faculty support as major obstacles to success. "You just can't run with the big boys on speaking skills and rational thought alone. You need strong coaching and large amounts of evidence."

Joyce agrees, stating that "we are at a serious disadvantage compared to most teams. Our total budget is small in comparison to most programs, so, in reality, we really do not have enough money in our budget to travel enough to be competitive. But, despite our disadvantages, last year we finished third in the nation among small schools."

Joyce continues, "Another disadvantage is that we do not have the not have the research capacity to keep up with the bigger schools. The larger schools have Lexis/Nexis (a computer research service). If we had greater access to systems like Lexis/Nexis, it would be an enormous benefit."

Piccirillo points out that at the Midwest Debate Institute in Illinois, where many of the nation's best teams have attended and where all of the teams are limited in their research, she and teammate Beth Gardner placed second overall. However, in tournament competition, the team is limited in the research it can obtain.

This year's topic, which relates to environmental regulations, covers a great amount of areas and requires a great deal of information. Piccirillo says, "CEDA has become extremely research intensive and we can't compete with the larger schools."

Despite these obstacles, the team is relatively large. At the Cornell tournament, for example, Allegheny brought four novice teams, while much larger schools, like Cornell, Columbia University and Syracuse

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City of Meadville increases parking violation fines

Early next month, students caught in violation of Meadville's parking regulations will pay a much heavier fine. On March 4, the city will begin handing out $20 parking tickets, instead of the $3 fines which violators currently receive.

According to a recent article in *The Meadville Tribune*, the costlier tickets will be given to persons who leave vehicles unattended on private property, violate emergency parking regulations, violate snow and ice regulations, or park illegally in specified areas, such as parking on the wrong side of North Main Street.

The North Main Street parking regulations also apply to Beers Avenue, West College Street, Loomis Street, Henry Street, Prospect Street, Sherman Street and sections of Park Avenue.

Last October, *The Campus* reported that Allegheny College was chosen as the test site for the new parking regulations because city studies indicated that students were the most likely sector of Meadville residents to leave their vehicles in one area for a long period of time.

To comply with the regulations, students have had to move their vehicles to the opposite side of these streets between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. each day. Also parking has been forbidden on some streets on refuse pick-up days. These regulations have been a source of disgruntlement among students, according to an article in *The Campus* last semester.

Originally, the parking regulations, which began early last November, became effective as a 90-day trial period. Recently, Meadville City Council extended the trial period with an extra 60 days, during which time the increased violation fines will be put into effect. If this trial period is deemed successful by the City of Meadville, the parking regulations will go into effect full-time and the program will be instated in other areas of Meadville with parking problems.

Starting on March 4, members of the Allegheny College community, who do not move their vehicles to the opposite side of the regulated streets each day, will be ticketed with a $20 fine.

According to *The Meadville Tribune*, city council voted to increase the parking violation fines to "improve the flow of traffic and parking in the city."

NEWS BRIEFS

• A service of remembrance and celebration for Evi Mavrogeorgis will be held on Friday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m. in Ford Memorial Chapel. In the meantime, persons wishing to have some assistance in dealing with grief before the service are asked to contact Campus Ministry at x2800 for information about bereavement support.

• The month's *First Generation* video magazine will feature stories on the art gallery, the Allegheny University lawsuit, ice fishing and student theater productions, as well as a profile on Professor of Computer Science Robert Cupper. The program will air on Channel 23 on Monday, Feb. 17, at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m., and Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m.

• Campus Ministry is creating a spiritual group for students who come from the Judeo-Christian tradition. The group will provide an open arena for discussion of faith and how it may be changing and taking new directions. Interested students should contact Chaplain John Colatch at x2800.

• The Dieter P. Lotze Prize is awarded annually for the best interdisciplinary essay written by an Allegheny student that explores the relationship between the sciences and some other aspect of the liberal arts. Entries for the prize should be substantial and may consist of Junior Seminar papers or Senior Projects. All entries will be reviewed by a facility committee and should be submitted on or before Wednesday, April 2, to Jochen Richter in Murray 107. The recipient will be announced at the Honors Convocation.

• Students who wish to take courses at another school during the summer should have these courses approved for tranfer credit in advance. Students also should adhere to the following guidelines: obtain a course description for the classes they plan to take, obtain a Transfer Credit Approval Form from the Office of Off-Campus Study, take both of these items to the chairperson of the appropriate academic department, take the approved form to their advisor for a signature and return the completed form to Christie Young, director of off-campus study.

• The Office of Community Service is inviting students to attend a national conference on student community service to be held from Thursday, March 13, to Sunday, March 16, in Cleveland. The conference is will give students the opportunity to meet new people and learn about service and leadership. Call the Office of Community Service at x2800 for more information.

• Nominations are being accepted by Alleghenians Committed to Service (ACTS) for outstanding service for January and February. Send nominations to the Office of Community Service, Box 14, or send e-mail to ACTS by Saturday, Feb. 22. Include a brief description of why that person is being nominated.

• The Ebony Ball will take place tomorrow, Feb. 14, at 9:30 p.m. in Brooks Dining Hall.

• Wilson Ogbomo, assistant professor of history, will give a lecture titled "Teaching African History to American Students: What Use?" on Monday, Feb. 17, in Brooks Alumni Lounge at 7:30 p.m.

• The Child Care Center will sponsor a Valentine's Day sale tomorrow, Feb. 14, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Campus Center lobby. The following people will have items for sale: Mary Humes, flowers and small gift items; Sandy Cheropovich, gifts of natural beauty and jewelry; and Melissa Wybiral, candy arrangements and Valentine cookies.

• The Hunger and Homelessness Week Committee is looking for new members who are interested in promoting awareness of those issues during the first week of March. Help is needed organizing, planning and publicizing the event. Contact the Office of Community Service at x2800 for more information.

• A trip is being scheduled to the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland. This science center features more than 350 exhibits that focus on technological developments, the environment, the Great Lakes and the fundamentals of science. In addition, its OMNIMAX Theater will show special effects on a six-story high big screen. A bus will depart this Saturday, Feb. 15, from the top of Brooks Walk at 8 a.m. and will return to campus by 6:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is $13. Interested persons should sign up at the Students for Environmental Action (SEA) office during office hours from 5 to 6 p.m. A limited number of spaces are available. Call x2858 for more information.

• Members of the Allegheny community are encouraged to submit nominations for the college's two teaching awards: the Julian Ross Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Thoburn Education Foundation Award for Innovative Teaching. The deadline for nominations is Saturday, March 1.

The criteria for the Ross Award include the abilities to communicate knowledge and abstract ideas clearly, inspire interest and enthusiasm, prepare well for class, stay up-to-date in his or her specialty field, prepare appropriate and challenging assignments and examinations, and provide sound and reliable academic advising.

The criteria for the Thoburn Award include evidence of innovative teaching, demonstrated leadership in curricular inprovement, creative course development, pedagogical promise and general excellence as a teacher.

Send nominations to the Office of Alumni Affairs at Box 7.

Happy Valentine's Day from the News Section.

The Campus Asks...

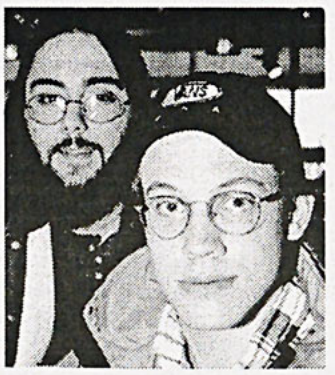
If you had a prospective student this weekend, what would you do with him or her?

compiled by Ben Wyrick



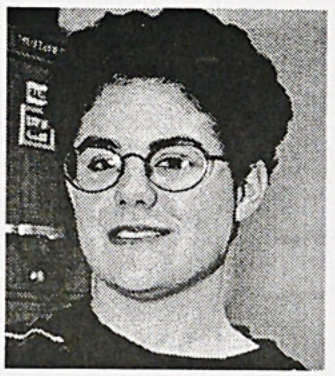
First I'd take her to ACO and show her that our campus still has a good Christian base. Saturday I'd show her the music hall, and we'd walk around campus so that she could become acquainted with our beautiful buildings. Then we'd stay up late Saturday night and go hang out somewhere like Ellen's room and watch movies. We'd have a lot of fun.

Jennifer Henley
Class of '00



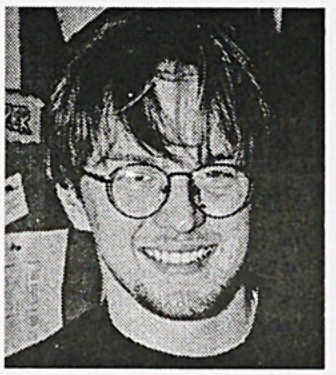
We would take the prospective to Perkin's because it is a ritual place for us to go. We go to relax somewhere off-campus.

David Giaccai and
Eman Kunz
Class of '00



I would bring her to the comedian, Steven Wright, on Friday night (since he's already my Valentine's date).

Cara Jordan
Class of '98



Because my organization is dedicated in service to chapter, college, community and country, I would take him to an Alpha Phi Omega rush event.

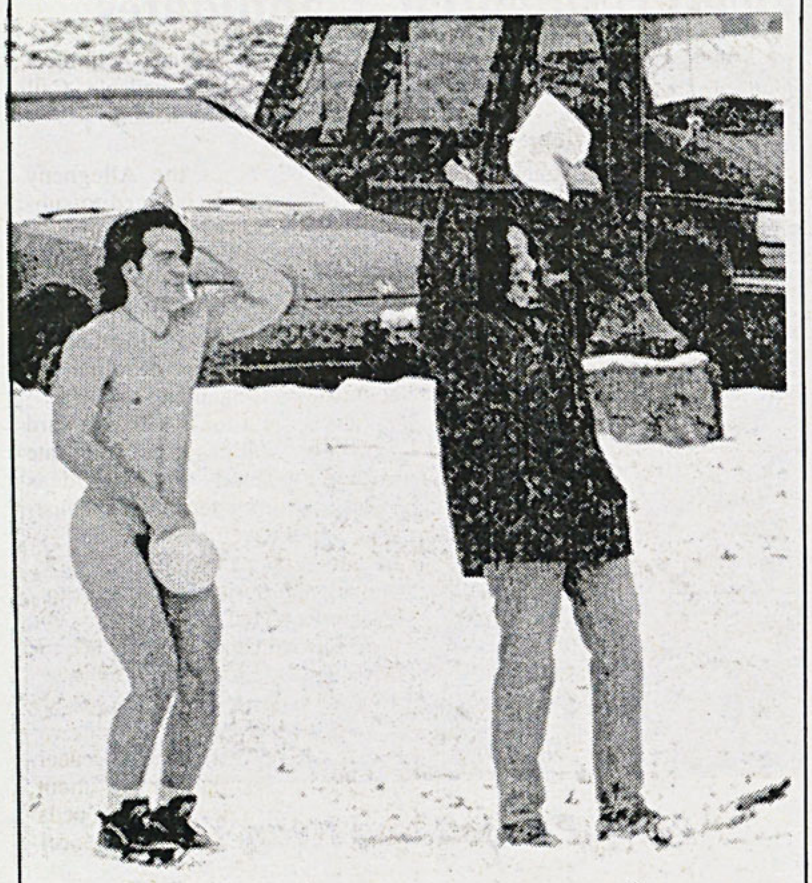
Joey "Bob" Peters
Class of '99



I would take them to the Ebony Ball, but they wouldn't have a dress, so I guess that's a bad idea. Luckily, I'm not having a prospective.

Stacey Mahaney
Class of '00

Frozen Stiff



Sophomore Anthony Ranii finds an interesting use for a balloon during the Naked Obstacle Course last Saturday. Ranii won the men's division of this annual Winter Carnival event.

—photo by Ben Wyrick

Group makes dealing with difficult people easier

By JESSICA BAKER
News Reporter

The Counseling Center recently offered a workshop entitled "How to deal with difficult people." The workshop took place on two consecutive Wednesdays and offered ideas on how to cope with the various types of difficult personalities.

The seven typically difficult people were cited as follows: hostile aggressive, indecisive, complainers, negativists, clams, super agreeables and expert know-it-alls. Each different type of person warrants a strategy to deal with the difficult nature of their attitude/behavior. One of the things which seems to be key in dealing with most of the types is the way body language can be changed to convey more control or level of comfort.

Judd Kulas, counselor at the counseling center and director of the two-part workshop, said the center is attempting to do some more proactive programs for the college, in addition to the programs they run as a response to campus situations or requests.

Kulas said that this workshop was in his interest area and thought it may be beneficial to students. Of course it is also important that the content be relative.

All seven students present at the workshop cited various reasons for attending the workshop. Some said they would be going into professional fields that would require them to deal with the public.

Others said they often found themselves dealing with mediation situations. They thought that the workshop would offer helpful hints on how to maneuver in such scenarios. One student thought it would look good to potential employers in the human resource division. The spouse of a professor of the college said that it may help in marriage scenarios as well.

Whatever the reason, it seems that the Allegheny community is dealing with difficult people on a daily basis. Kulas says the techniques he offers can help, in stating that often when he goes to large conferences on this issue time is spent on determining what sort of difficult people the participants are as well.

Anna Kovscek, a junior member of the Allegheny community, says she thinks that it's not so much difficult people, but parts of people that are difficult. "Their own experiences have locked them into a type of thinking and they are unable to let go in order to understand other people." She also thinks that as a junior she's at the point where dealing with difficult professors has become minimal. "Overall I have had good relationships with professors. I really have been fortunate that I have only had experiences with open-minded professors."

Keith Wentz says that professors at Allegheny generally with work with you, but occasionally a traditional mind-set will make it difficult to gain any flexibility in situations.

Michael Gorman, a junior, says that persistence with difficult professors may help. "If they're giving you a hard time, but you keep putting forth an effort, then they might be able to relate better to your ideas."

Professors seem a bit tired of students at this time of year as well. Many see too many excuses and too much laxness. Students have indicated that if they are disliked by a professor, it will obviously show on the grade. One senior believes, "Hey, grading is not objective. And anyone who tells you it is, is a fool."

Of course, difficulty is in the eye of the beholder. If all the people that someone thought was difficult came to the workshop, every member of campus would need to show up.

On-line service assists students with writing graduate school essays

Joseph Thompson, a senior at California State University at Fresno, was up against a frightening roadblock. For days, he had planted himself in front of his computer, struggling to make progress on his personal statement for law school applications. "I wrote many drafts, but they all went nowhere," he says. "I was really discouraged."

Then Thompson decided to take a break from fighting with his essay to surf the Web. In the process, he discovered a new site called IvyEssays, offering for sale more than 1,000 previously successful admissions essays to the nation's leading undergraduate, business and law schools.

While on-line, he was able to purchase a package of eight law school personal statements for $20, and with a few hours, he had received and read through his newly acquired essays. The infusions of new ideas and the opportunity to see what his peers had done gave him the jump-start he needed. "Reading these essays helped me think harder about what I was going to write and how I should go about it," he says.

Through Internet search engines and word-of-mouth referrals, IvyEssays has established a presence in the growing market of online admissions services. Less than three months old, the site has already generated more than 50,000 hits and has garnered significant media attention in college newspapers and professional newspapers, including *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times* and *The Chicago Tribune*.

Daniel Kaufman, 28-year-old president of IvyEssays, is not surprised at the response to his fledging company. "We are meeting a pressing need at an economical price, as low as $1 per essay in some cases. It's only natural that people are excited about our company."

Although an abundance of current books sell successful essays for perusal, university officials are critical of IvyEssays, citing a greater potential for plagiarism since the essays are available on-line. "You can be sure we'll be buying the essay ourselves and becoming very familiar with them," says Jill Fadule, admissions director for the Harvard MBA program.

Many high school guidance counselors, however, view IvyEssays' services as an asset rather than a threat. "Seeing the wide variety of things people have written about will give kids confidence to express themselves honestly," says Tom Gibson, guidance director at Essex High School in Essex, Vermont.

IvyEssays Vice-President Chris Dowhan says that "helping students" forms the foundation on which IvyEssays was created, particularly helping those who may lack the resources of a private school tutor. "We provide more equal access to information that can help people prepare their applications," Dowhan adds.

California State University student Thompson has finished his applications and now awaits responses from schools. He credits IvyEssays for helping him through his writer's block, and says that he would recommend the site to anyone working on applications. "Everyone should know about this service," he says.

Article courtesy of IvyEssays.

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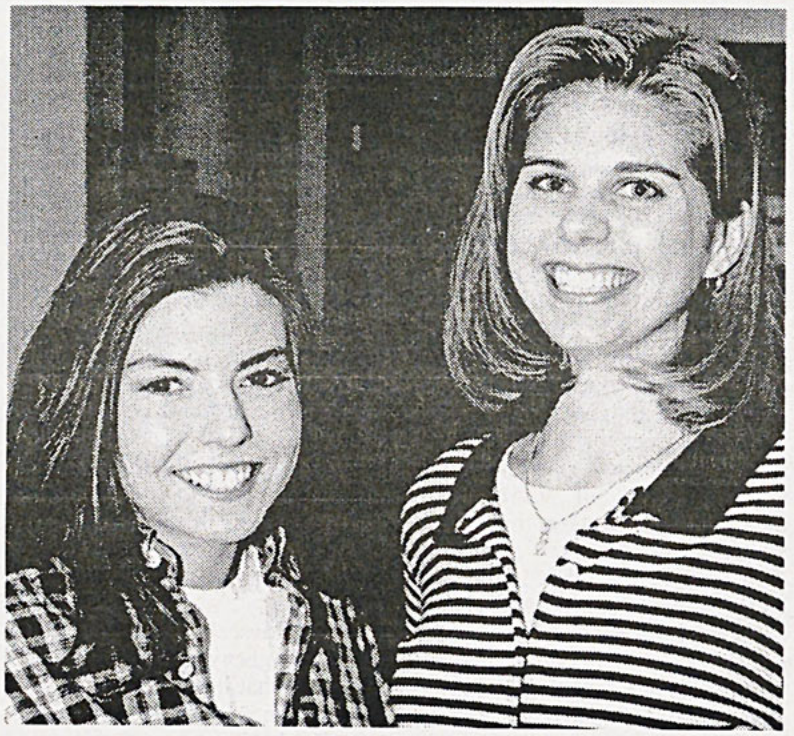

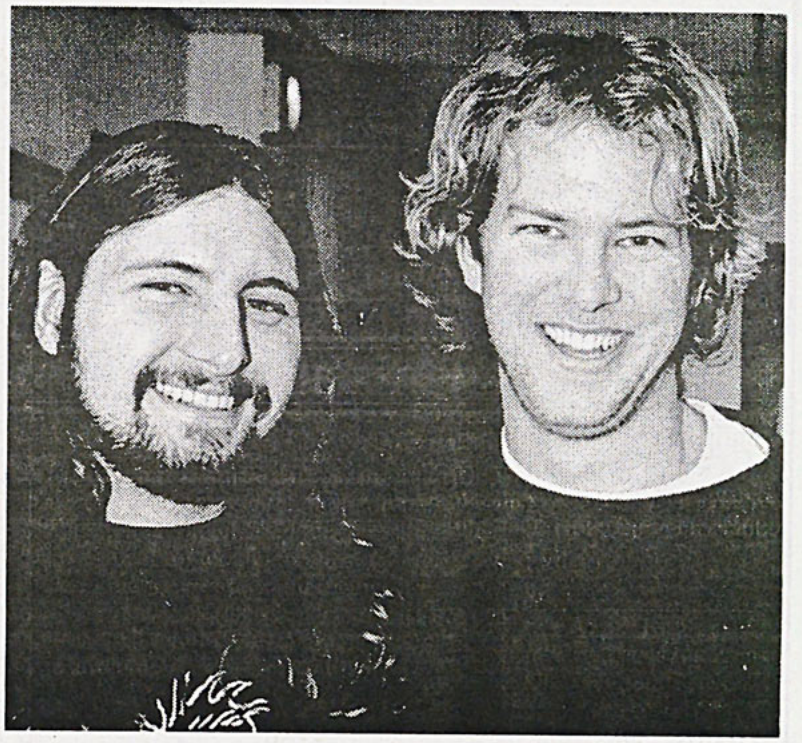

Kathy Vegh and Mandy Thompson

The Vegh/Thompson ticket should be your choice if you want a student government that is dedicated, enthusiastic, experienced and organized. With three productive years on ASG we would enhance the student body's life on campus once in office. This past year we have organized many events for our class as class president and treasurer. Among these events—a rally for Congressman Phil English, a luncheon (giving an opportunity to directly interact with us), a fund raiser for a plaque in memory of Evi, and a class trip to Cleveland. These examples prove our *dedication* and our *ability* to work hard for you. These are a few reasons why we, Kathy Vegh and Mandy Thompson, are the best choice for president and vice-president of ASG.

Budget Reform—We will ensure that ASG funds, which come from you, will be used in the most efficient manner. We will do this by sending an ASG member to student organization meetings to report back to ASG on the participation, progression and activities of that particular group. This will determine funding for the student organization, making the allocation of ASG's budget a fairer process.

ASG Participation Reform—We will restructure the amount of effort and time ASG members must dedicate to keep their positions. Once elected each officer will be asked to sign an agreement with the students of his/her class promising dedication to representation. No member will be allowed to miss more than two meetings per semester. Also, each set of representatives will be required to organize an activity for their class members. Once these requirements are fulfilled each class will be allotted a budget of one dollar per classmate to represent their class more efficiently. We will also attempt to build unity between the members of ASG by organizing an occasional ASG social and a banquet at the end of the year to promote cooperation.

Allegheny's Image—We will create a more positive image for Allegheny College on and off campus through local charity fund raisers donating time and effort in the name of Allegheny. To enhance our reputation we will also publicize our accomplishments through *The Campus* and the *Meadville Tribune*.

Student's Voice—We will give students the opportunity to voice opinions through organized question-answer sessions and luncheons with ASG representatives. We have already taken the initiative to put a suggestion box out for students to reach our goal of communication with the student body.

Keeping You Informed—We will make every effort to keep in touch with students on a personal level. We will keep you informed through a quarterly update letter containing goals and accomplishments. Currently we write letters to all our classmates letting them know about events coming up and what we've done. We plan on continuing personal communication on a larger level with the update letter.

Administration and ASG—We will work closely with campus administrative groups to accomplish positive change. We have already met with the McKinley's Advisory Board and have started a petition to accomplish our goals. This cooperation between administration and the students needed to better Allegheny's campus.

Allegheny College vs. Allegheny University—We intend to keep the student body informed on the debate between Allegheny College and Allegheny University. We plan on organizing a question-answer session between President Cook and the student body.

Gary Pennell and Ryan Yoder

We feel that our first year as the president and vice-president of the Allegheny Student Government was a successful one. A legitimate interest in the matters that surround the student government has been generated not only among the senators and those close to the organization, but among the general student populous as well. This marked increase has excited us and created nothing but positive feelings about our ability to lead this organization. Our excitement will lead us into a new year where not only will we continue to work with our new programs and improved programs, but also create more new programs while bettering those already in existence.

With one year experience as president and vice-president we know that we are the most qualified candidates for ASG president and vice-president ever. In the early seventies Dan Pride served two terms as president and remains the only two year president ASG has had. Pride did not have the same person serving with him each year, however. By casting a vote for Pennell and Yoder you would be placing the strongest and most experienced tandem of student politicians to ever run for ASG president and vice-president in office. When we staged our write-in campaign last February many people were skeptical. Now that we have proven what we are capable of we ask that you turn out in force and once again vote for Pennell and Yoder.

As a symbolic gesture, when flocking to the voting booths we ask that in order to give us a sense of just how much support we have, write our full names. Anyone can go into the booth and make a check mark. To take the time to write our names out as so many did last year would let us know that indeed we have garnered the support of the student body.

Here are a few of our ideas for the 1997-98 Academic Year:

Student Telephone Directory—It doesn't matter who you vote for. Next year and the year after the directories should be out in late September or early October. The nature of the three-year contract ASG has signed guarantees this under any administration.

Airport Shuttles—This year we expanded the service and response was excellent. For next year we would like to work out communication glitches by creating something of a contractual nature which students will agree to before using the service.

Public Relations—We would like to revitalize the lines of communication between ASG and the student body by first re-establishing the ASG newsletter and second by having a section of *The Campus* each week dedicated to student government news. Students should be allowed to know everything happening at their college. Student government is an integral component of student life and student activity carrying on smoothly.

Financial Restructuring— Next year we plan to ask the college for an increase in the funds dedicated to ASG each year. With an increase in the funds student organizations' finances have become a small problem. In addition to asking for more money we will be asking ASG-sponsored organizations to be less greedy when asking for funding and more efficient when using the funds which they are granted.

On-Campus Pub—Work has already begun on this project. We will shore-up the committees and begin to really drive towards this goal. As next year begins we will also seek dedicated individuals who will be willing to take up the reins and work on this project when we graduate.

Perspectives

EDITORIAL

Spreading ourselves thin

In the last few years there has been a continual increase in the number of groups seeking Allegheny Student Government's official recognition.

First, the groups must pass a constitution through the process laid out by the ASG senate. Then, the group is entitled to petition ASG for a budget.

Getting a piece of this pie is becoming increasingly difficult. The problem is that because so many new groups want money, ASG's budget is stretched thinner every year. A portion of each student's tuition is allotted to ASG. Although tuition has increased, as well as ASG's budget, it hasn't grown in proportion to the number of groups trying to receive funds.

In 1987-88, ASG's budget of $104,000 supported 20 groups. In 1988-89, ASG was allotted $108,000 for 29 groups. This year, ASG serviced 45 student groups with the $140,000 which they were given.

Almost every campus group's budget has been systematically reduced over the past two years. Take *The Campus* as an example. The paper has had funds drastically reduced in the past several years. Thousands of dollars allotted in the early nineties have been cut by half. We recognize this is not ASG's fault; our budget is as tight as that of every other group.

In addition, groups should be more thrifty in their expenditures. The money that organizations spend is real money, and each of us pays a portion of this by paying tuition at Allegheny. Each group should realize how their demands will affect other groups.

Several student organizations still do their own fundraising to supplement the money they receive from ASG. Groups such as Allegheny Christian Outreach, Alpha Phi Omega, Student Art Society, as well as *The Campus*, all take some responsibility for helping to pay for their activities. Fundraising shouldn't be the only way to get by, but it certainly can help alleviate the budget crunch we all seem to feel.

Currently, ASG is attempting to amend the process by which groups become officially recognized. Whether the amendment makes it more difficult for students to form new groups remains to be seen. The number of members should be taken into account, and the purpose of the funds should be monitored more tightly.

However, perhaps groups such as In-Line Skating, which managed to get budgeted two years ago, should really be assessed more critically for effectiveness and service to the student population.

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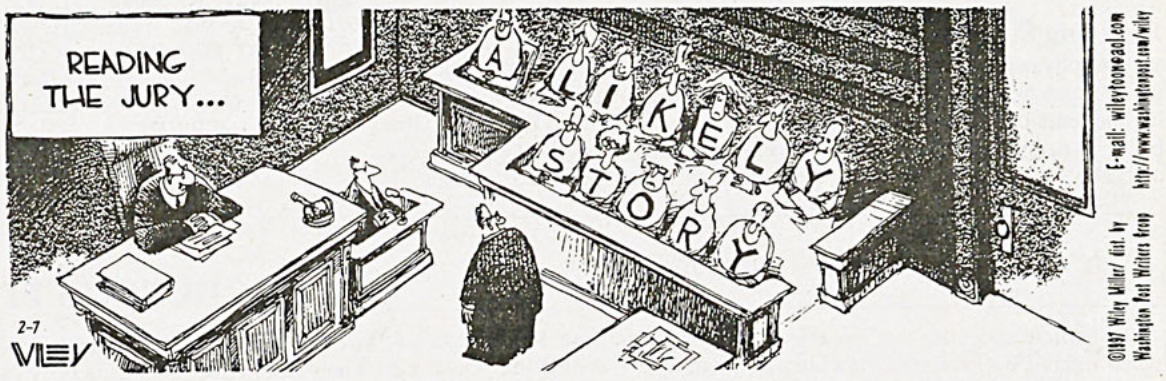

Letters to the Editor

Disquieting attitudes

Humor's a tricky business, as I have discovered by listening to the negative reactions within the Art Department to J. Eric Bischof's column in last week's *Campus*.

Richard A. Schindler

Freud would have it that humor arises out of paradoxical seriousness, an anger or contempt expressed through hidden means.

Mr. Bischof's response to Elena Simons's performance piece revealed some disquieting attitudes not just toward the work itself but also toward the female body lying under the knife of the male gaze. His references to the artist's body as "delectable chocolates" and "sweet box-muffin" reveal that Ms. Simons's work provoked an even more effective deconstruction of male sexual attitudes than it did of human carnivorous behavior.

Ms. Simons suffered (and did not deserve) the fate of many women who make a social and cultural statement without expecting the curt dismissal of *ad hominem* posturing.

The dismissive attitude of the column hardly constitutes a reasonable consideration of the work at hand. Has not Mr. Bischof heard the aphorism "You are what you eat?"

Do we not make our food a part of ourselves, not only as nourishment but also as justification for our enslavement of a substantial portion of the animal kingdom? Does he not realize that the voracious maw of human society consumes vast quantities of beastly flesh, from giblets to tripes, from knuckles to loins, from muzzle to flank?

We *do* cannibalize nature, because we cast it in our own image of reflected desire and then devour it.

As for Mr. Bischof's facetious definition of art, I can only render a heartfelt "Tsk! Tsk!" Have you learned nothing from your more-than-brief forays into the art of the 20th century, J. Eric? Your "quaint, bucolic" definition neglects (and this is just the short list) drawing, printmaking, photography, sculpture and architecture, not to mention ceramics, metalwork, furniture and graphic design.

And what about the modern and postmodern contributions of performance, video, body, process and conceptual art? It seems you think that the only "good art historian" is a dead-headed one. I assure you that I and my colleagues in the art world are infinitely more lively than you would make us.

So, please, in the future, think before you flex those laugh muscles. Don't treat us like cattle, to be poked and prodded like so much dumb flesh. Your taste for meat should not be an invitation to feast at your will on your fellow human beings.

Richard A. Schindler is Associate Professor of Art at Allegheny.

Small, but intimate

This past week the student body, faculty, administration and employees of Allegheny College lost someone very dear and adored: Evi Mavrogeorgis. I am not writing this letter to dwell on what happened or deliver another eulogy, but rather to open everyone's eyes to something we all take for granted.

McCrae Holliday

Throughout my four years at Allegheny and especially my senior year, I always complained about how small Allegheny was. There was never a way to get away from everybody, and there was definitely no way to keep your personal business private.

At Allegheny, you can't just go to the dining hall, library or post office and not have to talk to anyone. Every face you see looks familiar and there is always someone who knows about the embarrassing things you did at a party last weekend.

You can't escape from Allegheny and a lot of your time there is spent saying, "I wish it weren't so small here!"

As I walked into the funeral home and church last week, everywhere I looked there was someone from Allegheny: students and professors. We were acknowledged for coming together and supporting each other in mourning and remembering Evi.

It wasn't until my friends returned to Allegheny and I sat alone and began to think about everything that had happened that I was thankful for the thing we complain about the most: the smallness of Allegheny.

It was the size of Allegheny that first attracted me and which also brought everyone together this past week. It is sad that it takes something so awful to happen to make us wake up and stop taking things for granted. But, it is good that we can finally realize the happiness, closeness and support that Allegheny can and does give us.

The next time you get sick of seeing somebody you know everywhere and everybody knowing everything about you, go for a walk by yourself or shut yourself in your room for awhile. When you feel like you need somebody to talk to or just a friend to go downtown with, come back from your walk or open your door and there will be 1500 people willing to help.

McCrae Holliday is member of the class of '96.

Electronic romance

I am always happy to tell how my husband and I came to meet and marry (see Janet Mackey's "Virtually no kissing, just byting allowed," Feb. 6 issue of *The Campus*); it's a wonderful story. But there are some details in Mackey's account that I would like to correct or clarify.

Lynda Terry

First, while my husband, Brad, was in India at the time I first learned of him through mutual friends here at Allegheny, he was not in charge of setting up the eye camp there, as the article implies; he was one of hundreds of volunteers from all over the world who were offering their time and expertise at the camp.

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Pondering the absurdities of life

Instead of verbose blather concerning one topic, I opted to spew briefly on various curiosities.

Believing Stephen

The physicist Stephen Hawking has theorized about various celestial topics, such as the sensations a human being might experience upon entering the remains of a collapsed star, or black hole. In the film based upon his book, *A Brief History of Time*, Hawking explains, with the help of a remarkably recognizable computer-generated voice, many of these theories.

Tyler Thomson

One might speculate that any reasonably intelligent sounding statements, when uttered by Professor Hawking in his uniquely undulating voice, are now immediately associated with brilliance.

Take a moment to conjure up the sound of his voice, and imagine it saying: "The duostatic chambers of all motorcycles contain microscopic particles which, when heated to precisely 604 degrees Kelvin, become highly volatile crystalline structures," or, "The brand of snack crackers known as Ritz contain a buttery quality not unlike that of the Nigerian huttle pastry."

Both statements are absolute nonsense, but would they be taken as such if spoken by Stephen Hawking?

Brain Power

Is there anyone who has not been told that "The average human uses only nine percent of his brain's mental capacity; Einstein used 12 percent?" To whom is this discovery and its figures attributed? Someone who was able to achieve 100 percent usage of his/her brain, quantify the experience, and also quantify the limitation/fulfillment of Einstein's intelligence? Isn't it peculiar that we have not heard of this person, the "genius" who realized the extent of cerebral faculty?

Honkey-Tonk Blues

I have long considered the topic of country-western music, and long desired to disrupt its fabric. A half-hour lesson in common drum rhythms, guitar chord strumming, twangy sustenance of the spoken word or composition of banal lyrics would, it seems, render one a qualified Nashville executant.

Boot-cut Wranglers, calculatedly faded and tightly wedged around a lead singer's rump account for (one might assume) two-fifths of nationwide album sales and (one might also assume) two-fifths of major record label contracts.

Studies conclude that cities whose airwaves broadcast predominantly country music experience a suicide rate five times higher than those cities which do not. The majority of country-western songs target a listener who ponders such thoughts as "That ain't my pigup [sic] in her driveway," or "She done traded in her Docs for kicker boots ... little Ramona's gone hillbilly nuts."

Exceptional songs do exist, but the vast majority seem to prey upon the basest of human emotion, grammar, intellect, aspiration, lust and desire. Although this genre of music is rapidly overtaking the airwaves, I fail to see much value—intellectual or otherwise—in this musical and lyrical trifle.

Rumble in the Ring

I also find professional wrestling (WWF—with figures like George the Animal Steel, Hulk Hogan, etc.) utterly absurd. I sincerely hope that among its legion of faithful fanatics, all are aware of its staging and are merely engaging in a scholarly and amusing anthropological study.

Nevertheless, I fear this is not the case—but that the cheering ringside devotees actually believe that they are witnessing genuine bouts between authentic personae.

Comfort v. Fashion

While briefly residing in a major New England city, the author observed the daily to-and-fro of downtown workers, most notably, women clothed in stylish suits, skirts and blouses.

These same women wore tennis shoes that were clearly not part of an outfit. It must be assumed that they were shod for feel and not fashion. Upon arrival to their offices, however, these women replaced their walking shoes with dressy, toe-cramping footwear. I'm left to wonder why these supposedly stylish, obviously uncomfortable shoes are worn at all. If they do not provide enough comfort for a routine sidewalk stroll, why slip them on?

Wanted Dead or Alive

Are any household decorations more tacky or useless than artificial plants and flowers? A living ficus plant, albeit drab, begs little more attention than a plastic imitation. Yet it exhales invigorating oxygen and makes a room much more inviting, comfortable and tasteful.

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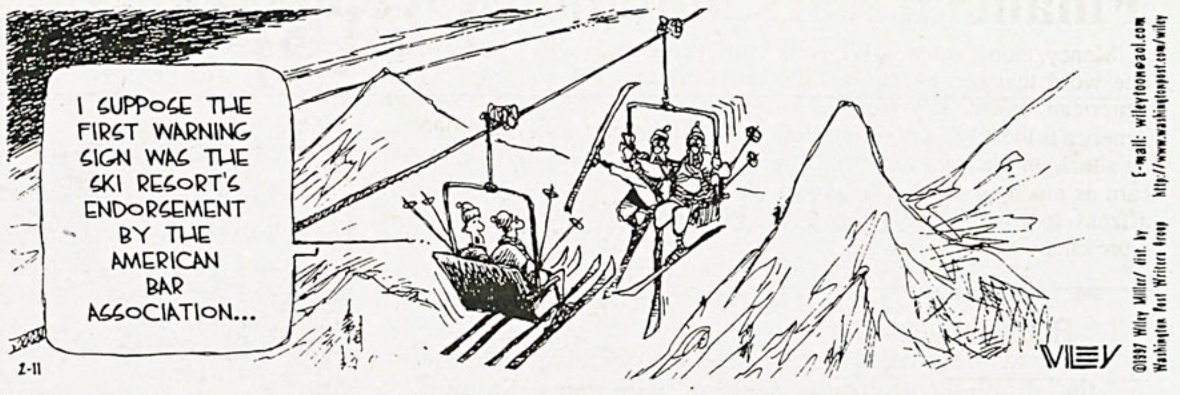

Treacherous trails: icy conditions spell trouble

Well, as I'm sure everybody knows, our friend Punxsutawney Phil predicted about a week and a half ago that spring would be coming early this year.

We in Meadville know better, though. We know that it will probably snow until at least the middle of March. Chances are we'll have a few more really good snows combined with tons of flurries, sleet and freezing rain.

Willie Berkovitz

What does this mean for everybody? It means that everybody still has the likelihood that they will slip and fall down on the sidewalks around campus. I know a lot of people already have.

I would just like to take this moment to say that as of the second week of February, I still haven't fallen yet. For me, this is kind of a record because I tend to fall down a lot.

This no-falling period is not for the lack of trying on the part of Old Man Winter and his ally, Physical Plant. I'm sure you've noticed that after it snows, it takes an average of four days for the sidewalks to be cleared.

By the time they are cleared of snow, there is a nice thick layer of ice lying on the sidewalk, chuckling, waiting for somebody to step on it and fall.

If you don't believe me, go up to the Campus Center and look at the sidewalk a few days after a good snow. There is a glaze of ice usually a good five inches thick. In fact, I know a few people who have already fallen there.

It's not the lack of clearing off the snow that's a problem. It's the ice. After all, it doesn't always just snow in Meadville—sometimes it rains, too. We also get freezing rain or sleet. Of course, when it falls, it turns to ice.

Sometimes this is even more treacherous because it forms "black ice." In other words, you don't see it before you hit the ground.

Why aren't the sidewalks salted after freezing rain or sleet? I've heard a rumor (remember, it's just a rumor) that Physical Plant is running out of salt, so they've had to ration it.

This point seems to be proven by the fact that, since we've returned from break, I've seen Maintenance out there throwing sand, instead of salt, on the sidewalks. What is sand going to do? I imagine they think it'll give us some traction. From what I've seen, it doesn't. It just makes things messier.

I'm not writing this column just for me, though. After all, it would be nice if I didn't fall this winter, but I'm writing it for all of you who have slipped on that patch of black ice or have sunk into the snow on the sidewalks.

I've seen people fall. I've heard the screams of pain from people who have received bumps, bruises, cuts, abrasions and sprains. As one person I know put it, "I fell down and hurt my butt so badly I can barely sit down."

There could be even bigger problems than the students' injuries, though. Think about what a college says about itself when it can't even keep the sidewalks clear.

I remember the first time I came up here. I was heading to the Office of Admissions for my tour when I slipped and fell on my butt onto a snowy, icy sidewalk. It was the first of many falls that I've taken at Allegheny, but it didn't really faze me.

After all, as I said, I fall down a lot. But think about those prospective Allegheny students out there. What if a person decides not to come to Allegheny because of a slippery sidewalk?

I'm blowing the problem out of proportion here, but not by much. So this is my plea to Physical Plant: please keep the sidewalks clear!

This is for me and the rest of the people out there whose joints throb when rain is coming because of old injuries. This is also for all of our aching butts.

Willie Berkovitz is a columnist for The Campus.

Open gash, insert needle—the unlikeliest of cures

My friend Drew, a high school student, suffers from migraine headaches. When the headaches became a daily occurrence, he and his family went in search of a cure.

Drew's doctor suggested that he have a CAT scan performed and some tests run on his blood. The first CAT scan was relatively uneventful. Then he went to his doctor for the blood tests.

Gail Giewont

Ignoring my warnings, Drew proceeded to pass out when the needle was inserted into his vein. Although he was sitting, he somehow fell out of the chair and smashed his head against the side of a scale.

An alert nurse caught the scale before it fell. Drew, on the other hand, fell on the floor. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the scale was caught, not the patient.

After a few minutes of unconsciousness, he came to and became aware of the gashes that the scale had generously given to his head.

The medical staff fed Drew a doughnut, hoping to increase the sugar level in his blood. Unfortunately, it only made him throw up. This calls into question, at least for me, the doctor's rationale for feeding a doughnut to someone whose head had collided with a scale only minutes earlier, requiring seven stitches to close up the wound.

I could be wrong here, but don't people with concussions (which occur when their heads collide with hard objects such as scales) usually have trouble keeping food down? Perhaps the rationale was, "If he throws up, we'll check him for a concussion." How terribly considerate.

After the vomiting had ceased for a while, Drew was put in a wheelchair and laid down in a bed, where the staff hoped to stitch his head. As his hair was getting caught in the stitches, he suggested to the nurse that his hair could be cut or shaved if that would make the job any easier.

"That's okay," the nurse responded. "I'm sure that's unnecessary." After his hair was caught in the stitches again, the nurse had the great idea to give Drew a haircut (although he was probably charged for this bonus).

Also, as he continued to expel half-digested doughnut bits, the doctor threatened that if Drew vomited one more time he would need another CAT scan.

So, after the second CAT scan, it was determined that Drew had only a mild concussion and could go home. However, his blood work was not complete and he still has to

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Financial fears unfounded; capital gains tax may do more good than harm

Money, money, money. If there's one word that can encompass the American dream, it's money. As America is the bastion of capitalism, an attack on the right of citizens to earn as much as possible seems an affront to everything democracy represents.

Robert Hartman

To many, taxes symbolize the great enemy of financial comfort. After all, the American revolution was really a tax protest, and the French revolution can claim salt taxes and various tithes as a significant factor. Taxes continue to be a bane for the people, and an even more pronounced pain for those who must impose them.

One tax that receives a great deal of flak is the capital gains tax. Essentially, the tax is levied on those whose yearly income exceeds $100,000. Although an extremely simplistic description, it fits.

Opponents of the capital gains tax claim that it is an unfair attempt to bleed the rich to support money-pit projects such as welfare. Furthermore, the tax represents a government attack on the freedom of business and the free economy. The tax itself isn't so much crippling in its effects as its implications. Allowing a capital gains tax would ostensibly allow the government to regulate income, albeit in an indirect manner.

On theoretical grounds, opponents of the capital gains correctly fear governmental power in financial matters. The federal government can't balance its budget—no one in his/her right mind wants the government involved in his/her personal finances. However, the attack on the capital gains tax is a misdirected manifestation of this particular fear.

$100,000 per year is more than adequate for a family to live. A slight increase in taxes is less likely to affect those in the higher end salaries than in the lower end. A family earning even $40,000 a year is often hard-pressed to provide the essentials for a family, including the luxuries of owning a home and two cars. For families with incomes of $20,000 or less, the added burden of a tax increase applies financial pressure to an extremely fragile situation. Such a situation could quite possibly swell the welfare roles so bitterly lamented by many taxpayers.

The average citizen asks a great deal from the government. College loans, retirement and social programs have become necessities to families, and to some even these programs fall far short of the ideal. In asking for expanded government assistance, one fact seems to be consistently overlooked—someone has to pay for the added services.

The capital gains revenues do not necessarily go into social programs such as welfare or Medicaid. It's highly doubtful that the impoverished see in the federal government a Robin Hood figure, robbing the rich to feed the poor. Those who attempt to earn their livelihoods while avoiding welfare assistance probably view the robbing the rich argument as a brilliant farce.

The slight capital gains tax provides services from which all benefit. College assistance can be continued and quite possibly extended. And anyone, regardless of income, can use help in paying for college.

Robert Hartman is Assistant News Editor for The Campus.

Castro and contradiction: the new Cuban crisis?

According to a White House report released last week, the U.S. stated that it would give Cuba $8 billion in foreign aid once Fidel Castro is ousted from power.

We currently refuse to provide American dollars that could ameliorate the harsh conditions experienced by the Cuban populace. Citing Castro's less-than-stellar record on civil liberties, his nationalization of "American" property and vaguely perceived threats to our national security, American foreign policy from the Bay of Pigs to this $8 billion bounty has been designed—in one way or another—to make Fidel Castro disappear.

We've defended—under the rhetoric of "stolen American property"—our sacred idol, private property, from defilement by a man who only wanted something better for his country than the corruption of the Batista regime.

Meanwhile, we grace China—known for its civil liberties violations—with most favored nation status, while criticizing the Canadians for negotiating trade with Cuba.

Canadian resentment of our control-freak tendencies is justified. We just don't learn, though. We just keep trying to oust Castro rather than actually doing something that might just help the Cubans.

James Weaver is Perspectives Editor of The Campus.

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Network error fixed

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Secondly, our e-mail correspondence did not begin until well after Brad returned from India to his home in California in March of 1996.

It did start on April 20, with me e-mailing him. After nearly three weeks of what quickly became a voluminous e-mail correspondence, Brad called me for the first time on May 8. By the next day, we both knew we were to marry, and in a phone call on May 10, realized that we felt as though our union already existed, spiritually—which prompted our referring to each other as husband and wife.

Third, Mackey quotes me as saying, "There is something to be said in getting to know someone before the physical relationship *destroys* things." What I did say was that there is something to be said for getting to know someone before the distraction of the physical relationship *distorts* things.

Finally, I want to emphasize that my experience was not typical of how many people are meeting for romance via the Internet. Brad and I were both well-known to our mutual friends, people we trust completely. We could approach developing a relationship via e-mail with considerable assurance because of the high credibility of our "references," so to speak.

If my closest friend thought Brad was a terrific guy, I could be pretty sure he was. Our experience was positive and magical for us, but that does not make our experience an endorsement for the general practice of meeting and dating electronically.

I personally would not have considered this an option for me under other circumstances (such as an Internet singles service), and I would urge anyone who tries this approach to use good sense and proceed very cautiously.

Lynda Terry is Assistant Director of Public Information at Allegheny.

Carnival shmarnival

This letter is addressed to GAP, ASG, Marriott Dining Services and all students affected by this past weekend's Winter Carnival.

Saturday afternoon many people enjoyed the All-College picnic. Unfortunately, a decision was made to not have a meal exchange at McKinley's. I believe this was a very poor decision by all parties involved.

Jennifer Grieshober

First, to the students who were rude to the McKinley's workers, especially the male student who screamed "f*** you" to one of the cashiers: you are an embarrassment to our student body and you should be ashamed of yourselves!

You are in college and should be intelligent enough to realize that these people had nothing to do with the situation and are only following orders in an effort to keep their jobs, which, by the way, don't pay very well. These people are practically saints for putting up with everyone's crap!

Secondly, to the Marriott company—I can't believe how cheap you are! Board prices continue to rise while the food, service and quality continue to diminish. By not keeping McKinley's open to students for a meal exchange you showed an utter lack of respect to students who are on special need diets.

I personally did not particularly enjoy having to eat a hot dog and soda. I would have rather opted for a bagel, fruit and skim milk.

Additionally, a person normally has a meal exchange until 3 p.m., but because of the picnic people were only able to eat until 1:30 p. m. Um, hello? This doesn't make sense!

Finally, I address ASG and GAP (the Winter Carnival co-sponsors). Have a backbone. You are organizations that are supposed to represent the students (all students, even the ones who don't enjoy carnivals).

This situation was not conducive to students' needs.

You are always asking what students want from you. Well, we want you to stand up and fight for us. Next time you are planning an event such as this, and Marriott pressures to have the dining halls closed, just say no. Demand that students' needs be met!

Obviously, the meal situation was bad for many parties, but hopefully it didn't take away from Winter Carnival as a whole. Thanks for another fun year, ASG and GAP. I loved the bands, the bar and the ice sculpture.

Although I am kind of glad that I am graduating this year, it seems every year the obstacle course participants get more and more naked—yikes!

Jennifer Grieshober is a member of the class of '97.

Bloodied heads, blundering doctors

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return for the very same blood tests that were the reason for the original doctor's visit.

Of course, I'm not suggesting that anything like this could happen at the Health Center here at Allegheny. Since I haven't been sick thus far in my college career (knock on wood), I can't really comment on the care people receive there.

But perhaps we needn't worry about being mistreated in this way, here or elsewhere. The true irony of this story is that, in the two weeks following this incident, Drew has not suffered one headache.

Maybe the doctors are smarter than we ever imagined, and the headache they caused was the cure.

Gail Giewont is a columnist for The Campus.

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Allegheny women pledge predominantly black sororities at neighboring campuses

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it."

Even though Allen has contemplated joining a sorority on campus, she opted for AKA out of family tradition. She stated that the majority of her family are still active members of this sorority. "It's so exciting," said Allen. "All my family sings the anthem and now I can too."

Throughout her college years, members of the AKA sorority have called to check up on her and provide any support she may need in her college years.

AKA provides advantages for students of color that they may not necessarily get from the sororities on campus. "It puts me more in touch with me history," said Allen. "I can learn a lot more about my culture."

At parties, black sororities generally engage in what is called "party walking" and "calling." Members of the sorority form a circle and do a cultural dance that only they can do. This is a big part of tradition that builds community and sisterhood.

"Stepping is a celebration of the membership dating back to African history for every right of passage," said Beale. "Calling has a significant meaning to each member and it has evolved into Greek life."

Even though the majority of the members in this sorority are black, each person joins the sorority with a different experience. "This is an organized group that offers a unity despite our differences," said junior Katrina Hal. "They are there to support you."

Last semester Hal went through the process of pledging Kappa Alpha Theta, but decided to de-pledge after she had second thoughts. While everyone was friendly and open to Hal, she recognized there was a difference in lifestyle and culture. "It was different because there is a social line. People's minds haven't developed yet," said Hal. "There are still people on the mentality that blacks should be with blacks and whites with whites."

In addition to Hal, two other black students joined Kappa Kappa Gamma but decided to depledge after they decided that it wasn't for them.

Because of commonalities, social reasons and traditions, Hal is more willing to dedicate her time to AKA. "If you want to join something, you must feel accepted." She stated that it was easier to feel accepted in a black sorority because there are unique experiences that only blacks can relate to.

Echoing Hal was sophomore Latoya Gordon who also will travel to Edinboro. "I could've joined a sorority here but I feel like I would've given up something. I didn't know if I would fit in and this better reflects my interests."

In viewing sororities on campus, some students stated they joined because it gives you a lot to do and it opens them open to new opportunities. President of Alpha Chi Omega, Amy Joseph, stated "it gives you a feeling of belonging. It provides socializing, leadership, philanthropy and it feels good to know you have a relationship with all these people."

With four sororities on campus, some may wonder why these students can't pledge here. "I think it's a personal choice and decision," said Director of Multicultural Affairs Pablo Pagan.

"I think it's fine that they are doing that," said Joseph. "If they are comfortable with it, that is all that matters."

Besides the social aspect, black sororities provide an avenue into the professional world that they may not get from a white sorority. "If you plan to live in a black community, other blacks will recognize the AKA symbol," said Beale. "There is a strong networking tie and once you become an AKA, you're in it for life."

While they recognize it will be difficult and strong leadership skills will be necessary, they plan to eventually play an active role in the Allegheny Greek System. "If people pledge, we will be able to plan activities and organize things to show people what it's all about," said Allen. "It will provide a direct link to another level of awareness on campus."

Debate team captures victories at Cornell tournament

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University, brought fewer teams than Allegheny. In total, there are approximately 20 debaters on Allegheny's team, and usually about 10 to 12 members will travel to a tournament.

Lack of funding has resulted in severe budget restrictions. To help defray costs, team members have driven their own vehicles to tournaments, paid for copy costs and slept in host team's dorm rooms. Allegheny also had to cancel plans to host a debate this year, which would have brought teams from all around the country to Meadville for a weekend competition.

To add to the dilemma, coach Jeanie Gallagher announced earlier this term that she would be moving to Nebraska.

"Next year will be interesting because if we do not get a coach, we could be on the verge of collapsing," says Joyce. "Without a coach, the younger debaters will have to rely heavily on the older debaters."

Piccirillo, however, sees a coaching change as potentially positive.

"Hopefully, it will give us a fresh start and cause us to try to build the team up to it's best capabilities."

At many schools members of the faculty, usually from speech communications or political science, take on the role of debate coach. To fully compete with the top schools, Piccirillo says, "we need a full-time coach and a part time assistant; we need money for research, and to be able to send people to camp this summer as well as money in order to be able to travel to national as well as regional tournaments.

"Devoted debaters put in at least 10 hours of research during the week. Tournament weekends are approximately 60 hours of time. They are grueling schedules. Debaters endure hell because they enjoy it, even though they receive little or no reward or recognition for their work."

Piccirillo disputes the claim that Allegheny is an "underdog" at tournaments. Joyce agrees, stating "I kind of like the 'underdog' role because we are not expected to break even or even to win. So if any one of us gets a speaker award or if we even have a breaking team, it is something to be proud of."

Both Piccirillo and Joyce cite teamwork as a key to success in a debate. "The longer you and your partner debate together, the better you get a feel for the other's strengths and weaknesses. In order to be a successful individual team, you must learn to work with each other's strengths and around each other's weaknesses," says Joyce.

Debating has been an organized club at Allegheny since 1924. This year's topic is "resolved: that the United States federal government should increase regulations requiring industries to decrease substantially the domestic production and/or emissions of environmental pollutants."

"Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers."

—Voltaire

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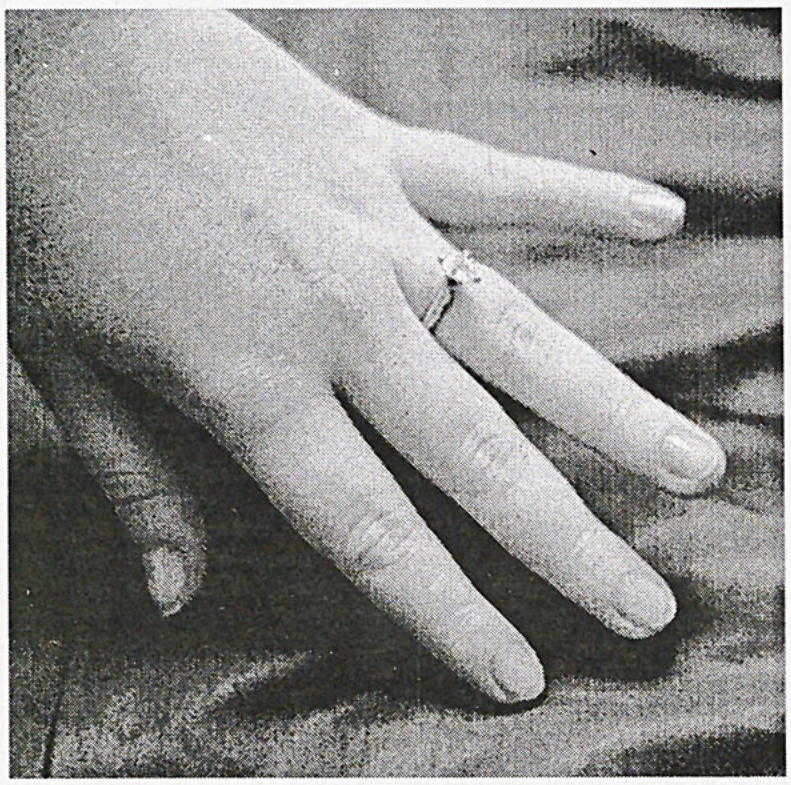

I DO, BUT NOT YET—Generally, Alleghenians say that they want to finish their educations and establish careers before getting hitched. Late 20s to early 30s was the average that students estimated for their prospective marrying ages. —photo by Kathryn Lamb

Students support recent alumni trend: Alleghenians wait to marry and have kids

By RONDA CHOLLOCK
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Arts & Living Editor

Senior Kristin Piccione is engaged to be married in August to Craig Malagise '95, but she represents an exception to a trend of late marriages and births among recent Allegheny graduates.

According to statistics compiled from the birth announcements submitted to *Allegheny* magazine throughout 1996, Allegheny alumni since the class of 1970 are waiting an average of 10 years after graduation to start their families. The trend is part of a national tendency for college graduates of both sexes to wait longer before having children in order to establish careers first.

Particularly striking is the fact that last year more births were reported among female members of the class of 1977 than the class of 1990, and that many of these births were first-borns.

Class years featuring the most births, as reported over the past year, include the class of 1982 with 13 reported births and the class of 1986 with 15 reported births.

The number of reported births among Allegheny alumna drops sharply after the class of 1986, with a small resurgence with the class of 1990.

Classes with the largest "yield" of babies reported last year consisted of graduates from the classes of 1980 through 1987.

While the trend to delay childbearing a full 10, even 20 years after college may seem anomalous, a poll of current Allegheny upperclassmen suggests that this conscious decision to put the family on hold will continue.

Senior Taira DeFazio sums up the sentiments of most of her classmates polled when she reasons, "I want to make sure I am both financially and emotionally ready for a lifetime commitment. I have spent a lot of money and time getting an education here at Allegheny. As a result, I am taking advantage of any and all career opportunities that I may be offered and striving to be the best in whatever job I get. Initially, such a lifestyle does not really allow time for a family."

Cris Jorge said that her career will decide when she will marry and have children. "The determining factor will be how well I'm established in my career; if I can't support myself (and the kids, if that be the case) if the marriage goes bad, then I'm not ready, " Jorge said. "I will not have kids for at least two years after I marry—if the marriage works for that amount of time, the chances are pretty good that it will last for a long while."

Junior Jamie Ruffennach imagines that she won't marry until she turns 30. "I believe that marriage is sharing two lives and I won't have a complete life to share until then," she said.

Aaron Rath summarized the thoughts of many student who plan to continue their education in graduate or professional programs when he said, "I could not manage a wife and, God forbid, especially kids, when attending graduate classes for 75+ hours a week."

"When pursuing a professional career, a long-term relationship receives second priority ... we are willing to suspend the relationship part of our lives to grab the professional brass ring."

Kimmie Retatagos agreed, saying that she wants to become an established physician before getting married and starting a family.

"College people involved in long-term serious relations, even getting married, often have no concrete career destinations. We tend to look down on those high-school lover types," Rath said. "But, who are we to talk?" he added.

Mike Ciocca said that he is in no hurry to settle down: "You start thinking about your future and who the hell wants to settle down now? I think everyone wants to live a little, and college shouldn't be the end of the fun."

Many students entered Allegheny intending to marry sooner

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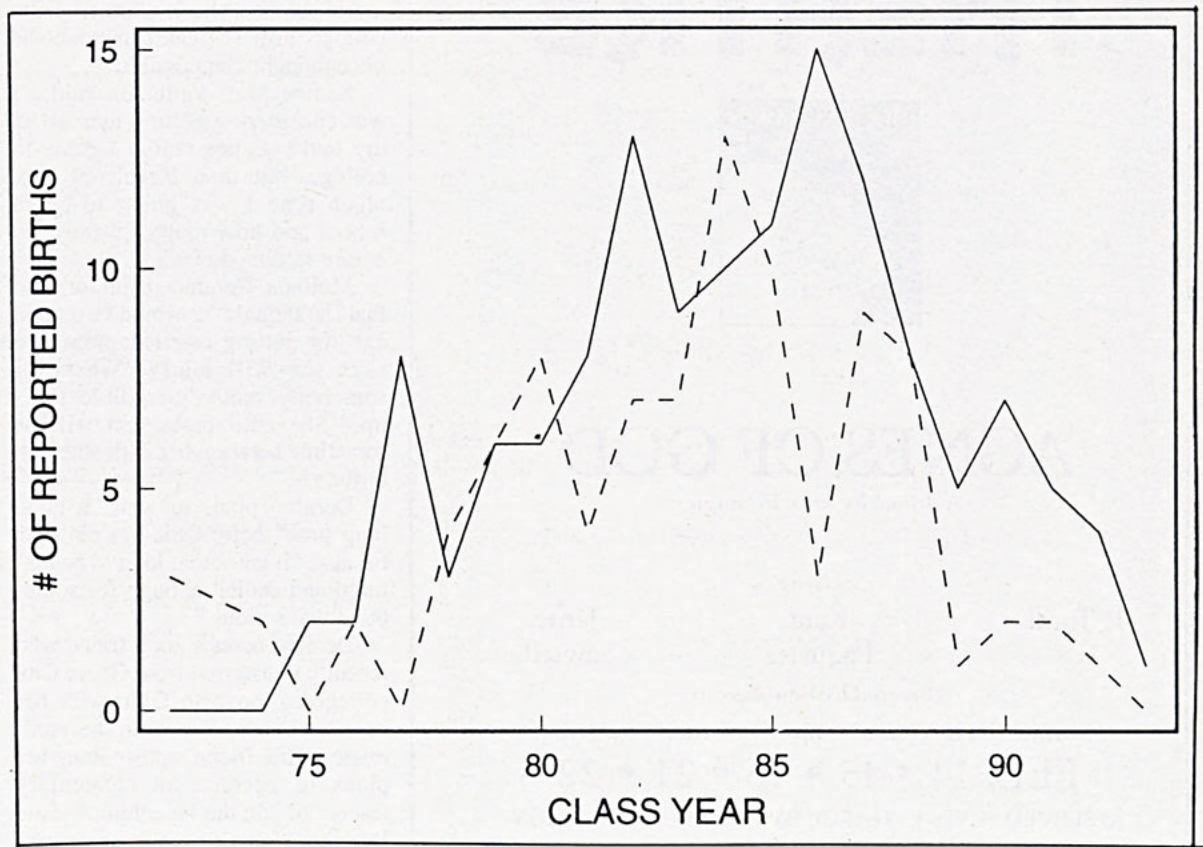

BABY BOOM—Most of the births reported to *ALLEGHENY* magazine were to alumni from the classes ranging from 1982-1987. No births were reported from Alleghenians graduating after 1993. The solid line indicates statistics for female alumna; the dashed line, for male alumni.

Sophomore records first CD

By JOHN BOHAN
Assistant Arts & Living Editor

If you've ever heard Bruce Hornsby jamming on a piano as you walked through Allegheny's music department, you were probably listening to Mike Park.

With his free and emotional style, Park can turn a cover song into his own creation. Park's friends at Allegheny have known about his talent for some time, but S.E.T.'s Vaudeville show last May revealed his soulful voice to the entire college community.

Co-sponsored by GAP and A5, Park is compiling a show of student works, which will be held on Saturday, April 12. "I'm not the one to judge who is good, but I always find hidden talent at this school. People who like to play their own kind of music, and that is who I am trying to get for this show."

Born in Australia to Korean parents, Park was given the name Mike, as well as a Korean name, Taehyo. He says he does not prefer one name to the other because both names are truly his first name.

When he was young, Park believed he had no musical talent. His father, who has the "musical genes" in the family and is an "amazing singer," used to jokingly ask him, "You call that a voice?" But watching a television show in which he saw a man (not Billy Joel) singing "New York State of Mind" inspired Park. He decided to teach himself how to play the piano and sing.

Needless to say, he could not play "New York State of Mind" right away, but a tune from a commercial he no longer remembers, offered easy enough music to learn. He could not read music at the time, and still says he is not great at it, so he learns everything by ear.

A Barry Manilow tape given to him by his cousin inspired Park even more. Mike admits that many people think Manilow is cheesy, but the tape amazed him. Park wanted to turn out that kind of quality music. "Of course, now I don't sing his songs," Park is quick to add.

As a citizen of Korea, Park was required to serve mandatory military service. He entered the Korean military in 1993, when he was 21. He served for two years and two months. Because he demonstrated proficiency on the martial arts portion of a physical assessment test, Park was chosen as a guard at a maximum security prison.

Now Park uses the skills he developed in the Korean military to teach a martial arts course at Allegheny. In the military, he earned a 2nd degree black belt in tae kwon do and from the do-jang he has a first degree black belt in hapkido.

Park entered Allegheny as a political science major last year. Although he loves music and does not rule out a music career at some point, Park leans toward a career in law or politics. He realizes that music can be a very influential part of

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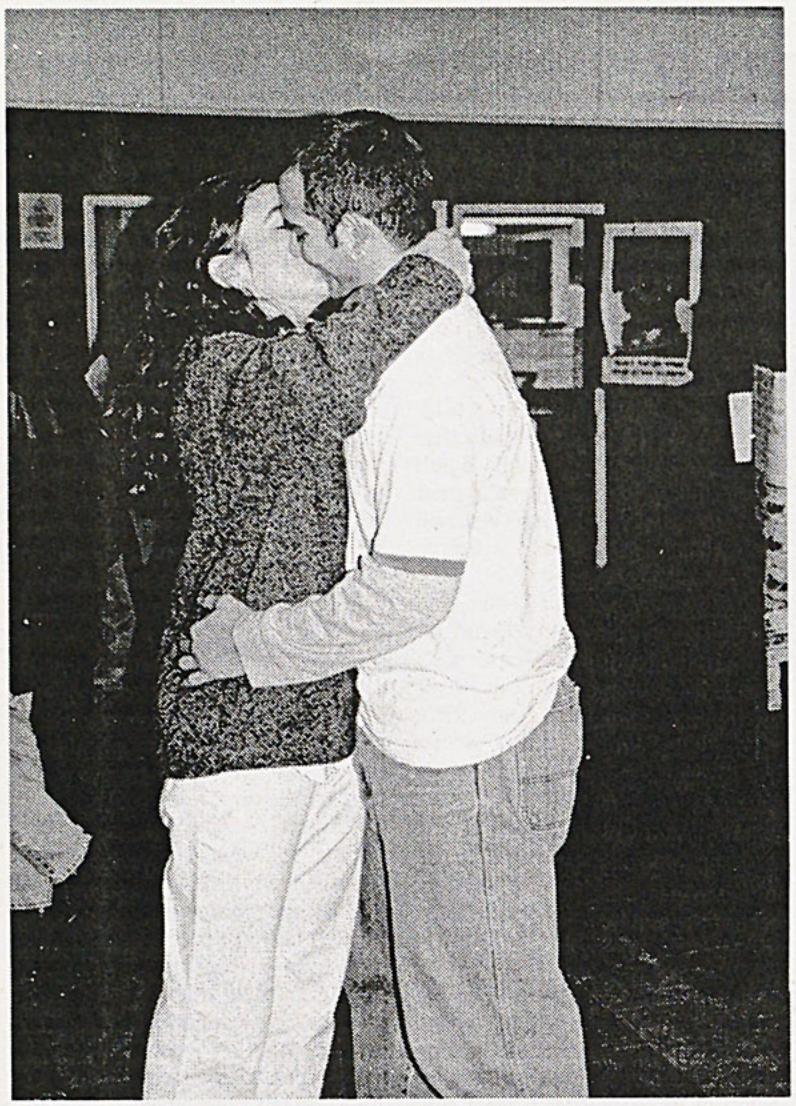

WRAPPED UP IN YOU—Most students polled didn't mind seeing couples hug or kiss in public, but did not appreciate "extreme" displays of affection.

—photo by Jessica Custer

"Kiss and tell" becomes "show and tell"

By MATT SUTTON
Arts & Living Writer

For those of you still stumped by what to get your sweetheart for Valentine's Day (tomorrow!), here are a few easy gift ideas: flowers, candy, or jewelry. But those gifts are way too cliche and practical, you argue? All right, give them the gift that everyone will notice—a public display of affection.

But, while your partner may appreciate your loving gestures, other people may be turned off. Picture it: you've just found a golden parking space right near the entrance to the Millcreek Mall. You go inside, happy to escape the dreary Erie weather. As you turn the corner, heading toward your favorite store, you are struck by the remarkable sight of a young couple erotically kissing and fondling each other near a pay phone. What's your reaction?

"Certainly, the setting matters for displaying affection because some places are more appropriate than others," said senior Clint Rounsfall. "I think anyone would be more comfortable expressing their feelings in a dorm or a park versus on any campus street."

Rounsfall said that he does not mind public displays of affection as long as they are not taken to an extreme.

Kim Bailey echoes his sentiments: "I don't mind seeing people hug or kiss, but anything more I don't care to see. I don't like seeing people hanging all over each other."

"I am very accepting of public affection," said Anthony Ranii. "It doesn't bother me either way."

Jacelyn Peterson, a sophomore, agreed. "It doesn't make a difference to me because it professes friendship and love to another person."

Generally, people were more accepting of affectionate displays by older couples.

Sophomore Tres Adams called his grandparents' handholding "cute."

Freshman Mara Perretta said: "Younger people's affection is generally overdone; and, in that sense, it bothers me."

Beth Reifsnyder, a freshman, agreed. "[Displays of affection by] Our age group actually bothers me more because they are immature."

Bailey recalls recently seeing a young adolescent couple (13 or 14 year olds) "hanging all over each other, French kissing." She said that "it was not a pleasant experience. I don't understand why that was necessary."

Opinions about affectionate displays by homosexual couples were more varied.

One man found the loving gestures exchanged between a frat brother and his partner at his former school, "cute."

Another student said, "Homosexual behavior very easily can be inappropriate and distasteful to the general public, so it should be expressed carefully."

Perretta said that homosexual displays of affection were no more offensive to her than heterosexual ones, but "if it's just to make the point that they are proud homosexuals, then it's pathetic."

Remember one thing as you search for your Valentine's Day gift: unlike flowers, jewelry or candy, public displays of affection cost you nothing. Except, of course, your privacy.

Students want to establish careers before families

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after graduation, and have since delayed their plans. Senior Linda Sambrook said, "College has helped me realize that other priorities besides marriage and children exist for me in the next few years, and then there will be time to get married and have kids."

Ellisa Keith once thought it might be possible that she would marry before she graduated from college, now she can't imagine she once thought that possible.

Senior Matt Patterson said, "I was considering getting married in my mid-twenties before I came to college, but then I realized how much time I was going to be in school and how much I wanted do before settling down."

Melinda Deramo, a junior said that she thought 22 would be a good age for getting married; now, she says she will marry "whenever somebody really incredible turns up." She anticipates that will be sometime between her 24th and 34th birthdays.

Deramo plans to wait "a good long time" before she has children because "it takes that long to be matured and settled enough for something that serious."

Deramo notes a good friend who recently transferred from Grove City college to move to Ohio with her new husband. She said she can't relate to her friend's postponing her plans to become an elementary teacher to "do the kids thing." Said Deramo, "I can't even imagine giving up a career so soon and having a husband and kids before a career."

A few students want to marry and start families early so that they can spend more time with their children.

Lee Pastrick, a sophomore, said, "I want to be a young mom so I can do many things with my kids and have all the energy that they deserve."

Ben Cornali and Jim Mormino, both juniors, agreed that they want to have children while they are still young to "have fun with them."

Deadpan humor is all Wright

Comedian Steven Wright will give a stand-up comedy performance at Allegheny College on Friday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium. The performance is sponsored by Allegheny's Gator Activities Programming.

Dubbed as "the man with the monotone," Steven Wright has a deadpan delivery and a stoic manner. After graduating from Emerson College, Wright attended an "open mic" audition and became a regular performer at a comedy club in Cambridge, Mass. While performing in August 1982, Wright was booked for his first appearance on *The Tonight Show*. Later, he made additional appearances on *The Tonight Show*, as well as performing on *Saturday Night Live* and *Late Night With David Letterman*.

In the past decade, Steven Wright has expanded his comedy career to include albums, films and more television appearances. In 1986, his debut album, titled, "I Have a Pony," earned him a Grammy nomination. In 1988, Wright starred in the first of three HBO special programs, titled, *On Location: Steven Wright*. Wright's most recent film roles have included appearances in *Natural Born Killers* and *Mixed Nuts*.

Tickets for Steven Wright's Allegheny performance are on sale at the Campus Center Information Desk and also will be available at the door. The cost is $5 for Allegheny students and $8 for all others. For more information, contact Phil Foxman, director of student activities at 332-2754.

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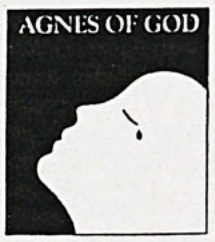

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Volcano flick fizzles, but blows away summer blockbuster, *Twister*

By LUKE BOGER
Arts & Living Writer

I didn't exactly have the right attitude to see a film when I went to *Dante's Peak*. I had seen a preview for it and had read a little about it in magazines before it came out. What was I expecting? Well, take *Twister*, but with volcanoes doing the damage. Unfortunately, that is pretty much what I got.

Film Review

However, this film actually frustrated me quite a bit by mixing cliche with good special effects. On a whole, aside from the fact that it borrowed many ideas from *Twister*, *Dante's Peak* actually was better than the poorly-written, weakly-acted sham of a predecessor, which relied only on special effects and violence to hold its audience (of course, it didn't hold me.) So, there's my dilemma.

Started by the success of the summer blockbuster, *Twister*, *Dante's Peak* is one of the first in a new wave of disaster films in the tradition of 70s films like *The Poseidon Adventure*, *The Towering Inferno*, and *Earthquake*. Either the makers of this film believe their audiences are stupid, or they simply know that this stuff sells.

It doesn't matter what the content of the film is, as long as there is a lot of special effects, death, and mass destruction. Perhaps I sound a bit harsh, but how can anyone believe differently after this barrage of mindless, effects-laden popcorn?

Just as a quick overview, the "plot" of the film revolves around the devastation of a small town, Dante's Peak. (Ironically, the town was just named as *Money Magazine's* second best place to live in the United States, population under 20,000.) The pretty little town is nestled in the woods, with beautiful lakes on its surrounding outskirts and a very large mountain, for which the town is named.

Harry Dalton (Pierce Brosnan—*Goldeneye*), a scientist working for the United States Geological Service, is called to the town to inspect the possible, although very slim (yeah, right) chance that there is some volcanic activity around this long-dormant volcano.

There, he meets mayor Rachel Nando, (Linda Hamilton— *The Terminator)* immediately, an obvious possible love interest. From there, you have your basic melodrama concerning some strange deaths, whether or not to put the town on alert, and then the big bang of the volcano. Huge surprise, right? Well, that's one of its problems—this film has no surprises.

So, with all this junk, how on earth could this film be better than *Twister*? Well, let's see; it's certainly not in its script. This film not only has weak dialogue and an unoriginal plot, but also steals so much from *Twister* that it's sad. No, let me correct myself, it's *very* sad.

We have the standard sport utility vehicle dodging falling debris, the somewhat dorky band of fellow scientists who just happen to have a robot to take measurements, the hero and the heroine riding around together, slowly falling in love, an old woman in distress; and a dog which, of course, is rescued.

I don't think I need to go on about the film's weaknesses. Believe it or not, though, it does have some minor strengths, or at least advantages over *Twister*.

For one, the acting is much better. Also, the chemistry between Hamilton and Brosnan is far more natural than that of Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton. This will distract you from the bad writing a bit. Hamilton, by the way, is looking and acting better than ever.

For another, the special effects in this film actually are far superior, and much more convincing than *Twister*. Computer effects in *Twister* were very obvious and ineffective, but *Dante's Peak's* effects appear almost to be completely authentic.

It's a shame that *Dante's Peak* stole so much from *Twister*, because it is actually a better movie, albeit a shallow one. *Dante's Peak*, even though it's still very unrealistic (driving a truck through lava), actually is much more satisfying, in the way of action quality than *Twister*. It's too bad that its script, plot and ideas are so tired.

Ultimately, although often very exciting, *Dante's Peak* fails due to lazy writing and lack of individuality. *Twister* was even more problematic. That in mind, which film is actually better? It's difficult to say, or even to be fair, but I enjoyed the volcano more than the tornadoes.

I guess these films don't care about originality or good writing. They want only to deliver effects that will sell tickets. It's a shame, when you think about it. Let's hope this trend in film doesn't last too long. I apologize if I've seriously hurt lovers of *Twister*, but I can't help it if I thought it sucked.

I also apologize for referring to that film so much in this review, but if you see *Dante's Peak*, you'll understand why it would be so difficult to avoid comparing the two movies. I can't recommend *Dante's Peak*, but I'm sure that there are a lot of people who would enjoy it.

If you choose to go see it, go solely for the action, and you won't be disappointed. Unfortunately, that's the only reason Universal Pictures expects us to go. Pray for originality next time you get to the theater.

Citizen Advocacy Office to sponsor dance

By WILLIE BERKOVITZ
Arts & Living Writer

Want to go somewhere special for Valentine's Day? How about the Heartlight Dinner Dance?

The Heartlight Dinner Dance will be held tomorrow, Valentine's Day, at the Meadville Days Inn from 6:30 p.m. until 12 a.m. The dance is a fundraiser for the Crawford County Citizen Advocacy Office, a non-profit organization that matches physically and mentally handicapped citizens with local volunteers.

"Most disabled persons are pushed out of the community. There's no one who wants to be there for them," said John Arthur, coordinator of the Office. Arthur says the mission of the organization is to find a volunteer to "be there" for each disabled person.

As coordinator, Arthur matches people with similar interests and backgrounds, hoping to foster the beginnings of a stable relationship. The Office's goal is to get "the right people to connect," Arthur said. For example, Arthur is looking for a gifted artist to pair with a disabled man who enjoys drawing and using his Etch-a-Sketch.

Arthur emphasizes the importance of keeping participation voluntary. Community members who offer time receive absolutely no compensation—not even in the form of academic credit. Many of the disabled have come from group homes or other communities with artificial environments and relationships.

Arnold notes that the Office receives a grant from the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Planning Council which stipulates that the Office raise 30 percent of their funds, which the council then matches. This dance is one of the ways in which the organization raises its funds.

Tickets still are available in advance and at the door for $25 for a single person and $45 per couple. The price includes a buffet dinner, door prizes and music. For more information, contact the Crawford County Citizen Advocacy Office, 333-8993.

LEND A HAND; LEND AN EAR

Cousin Stanley, a band composed of Assistant Professor of English Kirk Nesset, Dance Artist-in-Residence, James Reedy and Virgyl Reality, will play at the Crawford County Citizen Advocacy Office's Heartlight Dinner Dance tomorrow evening.

Nesset describes the group's music as "dance music with a cosmic consciousness." They perform both original pieces and cover songs altered to reflect their "space folk funk" style. Nesset remarks that the group has transformed the Beatles' "Norwegian Wood" into a "funky waltz."

Cousin Stanley began around a campfire, where Nesset and Reedy played the drums together. Virgyl Reality joined the two "just for fun."

Nesset sings and plays acoustic guitar; Reedy plays percussion and Virgyl is the bassist.

The band's name was inspired by Stanley Elkin, whom Nesset describes as "an obscure and perverse post modern writer" and the cousin of one of his friends.

In addition to playing tomorrow's philanthropic event, Cousin Stanley will perform at the Unitarian Church on Saturday, March 8, and at Otter's Pub on Friday, March 27.

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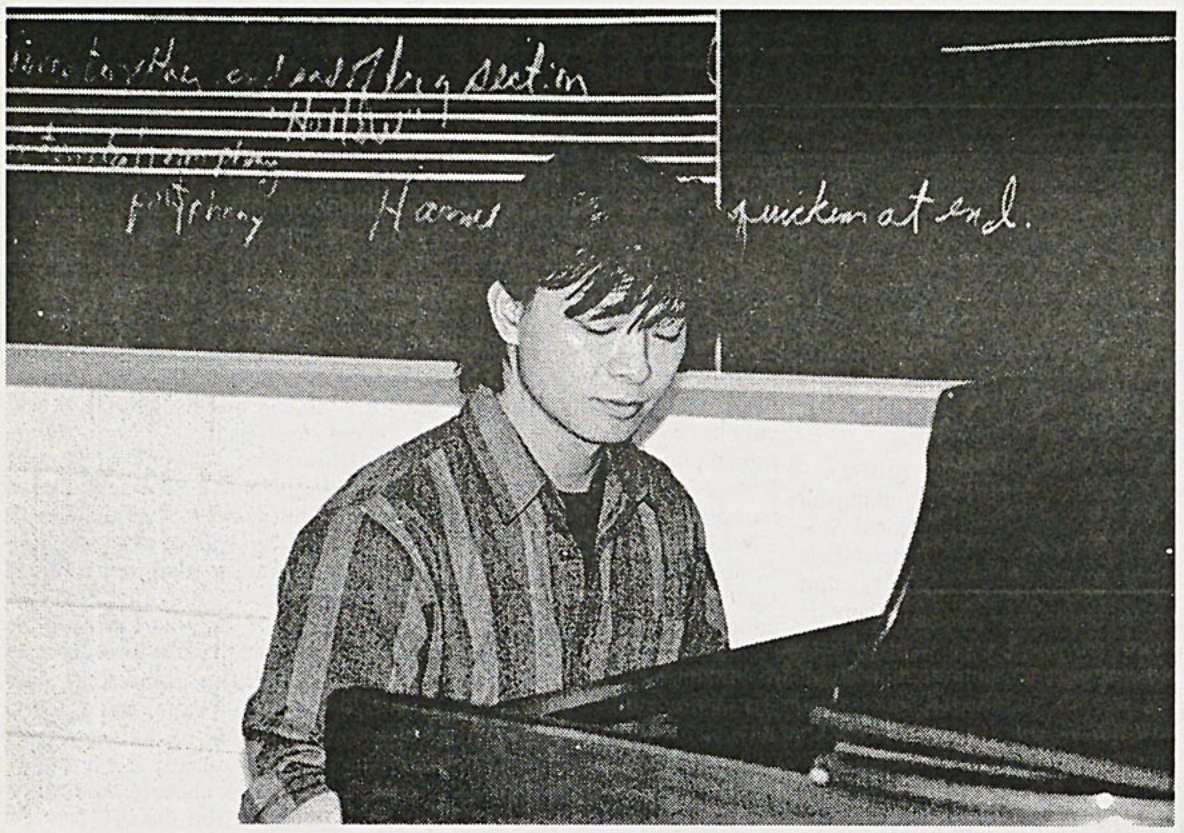

SING US A SONG, YOU'RE THE PIANO MAN—Sophomore Mike Park, seduced by the piano, sits down for a song. Park recorded his debut CD, *From Far Away*, this summer.

—photo by Jessica Custer

Park to organize spring concert

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peoples' lives, but he wants to be in a position to make a constructive change.

"Korean political issues really frustrate me. I need to gain a position where I can actually effect Korean political policy," Park says.

His desire to help others is keeping him from pursuing a music career for now. Park admits, "Music has always been an egotistic thing I do for my own pleasure."

While Park may not intend to pursue a career in music, he continues to develop his talent. This summer, after friends' encouragement, he cut a demo CD. The CD, *From Far Away*, showcases some of Park's favorite cover tunes, including "Piano Man," and "Walking in Memphis." He had to make the CD in three hour shifts over three days, because he didn't have money for any more time. He had only one take to record each song and spent the rest of the time in the studio mixing and engineering the CD.

Park says because he is not satisfied completely with the CD, he won't sell it. "I don't like singers who don't think about perfection," he said. "My CD was something I did on my own in three days. It's not good enough. Of course I have the black market working for me in Korea." He adds with a big smile, "No, it's just my friend trying to make money."

Billy Joel and Bruce Hornsby are Park's obvious influences, but Marc Cohn and Stevie Wonder are also favorites. "You can't go wrong with Stevie Wonder," he says. "I like the things I like, that's all. It might be cheese. It might be cool, but that is what I like."

Park sums up the influence of music in his life by saying, "Sometimes passing through the music department I am seduced by the piano. I have to play one song. Maybe it's like a drug or a cigarette."

SET performance is a good *Time*

By NICOLE WHITLEY
Arts & Living Writer

All in the Timing, written by David Ives and directed by Budd Yuhasz, opens this evening in Arter 107. Tonight's preview marks the first of three performances: Feb. 13 (preview), 14 and 15, all beginning at 8:15 pm.

Play Review

Yuhasz's obvious directing talent is supports an equally talented, six person cast. The six actors, demonstrating tremendous versatility, play 15 different roles in the five acts.

While the acts are very different from each other, the concept of time connects them all. While directing the play, Yuhasz states that each act is "very different; they are all a challenge in their own way." Three of the acts, "Sure Thing," "The Philadelphia" and "The Universal Language," share the common theme of transformation from something bad to good.

"Words, Words, Words," Matt Parker's, Andy Krackow's and Ryan Joyce's portrayal of three monkeys trying to produce *Hamlet* is a particularly effective and funny act.

Marc Devokaitis, Joyce, Toni Focer and Krackow are sure to impress the audience with their hilarious plays on words in "Philip Glass Buys a Loaf of Bread."

Parker's and Connolly's abilities to speak "The Universal Language" throughout the last act of the play also struck me as highly entertaining.

Musical accompaniment, including Pink Floyd's "Time," complemented excellent stage performances.

Yuhasz has experience with this play in particular as the Assistant Director/Stage Manager in a summer production of *All in the Timing* at the Wellfleet Harbor Actor's Theatre (WHAT) in Cape Cod, Mass. But *All in the Timing* is Yuhasz's first experience directing. He said, "I've been involved as a performer and I wanted to direct before I graduated."

Besides the talented cast, much recognition goes to the Assistant Director/Stage Manager, Kirsten Richter and to the Assistant Stage Manager, Emily Kelly-Padden. Yuhasz admits that he has been "really lucky to have a great cast and great Stage Managers to work with."

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JEANE DIXON'S Horoscope

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1997

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Your superb organizational skills could bring a lucrative job offer. Think twice. Self-employment could offer greater long-term benefits. Your loving nature makes you very vulnerable at times. Putting your trust in the wrong person could lead to lasting regrets. Go slow when it comes to making a permanent commitment. Next fall, expect the unexpected at work. Large financial gains are possible if you seize an unusual opportunity to present your ideas to the public.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You make friends easily now. Strong communication skills help you obtain the green light for a special project. Wonderful news arrives from overseas contacts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Resist the temptation to withdraw from work. Anxiety can be treated if you seek medical advice. Share your dreams and hopes with people who really care.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Go after what you want. Your enthusiasm will persuade your business or romantic partner to lend a helping hand. Temporary financial sacrifices will make a major purchase possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Acting overly sensitive could irritate others. Find refuge in a quiet retreat until you regain control. Do some networking every day if seeking a new job.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Launching a project prematurely would be a mistake. Talk with experts before deciding on the right time. Adequate preparation is a must. Be diligent. Your romantic expectations are justified.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look for ways to reduce expenses. You need to have a backup plan when trying to help a teen-ager. Tough love may not be the answer. Schedule a doctor's appointment for someone who is depressed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Thanks to your shrewd financial management, you can expect to make a tidy profit. Wield your authority wisely at work. Someone who resents your influence could try to undermine it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have a lot of irons in the fire right now. Go ahead and delegate more responsibility to a quick learner. Just be certain to give clear instructions. Encourage a novice to ask questions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A thorough approach is vital today. Have someone proofread your work before handing in a report. Your obvious sincerity works to your advantage in love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A good day to play catch-up at work. Decide on your priorities, then arrange your schedule to accommodate them. Nonverbal communication is sometimes more effective than the spoken word.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Writing may provide the best outlet for your feelings. You experience an awakening of passion. Seek an expert's advice if you need to manage your funds more shrewdly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The emphasis today is on keeping a low profile. Indulging in a power struggle with higher-ups will be counterproductive. Try to get your point across without stepping on someone's toes.

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BY G.B. TRUDEAU



National sports news briefs

Baseball—**Andy Van Slyke**, former centerfielder for the St. Louis Cardinals, Pittsburgh Pirates and Philadelphia Phillies, has announced that he will attempt to make a comeback with the Cardinals.

Cardinals' manager **Tony La Russa** said that he was looking for a backup third baseman and a reserve who could hit left-handed and invited Van Slyke to training camp as a non-roster player.

Van Slyke, who is 36 and retired after the 1995 season due to back problems, is a two-time All-Star with a .274 career batting average and 164 home runs. Van Slyke began working out in August and has said that he has experienced no physical problems.

Basketball—The Washington Bullets hired **Bernie Bickerstaff** as their head coach. Bickerstaff had been the president and general manager of the Denver Nuggets, but there were rumors that his job was in jeopardy because of a lack of progress in Denver.

The Bullets have struggled this season despite a strong nucleus of All-Star forward Chris Webber, Juwan Howard and Rod Strickland. At the All-Star break the team stood fourth in the Atlantic division with a 22-25 record. Bickerstaff had previous coaching experience with the Bullets as an assistant from 1973-1985. During this time Washington won their only NBA title.

Hockey—The St. Louis Blues and **Mike Keenan**, their former coach, have settled their contract dispute. Keenan, who also held general manager responsibilities with the Blues, was fired on Dec. 19 with over three years remaining on a contract he signed in July 1994 that paid him $2 million a year. Keenan had been asking for $6 million of his remaining contract to be paid to him, while the Blues were offering to pay him $3 million. A statement from the league said that part of the agreement was that neither party would disclose settlement terms.

NCAA—The Kansas Jayhawks retained the number one spot in both the CNN/USA Today and AP Division I men's basketball polls. Kansas lost to Missouri last week in double overtime, the Jayhawks' first loss of the season, but all of the other top teams lost as well, allowing Kansas to keep their ranking.

In the Division I women's poll the Connecticut Huskies continue to hold the top spot.

Parcells to coach New York Jets next season

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Jets finally have their man.

At the cost of four draft choices, but no first-rounder until 1999, Bill Parcells becomes the team's head coach—now, not a year from now.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue settled the two-week war over Parcells' services on Monday by giving the Patriots the picks over the next three years to free Parcells from all contractual obligations to New England.

"I did what I think was fair to both sides," said Tagliabue, who acted as an arbitrator with the permission of both teams after five hours of discussions failed to break the stalemate.

"I looked at a young team with talented players like the Patriots and gave them choices that would ensure their future as they begin to lose veterans to the salary cap."

Under the brokered agreement, the Patriots get the Jets' third- and fourth-round choices this year, their second-round choice in 1998 and a first-rounder in 1999. By then, with Parcells at the helm, the pick is expected to be considerably lower than the No. 1 the Jets' 1-15 record last season earned them.

Thus Parcells becomes the Jets' third coach in seven weeks and their fifth in five years—if you count Bill Belichick's six-day tenure as Parcells' caretaker. It follows a bizarre two months that included a ruling by Tagliabue two weeks ago preventing Parcells from coaching or acting in "a similar capacity" for any other teams without the Patriots' permission.

First, Rich Kotite stepped down after going 4-28 in two seasons, saying, "I did not quit and I was not fired." Kotite will continue to be paid next season by the Jets.

Last Tuesday, the team hired Belichick, Parcells' longtime right-hand man, to coach in 1997 with Parcells as a consultant. When Robert Kraft, New England's owner, called that a "transparent sham," Tagliabue set up another meeting to determine what "consultant" entailed.

That meeting was on Monday and went far beyond the discussion of the consultant position. It included Kraft and both Leon Hess, the seldom-seen Jets owner, and Steve Gutman, the team's president.

"There were wide differences and both thought it should be resolved today and they authorized me to make a decision," Tagliabue said. "Both teams had to give a little and neither got exactly what they wanted."

Said Hess: "We're very happy and the commissioner did a helluva job."

Parcells, in a statement released by the Jets, said, "I can't wait to get to work tomorrow morning to start rewarding the tremendous confidence Leon Hess has placed in me."

The scene was about as bizarre as

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Hoover leads women's track

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fifth and sixth (14-8 1/2 and 14-6 1/2).

Pole vault was owned by Allegheny as freshman Julie Hoefler, Orr and Hoover finished one, two and three. All three had vaults of 5-6.

In the high jump Hoover earned a fifth place finish, successfully clearing 4-10. Allegheny failed to place any competitors in the top ten in the shot put.

On the track Allegheny put on a well balanced performance with four different athletes bringing home points. After being disqualified last week, Hoover came back with a strong third place finish in the 55 meter dash at Oberlin. Her time in that event was 8.07. In the 55 meter hurdles Hoover repeated her second place finish of last week, but bettered her time to 9.43 seconds. Hoefler was seventh in the hurdles with a time of 9.88.

Sophomore Amy Schuckert was another highlight for the Gator women this week with two second place finishes. In the 800 meters Schuckert finished just over three seconds off first place with a time of 2:29.81. In the 1500 meters Schuckert came in at 5:10.45, two seconds behind first place.

Completing the Gator scoring were the 800 meter relay team which came in third with a time of 1:57.47 and Orr and freshman Heather Batykefer in the 400 meters. Orr placed second with a time of 1:05.82 while Batykefer finished fourth at 1:09.36.

The Gators hope to use this improved showing in this weekend's meet at Slippery Rock on Friday. Events are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

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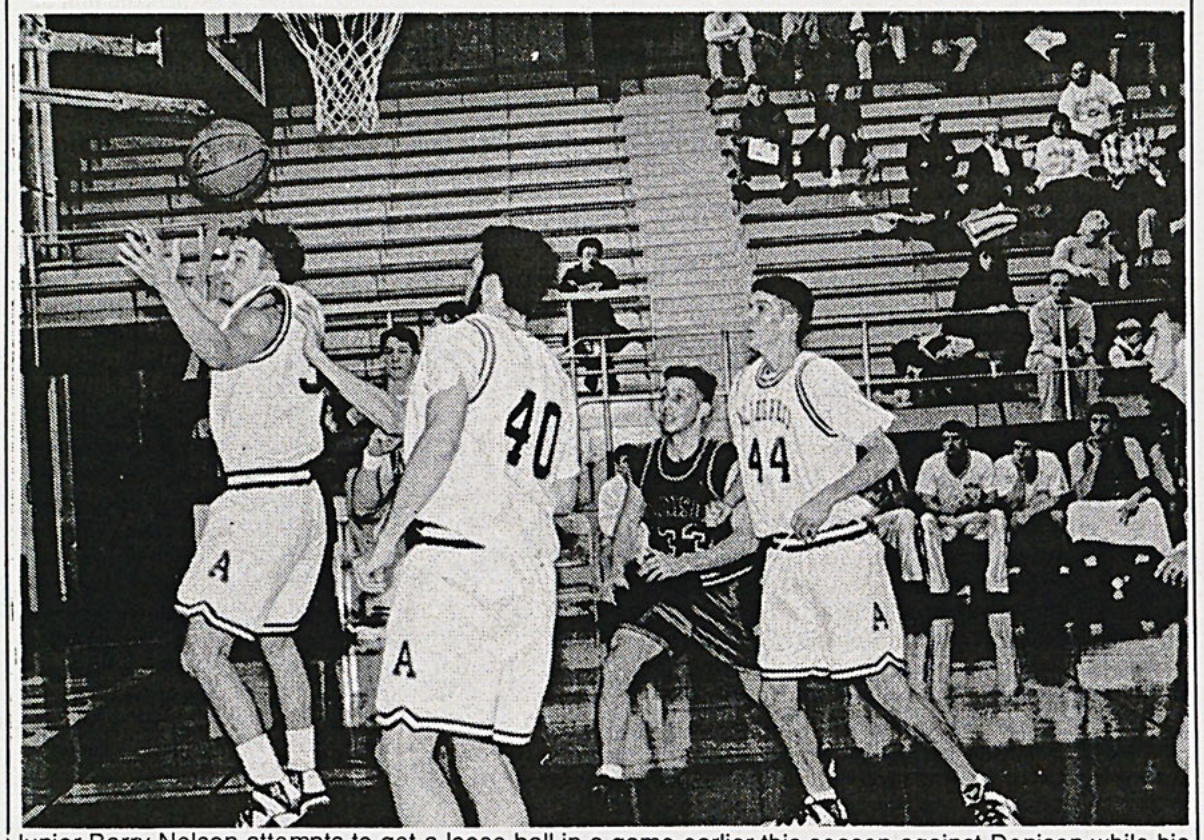

Junior Barry Nelson attempts to get a loose ball in a game earlier this season against Denison while his teammates junior Ben Schulz (40) and sophomore Chris Creahan (44) look on. The Gators stand in third place in the NCAC with less than two weeks remaining in the regular season. —photo by Jaime Eckel

Tagliabue settles dispute between Jets and Patriots

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the dispute over Parcells, whose future was the main topic of discussion even as he prepared the Patriots for the Super Bowl. They lost, 35-21, to the Green Bay Packers, and Parcells parted with the team that week to head back to New York, where he coached the Giants to NFL titles in 1986 and 1990.

The talks took place at a midtown office building, where one of the NFL's outside law firms had its headquarters. The lobby quickly filled with reporters and television crews, and as office workers came out to lunch, word spread that "Parcells is here."

He wasn't—not even close.

But despite being told, people began to congregate and the small building security force was overwhelmed. Later, the news conference announcing the settlement was held in the lobby as the building emptied during rush hour.

"Hey, is that Hess?" one man yelled toward the Jets' 82-year-old owner. "It's about time you showed up."

Parcells will made his official debut as the Jets' head man Tuesday, while Belichick reverted to assistant head coach, the position he was supposed to take over in 1998.

"This is the agreement we came here hoping for," Belichick said. "I'm glad Bill is here. Now I can talk to him."

Both teams left putting on a happy face.

"I wanted to get this over with," Kraft said. "Bill gets to work this year. I'm just glad it's settled."

Gator Athlete of the Week

Krause wins twice at Oberlin

Athlete of the Week—Kurt Krause

Class—Junior

Sport—Track

Events—1500 and 3000 meters

Since Kurt Krause stepped onto the Allegheny campus he has been a fixture among the college's distance runners. Though not meeting extraordinary levels of achievement early on, he was able to make an impact his freshman year, and every season since then he has become increasingly successful.

In the fall of Krause's sophomore year he was a key member of Allegheny's men's cross country team. Krause finished in the 14th spot at the NCAC Championships, earning second team All-NCAC honors. His performance at the NCAC meet helped the Allegheny team move on to compete in the NCAA Mideast Regional Championships. At Regionals Krause finished 41 out of a field of 237. That spring he continued his success by finishing seventh place in the NCAC Indoor Track Championships in both the 1500 and 3000 meters.

This fall Krause improved upon his performance. Krause finished in the top five in all six of the Gator Cross Country team's regular season meets. In the NCAC Championship meet his performance fell off slightly, dropping him to the 18th spot and securing him honorable mention All-NCAC honors. At regionals Krause was back in form, running his way to 16th place and All-Region recognition.

Krause is our Athlete of the Week because of his two first place finishes last weekend at the Oberlin Invitational. Running in both the 1500 and 3000 meters, Krause captured both events in the six team field with times of 4:11.10 and 9:11.3. He earned the most first place finishes of any Gator track athlete last week. Krause also was honored by the NCAC for his accomplishments at Oberlin, being named the NCAC Track Athlete of the Week.

Compiled by Pat Sheldon.

Lady Gators drop Ohio Wesleyan

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saw the Gators go scoreless through the opening minutes, but Cribbins got the ball rolling with a three-pointer, making the score 35-28. Kuhner followed that with a jumper for two. The Lady Gators hidden asset, junior Megan Buchner, had two fantastic layups and another great shot scoring six points within three minutes. At OWU, Buchner had a career high eleven points. Schmidt finished up the game strong with a drive up the lane and a free throw. Buchner and Cribbins also had free throws in the last few second of the game to make the final score 62-57.

The Lady Gators took on Wooster last night in the field house but results were not available at press time. The Gators travel to Penn State-Behrend on Saturday.

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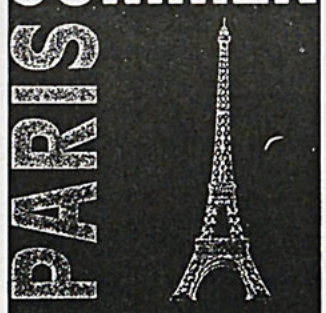

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Allegheny men's basketball team moves up in NCAC standings

By PAT SHELDON
Sports Editor

The Allegheny men's basketball team is riding a three-game winning streak into the final two weeks of the regular season and has moved into a tie for third place in the NCAC. Last week the Gators helped themselves with a pair of convincing wins against NCAC opponents Oberlin and Ohio Wesleyan.

Feb. 5 the Gators hosted an Oberlin team with just two wins on the season. The Gators avoided the danger of upset by shooting an impressive 58.3 percent from the field on their way to a 92-56 win.

Allegheny began the rout early in the game. Less than 30 seconds into the first half junior Rich Saxe drove past Oberlin defenders to score the first points of the game on a layup.

Saxe's classmates Mike Houser and Ben Schulz would add a layup and three-pointer respectively and the Gators' 23-7 run to begin the game was on. During the initial outburst of scoring Schulz nailed two more three-point baskets and Houser chipped in four more points.

Oberlin cut the lead to 12 with 5:33 left to play in the half, but the Gators were not willing to let the score get any closer. Sophomore Steve Felton made two foul shots and a layup to stretch the Allegheny lead back to 16. By the break the Gators' lead was up to 20 points—46-26.

In the second half the Yeomen continually attempted to make comebacks, but could never cut the lead to less than 16 points.

With 8:13 remaining in the game the Gators led by 20, but finished the game on a 23-7 streak to clinch the win. During this final run freshman John McLaughlin led the way with six points and sophomore Aaron Ollinger and Schulz each added four.

Houser was the top scorer for the Gators in the win with 13 points. Junior Barry Nelson, Schulz and Felton each had 11 points. Schulz was the top rebounder with nine while junior Jerry Ambooken dished out a career-high eight assists and also had four steals.

Saturday the Gators took on the Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops. Allegheny once again shot well from the field, hitting 50.9 percent of their shots on the game.

After giving up an early basket to their opponents, the Gators got on the scoreboard with 18:03 left in the first half on a three pointer from the top of the key by Schulz. The Battling Bishops answered with another two point bucket, but Houser drove in for a bucket on the baseline and then hit a foul shot to move the Gators' lead to 6-4.

Allegheny got six more points, on a layup and follow from Houser and a jumper from Saxe, to extend their lead to 12-6.

As the game progressed the Gators moved out to a 11 point lead with 6:54 left, but the Battling Bishops cut the score to 29-26 with 1:26 left in the first half. Ambooken closed out the half well for the Gators though, hitting three three-pointers to make the Allegheny lead 38-29 at the break.

As in the Oberlin game, the Gators' opponents cut into the lead several times in the second half, but could never pull closer than seven points with 11:16 left.

After that point Allegheny slowly increased their lead, and, closing the game on a 12-2 run, finished with a 75-55 win.

Houser and Ambooken both had 14 points for the Gators in the win. Schulz had a double-double (11 points and 11 rebounds) to add to the Allegheny effort.

Last night the Gators battled Wooster, the team with whom they are tied for third place in the NCAC. Results were not available at press time. Sunday Allegheny hosts St. John Fisher in a 4 p.m. game.

Women's basketball wins a pair of NCAC games

By ERIN HARTONG
Sports Reporter

The women's basketball team was on the court in full force this past week. The Gators were successful against opponents from the Buckeye State, crushing Oberlin 60-46 and beating the Battling Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan 62-57. The Lady Gators are now 7-6 in conference games and 9-11 overall. The team is tied for fourth place in the NCAC.

At Oberlin junior Jen Cribbins led the team in scoring with 15 points. Freshman Jaime Shanter followed close behind with a career-high 14 points and had six rebounds. Junior Chrissy Stefanini and senior Amanda Schmidt had five rebounds each.

Stefanini scored early with an assist from Schmidt. Proving that they were a solid combination, Stefanini scored after receiving a pass from Schmidt twice more in the first half. Cribbins and Shanter were both active in the first half, scoring eight points each. The Lady Gators went into the locker room at the half with their heads held high, winning 35-22.

The Lady Gators got off to a slow start, but managed to maintain their lead. After a brief Allegheny timeout mid-way through the half, the Lady Gators went on a scoring run with Shanter and fellow freshmen Shannon Keller and Candi Pasquinelli adding points to the board.

Last Saturday at Ohio Wesleyan Schmidt, the Gators captain, had an incredible game, leading Allegheny to the win. She led the team in rebounds (seven) and tied Keller in scoring with 12 points.

Schmidt and Cribbins both scored early, getting the Lady Gators off to a strong start. Stefanini had a steal and completed it with a graceful layup about six minutes into the half. Also scoring in the first half was freshman Sarah Kuhner who made a layup on a fastbreak. The last 1:30 of the first half belonged to freshman Missy Marshall who scored on a drive and sunk two free throws with 24 seconds left before the Gators headed into the locker room.

The beginning of the second half

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Track teams finish second at Oberlin Invitational

By JOHN O'CONNOR
Sports Reporter

Allegheny's men's and women's track teams returned to Oberlin College last weekend to compete in the Oberlin Invitational on Feb. 7 and 8. The six team field consisted of Allegheny, Baldwin Wallace, Denison, Heidelberg, Oberlin and Otterbein. Otterbein did not enter a women's team in the competition. The Gators finished second in both team standings, with the men totaling 111 points and the women accumulating 49 points.

On the men's side, their point total was 90 behind the first place team and 13 ahead of the third place team. The team's performance this week was more balanced and their points were spread between the track and the field events.

In the 3000 meters it was all Allegheny as the men dominated the field to finish first, second and third in the event. Junior Kurt Krause led the way for the Gators with a time of 9:11.3, followed by sophomore Mark Hudson and sophomore Ben Wyrick at 9:18.2 and 9:19.2. In the other distance event, the 1500 meters, Krause finished first with a time of 4:11.10. Wyrick and Hudson finished fifth and sixth with times of 4:20.60 for Wyrick and 4:21.42 for Hudson.

Gator sprinters did not tear through the rest of the field as the distance runners did, but they did have some respectable performances. The 1600 meter relay team finished third with a time of 3:39.5. Sophomore Mike Keglovits provided points and Allegheny's best finish in a sprint with his fifth place finish in the 300 meters. Senior Fred Hemminger finished sixth (8.78) in the 55 meter hurdles, freshman Dave Shellenbarger finished seventh in the 400 meters (54.63) and junior Matt Snodgrass was eighth in the 800 meters (2:07.30) to complete the Gator sprint highlights.

Just as they have been all season, the Gators had a field day in the field events. Without the jumps of junior Chris Haberer this week the Gators could not secure a victory in the high jump, but junior Steve Proctor finished fourth with a jump of 6'-0". Proctor's jump was two inches better than his previous week and a mere two inches off the winning mark. For the second week in a row Keglovits earned a first place finish in the pole vault with a 13-6 effort.

Senior Kyle Smesko finished fourth in the long jump with a leap of 18-10 1/4. Junior Mike Erb and freshman Wesley Baum finished fifth and sixth behind Smesko with jumps of 18-1 3/4 and 17-10 1/4. The triple jump was yet another event where the Gators delivered points. Shellenbarger was second, five inches behind the leader, with an effort of 40-11 1/4. He was followed by Erb in third place at 40-9 3/4.

In the shot put junior Jim Mormino blew away the competition by over a foot to win the event. Mormino's toss of 44-9 earned him a first place finish. Smesko upped his mark from last week by over two feet and walked away with a throw of 41-1 1/4 and a fifth place finish to complete the scoring for the Gator men.

Jackie Hoover was the story this week for the women as the senior scored points in six different events. Hoover had a first place finish, a second, two thirds and two fifths to pace the Gator women's scoring.

Hoover earned her victory in the triple jump with a leap of 31-9 1/4. Freshmen Shannon Orr and Adriene Elmendorf finished fifth and sixth in the event with jumps of 30-8 1/2 and 30-3 1/2. The long jump was another good performance for the Gators as Hoover and Orr placed

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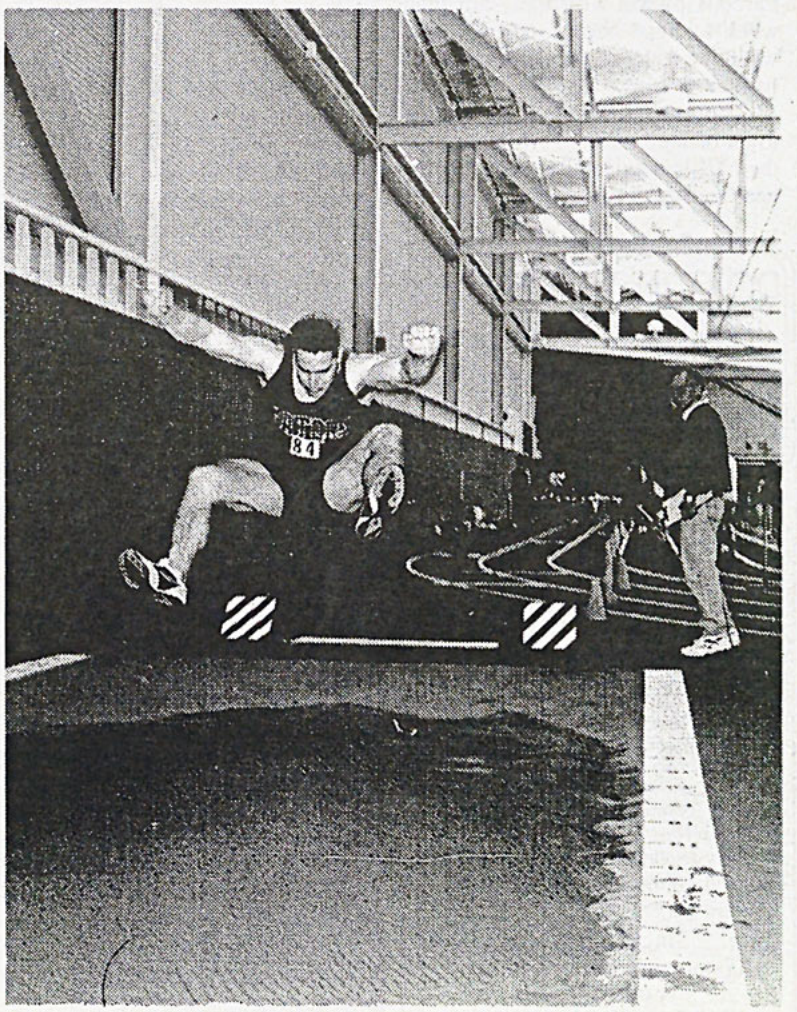

A GIANT LEAP—Senior Kyle Smesko prepares to land one of his long jumps Saturday at the Oberlin Invitational. Smesko finished fourth in the long jump in the meet. —photo by Ben Wyrick