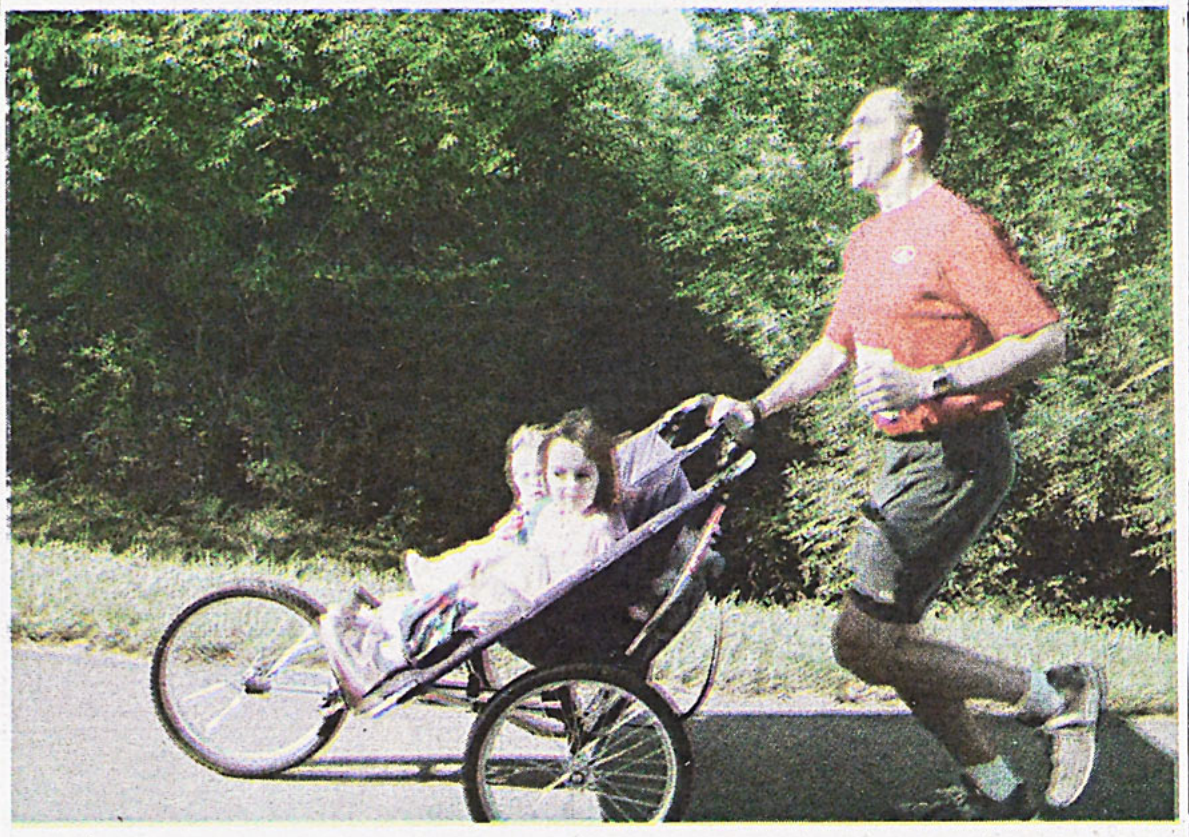
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A father and his children spend some time together during the first annual Run for Prevention, held this past Saturday in Diamond Park. All proceeds benfitted Crawford County's Drug and Alcohol Prevention Unit.

—Photo by Ben Wyrick

Alcohol policy provokes negative student reactions

By KRISTA GABLE
News Reporter

The interior decoration of some students has become a matter of concern for the Residence Life Staff. Previously, rules stated that kegs and beer balls were not permitted in dorm rooms. This year, the rule has undergone some revision. Kegs and beer balls are still not allowed in door rooms, but the rule has been expanded to disallow bottles and cans—empty or full.

According to Allen Blattner, director of Residence Life, there are three main reasons for the modification: to reduce underage drinking and intoxication in general, cleanliness and appearance. Apparently, there have been problems in the past with drunken students appearing in front of resident advisers (RAs). When RAs went to said students' rooms to inquire about what was going on and happened to see empty bottles and/or cans, many students would simply reply that the bottles were from the previous week, or just decoration.

However, it is difficult for an RA to believe the students if they are evidently drunk. As a result a situation was created where the RA's word was placed against that of the student(s).

The second reason refers to cleanliness. According to Blattner, many people were afraid students would either forget or simply not feel like washing out the bottles or cans. This would create an uprising of ants, leading to an infestation. Allegheny would then need to find a way to exterminate the ants and would result in time and money spent by the college. In addition, there is no guarantee the ants will not return.

Finally, the modification "has been for appearance reasons," said Blattner. He explained that when prospective students tour Allegheny with their parents, the visit doesn't make an ideal impression upon seeing rooms decorated with beer bottles and cans. It could leave a negative impression on the parents causing them to be wary of sending their children here, said Blattner.

During the Prospectives weekend last year, a few parents refused to allow their children to stay overnight after going to the host

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Freshman class reflects benefits of minority recruitment

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In the past, Allegheny has struggled with low minority enrollment. Last year, the minority percentage of the freshman class was 6.3 percent. Allegheny's freshmen minority enrollment increased to 10.6 percent this year. This increase has many people excited about the prospect of gaining diversity on campus.

Senior Assistant Director of Admissions Jen Decker admits that this year the office pounded the pavement to recruit students. "We worked hard on our territories and recruiting as well as had organizational participation this year," said Decker.

The Admissions staff of eight divides the nation so each person can concentrate on one area. By visiting high schools with larger populations, Decker explained, they give a bigger variety of backgrounds.

In addition, several organizations on campus aided Admissions in getting prospective students on campus. Members of Union Latina, Advancement of Black Culture (ABC) and Allegheny Association for Asian and Asian-American Awareness (A5) all participated in the Multicultural Overnight program. This program enabled prospective students not only to have the chance to visit Allegheny, but to interact with minority students already here.

"When we bring people on campus, they can decide whether it fits well for them," said Decker about the two day affair.

A5 president Eyde Olalia, whose group participated in recruiting minorities, commented, "As long as organizations and administration work together, we will always see good results."

The three organizations which participated in the Multicultural Overnight "got together to find the best way to attract applicants," Olalia said. "We knew most people who visit the campus fall in love with it."

Olalia explained that the participants were hosted by Allegheny students belonging to the organizations. They went to the Ebony Ball, a football game and had an introductory session where the participants were able to ask questions of the students. Olalia also said the organizations write letters to any minority applicant to introduce themselves and help them in any way they can.

Although there is not a permanent staff person who oversees minority recruitment, as is the case in many large universities, Decker considered the diversity of the freshman class a joint effort, which paid off this year.

Admissions added a new student position, Student Coordinator for the Minority Admissions last year in an effort to increase diversity on campus. Currently, the position is held by senior Tres Adams, who has held the position for both years of its existence.

Adams acts as the liaison between prospective minority students and the Admissions office. Adams is also president of ABC, which participated in the Multicultural stay.

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Dormitories recieve communications package

By KARA L. ERDODI
Editor-in-Chief

Over the summer, numerous changes took place within Allegheny's residence halls. Students returned to dormitories to find the fruits of a 10-year, $8.5 million contract between the college and Alltel Communications.

The contract, awarded to Alltel at the end of last semester, includes the installation and maintenance of a Digital Centrex Communication System, including improvements to the telephone system, Internet access in the dormitories and cable television connections, previously available only in lounges, in individual rooms.

According to literature about Centrex, the new telephone system includes features such as Caller ID, call waiting, the ability to use speed dial for up to 10 programmed numbers, three-way calling, last-number redial, and an automated voice mail message system.

Director of Residence Life Allan Blattner said the new package costs the college approximately $55 per month. The room charges for students living in residence halls increased by $90 this year since a $20 increase three years ago.

Blattner said he is excited about the changes. "We have just about every fun feature you can imagine," he said.

Student reactions to the phone mail system, however, have been mixed. According to freshman Annie Joseph, the new system is working well.

"Everything went really smoothly. It may have been a bit confusing for some people to set up the voice mail at first, but I haven't heard of anyone who had serious problems," she said.

Jessica Young, a freshman, concurred. "I'm fine with the voice mail system. I haven't had any problems with it."

Other students are inclined to disagree. Gerry Pecora, a senior, said, "The voice mail system is a complete pain compared to an answering machine."

Blattner acknowledged that there have been student complaints about initiating the automated voice mail.

"Voice mail is more complicated—it's a lot of numbers to crunch—but you can access it from all over campus," he said. "And, students don't have to use it if they don't want to."

College-owned houses are equipped with the new phone services, but not with cable connec-

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NEWS BRIEFS

•Saturday, Oct. 3 is Make a Difference Day in the Crawford County community. To register a project, call Brooke, Jenny or Tricia in the Office of Community Service, x5318. To register yourself or your organization/group, pick up a registration form in the ACCEL office in Reis Hall. The deadline for groups to register is Wednesday, Sept. 23. The MADD rally will begin in Diamond Park at 8 a.m.

•Students who participated in research, study abroad, and/or internships this past summer are invited to take part in the first interdisciplinary Summer Research and Internship Symposium. The symposium will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Campus Center Lobby.

•Pelletier Library operating hours have changed since last year. This year's hours will be Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 p.m. to 11 p.m.

•Students are invited to participate in one of the eight student/ faculty standing committees. Anyone interested in meeting times or committee summaries should stop by the Allegheny Student Government (ASG) or e-mail <asg>.

•The correct date for regular registration for the Nov. 7 GRE test is Oct. 2; for the Dec. 12 test, Nov. 6; and for the April 10 test, March 5.

•Individual tickets are now available for the Saturday, Sept. 26 performance of the Second City comedy troupe. The performance will begin at 8 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased in Room 215 of Bentley Hall. The cost for general admission seating will be $5 for full-time Allegheny students, $10 for adults, and $8 for senior citizens and children under 17. For more information call the Office of Events at x3101.

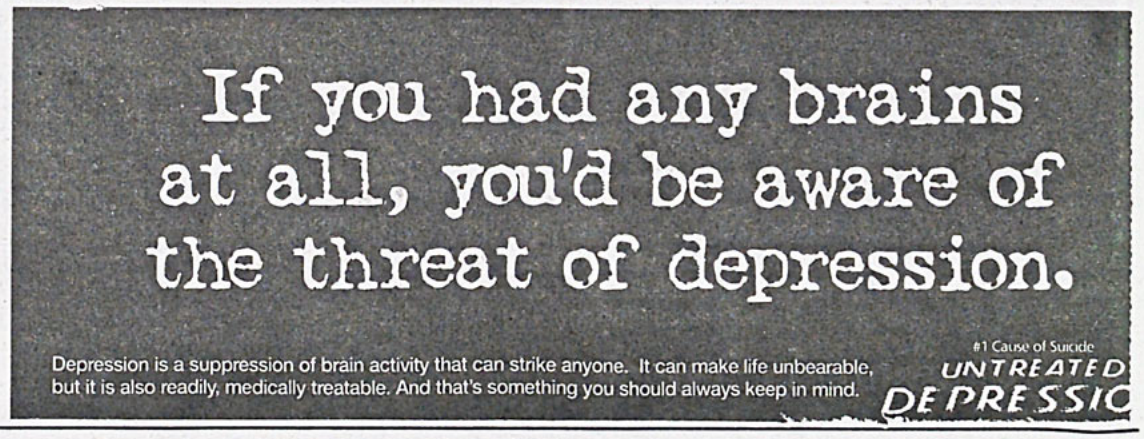
•Pianist Lara Downes will perform on Friday, Sept. 25. The concert, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Ford Chapel.

•Applications for the Peer Project Leader Program are now available at the Office of Community Service, Reis Hall. Peer Project leaders are trained student volunteers who act as liaisons to local service agencies, recruit Allegheny volunteers, and lead service projects at those sites. Training is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 20 from 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. An application and short interview are required. Contact Brooke Martin at OCS, x5318, before Saturday if interested.

•The Grounds for Change coffeehouse—located on the third floor of the Campus Center—is now open for business. Hours for the semester are Monday through Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight, and Sundays from 4 p.m. to midnight.

•John Anderson '65 will present a seminar on personal and professional development on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at the Elks Lodge in Meadville. The seminar will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. The fee for the seminar, which is open to the public, is $60. For further information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 337-8030.

•The annual fund office needs student telemarketers to contact alumni during the fall phonathon. Starting pay is $5.15 an hour, plus prizes and bonuses. Interested students should call the Annual Fund Office at x3853 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. by Friday, Sept. 18. Work study and non-work study positions are available.



The Campus Asks...

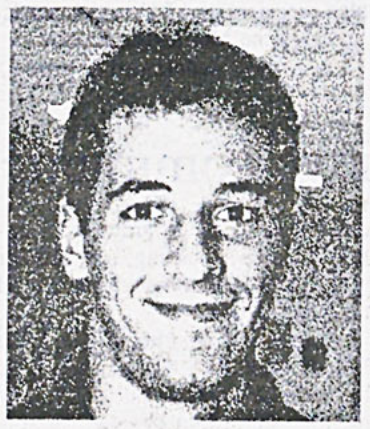
Has the new voice mail service been an asset or an inconvenience thus far?

compiled by Ben Wyrick



My roommate and I are going to use our answering machine anyway. We've had too many problems with the system. The school could have spent the money on so many other things that would be more valuable.

Becky Frihart
Class of '01



I like the new voice mail because it leaves a time stamp on all your messages. You can easily reply to a message you received, send multiple messages, and you can leave message without chancing that you have to talk to that person. I hate the voice mail because it is a pain in the ass to access, and the system is picky about when you push the number button to access user options.

Nick Radio
Class of '01



The new voice mail system sucks because it takes too long to access. We don't get finger cramps from pressing play on our answering machines.

Dana Brown
Rachel Campagna
Class of '00



Yeah. The computer voice is pretty sexy. It turns me on.

Andrew Matta
Class of '00



All I can say is this—my answering machine is still set on two rings.

Christine Morgan
Class of '00

Campus renovations mark beginning of emphasis on deferred maintenance

By CHRIS YANSICK
News Reporter

Returning students, accustomed to the usual old, non-varying campus at Allegheny, were greeted with a slight surprise upon reaching the campus. Due to an allotment for deferred maintenance in the moneys set aside for new programs, a number of renovations were made in existing buildings over the summer.

One of the more immediately noticeable changes is the exodus of the C-Store. The C-Store is now located on the second floor of the Campus Center, across from the activities room. In its stead is a new classroom, and a seminar room. This new room gives the English department classrooms in the same building as its office—a luxury English professors have not enjoyed in years.

The new classroom in Cochran is set-up differently than the more traditional rooms in Arter Hall, where the majority of English courses meet. Although she was initially concerned about the irregular shape, Associate Professor of English Laura Quinn roundly praised the new room.

"I wondered at first about the broad shape of the classroom and whether or not it would exclude students from participating in the class," Quinn said. "However, once we get into discussion, I don't notice the shape of the room."

Freshman Allen McQuinley was not as comfortable with the shape however. "I think the irregular shape of the room makes it more difficult for a full class discussion to take place," McQuinley said. "I have a class in there and it is often difficult to hear what students on the other side of the room are saying."

The English department isn't the only department benefiting from new classrooms. In addition to the new facilities in Cochran, the Modern Languages department has moved into Rueter Hall. Due to a grant from the Mellon Foundation, and a bequeathment from former department chair Blair Henderson, the third floor of Rueter now houses a computer lab with 12 Dell computers and a group study room with a TV and VCR.

The Mellon grant will fund a collaborative program with Lafeyette College and Ursinus College. The initiative includes a multimedia Language Learning Lab, which replaces the current listening lab.

"The direction of language materials is moving toward a greater use of CD-ROMs," said Professor of Modern Languages Lou Wagner. "Most textbooks, in addition to the standard audio-cassettes, now have accompanying CDs and web sites." Wagner envisions a facility where "students can come in, check out a CD, audio or video tape and just work with it."

Another department on the move was Computing Services, which migrated from Reis Hall to Murray Hall, formerly home to Modern Languages. Included in the Murray move was the construction of a new video-conferencing room. The room allows the college to video-conference with four other facilities at once. The room is used by Allegheny students who participate in Army ROTC class at Edinboro, and also allows faculty to interact with colleagues on a global scale.

All of the recent movement falls collectively under the New Century Connections, the title give to the changes which will occur over the next five years.



FINALLY—Students in Associate Professor of English Sonya Jones' Newswriting class enjoy the new seminar room on the first floor of Cochran Hall. The new rooms are part of the New Century Connections and were funded with monies set aside in the budget. —Photo by Ben Wyrick

Allegheny's service organization overhauled

By STACEY DODDS
News Reporter

Through the cooperative efforts of students and administrators, Alleghenians Committed to Service (ACTS) has changed its name to the Allegheny Service Network (ASN). Although the goals of ASN are similar to those of ACTS, the change is more than superficial.

"ACTS attempted to be an umbrella organization for all groups who were doing community service," Director of Community Service Jenny Lindquist said. "What ended up is in reality not all groups who either wanted to be represented, or could have been represented, or should have been represented actually participated in that umbrella organization."

Due to an increase in service-oriented activities at the college, some students saw a need to make service opportunities more available to those interested. The idea which later became ASN was spawned at the service retreat held in August.

According to Lindquist, the students who participated in the service retreat wanted ASN to be unlike any other organization on campus. The result was a shared, open power structure with responsibility shared among participants.

"Before, it was an umbrella organization and no one really knew what [ACTS] was about," said junior Jill Huffman, who attended the August retreat. "We wanted to establish something that would be a resource."

To make service more available, students designed an office structure which serves as a center for those people who wish to perform acts of service, and streamlines the previous organizational structure by allowing students to go directly to other students for service opportunities. The ASN office, located in the Student Activities room on the second floor of the Campus Center, should be operational by the end of September.

"We wanted to change the tone and the meaning of that organization so that everyone who did service felt like they were part of a larger [service] movement," Lindquist said.

The center will be staffed by either a member of ASN, a Peer Project leader, or a Bonner Leader for a large portion of the day. There will be binders containing information concerning service sites available in the community. In addition, members will make themselves available to the Office of Community Service (OCS) and Allegheny College Center for Experiential Learning (ACCEL) to provide input on decisions which affect service at Allegheny.

The members of ASN recognized five main goals for their organization: to educate the campus regarding service opportunities and community needs; to build connections and relationships between individuals and groups committed to service; to advise the OCS and ACCEL; to act as a resource providing materials, information and direction; and to publicize service opportunities on campus.

Development to shift focus from annual fund to gifts

By ROBERT HARTMAN
News Editor

Associate Vice-President of Development Susan Black-Keim smiles when reminded about the state of the development office last year. Normally, there are 20 full-time employees in the development office—last year the office functioned without six of them. Black-Keim jokingly asserts that now "at least there are people for all of the desks and offices."

Last year, an outside consultant was called in to assess the structure of the development office. The results of the assessment arrived in January, according to Black-Keim. The consultants commended the office's work on the annual fund, but recommended that a greater emphasis be placed on major gifts.

"In the past, our focus has been on the annual fund," Black-Keim said, "And the report endorsed that and said we're doing that well, but in the future we should focus on major gifts."

The annual fund encompasses the majority of alumni donations and is part of the college's operating budget. While there is no set definition for a major gift, Black-Keim said that gifts over $10,000 are generally considered major.

The first step in realizing the assessment's recommendations was filling the empty slots in development staff. Last year, the office was short six people—three professional positions, including the vice-president and three support positions. The emphasis on major gifts played a key role, according to Black-Keim, in the selection process for a vice-president.

The final selection was John McCandless, former vice-president for college advancement at Theil College in Greenville, Pa. Black-Keim stressed McCandless' strong background in fund-raising, especially in major gifts, while at Theil. In addition, a one-year, corporate-funded position was added to focus on major gifts.

It is unclear, according to Black-Keim, whether that position will remain next year. Currently there are four people (Black-Keim, McCandless, Director of Planned Giving Bob Tuttle and Gordon Frazier) who solicit gifts. In comparison, there are three administrators who focus on the annual fund.

In addition to personnel changes, the office also is altering its approach to fund-raising. As part of New Century Connections, a five-year planning effort which encompasses physical, curricular and administrative aspects of the college. One purpose of New Century Connections, said Black-Keim, is illustrating to alumni the college's commitment to higher education.

According to McCandless, there are three steps used in encouraging alumni to donate to the college.

"Part of [fund-raising] is identifying people with major gift potential," McCandless said. "The next step is visiting with the potential donor and getting to know them and getting them back into the campus, through visits and events such as concerts or weekends. You have to involve them, and talk about the college's future—find something in which they're interested and is a need for the school."

McCandless and Black-Keim noted that while it is not a rule, large donors usually specify how the

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New phone and cable system present various benefits and some hassles

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tions or Internet access. Students residing in the houses must purchase cable from Armstrong Cable and rely on AMoS for an Internet connection.

In addition to the changes to Allegheny's telephone situation, the Alltel package included the wiring of residence halls and administrative offices for Internet access, designed to strengthen the existing computer system.

According to several students, the process of initiating Internet access in their rooms was somewhat more complicated than setting up their voice mail.

Freshman Tara Trent said, "It was difficult. I had to go to Computing Services three or four times before I could even see someone to get registered. It was really busy there, and they didn't seem very willing to help you if the access was for your room."

"Everything aside from the computer system is great. I haven't tried to hook up my own computer yet, but my roommate has had a lot of trouble getting an appointment [with Computing Services]," Young said.

Jonathan Southwick, Allegheny's residential network support technician, agreed that Computing Services has been hectic lately.

"It's very swamped. Students are pouring in trying to get to the help desk. We've been trying to help them as they come in, first come, first serve. We've actually been able to beat the 48-hour connection time," he said. "In fact, most people are connected within a day after registering."

Southwick said that in most cases, the problems were minor, such as a plug in the wrong jack; however, in some cases he has had to complete a manual hook-up.

"I do expect the crowd to die down. Over 250 students are registered already," Southwick said.

Students recognize that the project is a large undertaking, and that service is consequently slow.

"In theory, the changes are a good thing, and considering the size of the college, they're really trying to accommodate everyone," said freshman Kendra Stanton. "But whomever is behind Computing Services needs help, because everyone is trying to get hooked up. My roommate and hall mates are in Murray twice a day."

Trent agreed that service could have been better but was not horrific. "Their instructions were not as clear and specific as they could have been. But now that I'm connected, it's pretty nice, so I shouldn't complain," she said.

Lastly, various modifications were made to the college's cable television service. Rather than receive cable service through Armstrong Cable Television, as in previous years, Allegheny now has its own brand of cable—Gator TV.

Students may now hook up their own televisions to receive channels such as CNN, MTV, Comedy Central and ESPN. Through Gator TV, Alltel also has created three campus-only channels, which will be utilized for the broadcast of campus events and as an activities bulletin board.

"Once it's fully functional, Gator TV will broadcast events such as lectures, plays and sporting events," Blattner said.

According to Director of Campus Technical Services Tim Hunter, one of the new channels may become a campus television station in the future. Hunter called the prospect a "great way for students to get access to real-world video production in a system that is not unlike Armstrong Cable."

Blattner described student reactions toward the cable television access as "pretty positive," and Pecora agreed.

"There definitely are enough channels to keep me from doing work," he said.

Article compiled with the help of Christopher F. Arnold.

Freshman class increases minority enrollment

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Acting as a student coordinator has allowed him to interact with the prospective students on a more personal note. "I could do more on a student level than Admissions could," Adams explained. "I could read them on their level and they wouldn't put up a front."

Adams went on to talk about the positive feedback from the campus community. "People like what they see," said Adams. "It can do nothing but help us out in a diverse world."

However, some students do feel pressure as a minority on campus. Freshman Melissa Poitevien admitted she wanted to transfer two weeks into this semester at Allegheny. "I wasn't happy with the atmosphere."

Reconsidering, Poitevein said "[I] shouldn't let petty things stop me from getting what I want, which is to graduate from Allegheny." Poitevein is comfortable now, but admits she did "have to make adjustments as a freshman."

Another freshman, Berille Richardson, said, "When I came here, I already knew what I was getting myself into." She went on to say she wasn't going to let people intimidate her on little things because she's here for a reason like they are. After Richardson began to meet people on campus, she said she thought "most people are friendly."

Starr investigation costs taxpayers $4.4 million

WASHINGTON(AP)—Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr spent at least $4.4 million investigating the alleged cover-up of the Monica Lewinsky affair—a figure that became an instant political weapon in the debate over penalizing President Clinton.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, introduced a Senate resolution Tuesday that would demand Clinton repay the cost of the investigation for misleading the country since January.

"President Clinton has pursued a strategy of deceiving the American people and Congress, and he purposely delayed and impeded the independent counsel investigation," Murkowski said. "Equity demands that the costs of the delays should be borne by the president and not the taxpayers."

Many Democrats are already advocating a penalty less than impeachment for Clinton, such as a censure and reimbursement arrangement similar to the reprimand and penalty that House Speaker Newt Gingrich got in a 1996 ethics case.

The White House left open the possibility Tuesday that Clinton might accept a penalty.

Presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said Clinton "does not owe the taxpayers" the $4.4 million, but "if there's a serious effort made in Congress to that, we'll consider it when the time comes."

Starr's office declined comment.

The Starr estimate covers the last eight months of the Lewinsky investigation, without the administration's costs in fighting legal battles that delayed the prosecutor, future reimbursements to witnesses or the other aspects of Starr's Whitewater investigation.

There was no immediate vote in the Senate on Murkowski's proposal.

Starr's staff calculated the costs its Washington office incurred between Jan. 15, the day permission was granted to expand the Whitewater investigation to include the Lewinsky allegations, and Aug. 31. They included: $1.86 million for its staff of investigators, prosecutors and support workers. The office includes 27 full-time lawyers, some on loan from other agencies;

The expenses also include: $949,895 for the travel of its investigators and witness flown from as far away as Tokyo to testify before the grand jury; $884,110 for contracts and consultants, from laboratory tests and people hired to help write and edit Starr's historic report to Congress to the costs of researching law and news articles; $356,494 for rent, telephone and utilities; $186,021 for equipment purchases; $82,653 for supplies and services.

The figures do not include costs that Starr's Washington or Arkansas offices incurred investigating other matters during the same period. The other aspects of the Whitewater investigation already have cost about $40 million over 4 1/2 years—a figure Democrats have used frequently to attack the investigation.

The $4.4 million does not include costs other government agencies—the White House, Justice Department and Treasury Department—incurred waging unsuccessful legal battles to stop presidential advisers, lawyers and Secret Service agents from testifying before Starr's grand jury.

The White House hired an outside lawyer, Neil Eggleston, to make its case for invoking executive privilege and attorney-client privilege to block certain aides' testimony.

Even though it already has sent Congress a report detailing 11 possible grounds for impeaching Clinton in the Lewinsky matter, Starr's office is likely to incur additional costs in the weeks ahead. It still must fight a Supreme Court battle over the attorney-client and executive privilege issues, which the White House appealed after losing in lower courts.

Several figures in the independent counsel investigation can seek reimbursement under the law for their legal bills if they are not indicted. Several officials involved in the Reagan and Bush era independent counsel probes have received such restitution, including President Bush, who was awarded $272,000.

Reorganization results in policy change in fund-raising

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money is to be spent. For instance, William and Arthur Steffee donated $4 million this summer, which they earmarked for the Hall of Advanced Biology.

The Steffee donation illustrates another facet of fund-raising—delay. Both Black-Keim and McCandless emphasized that fund-raising is a process that there is a delay between the solicitation and receipt of gifts.

"It takes three to five years for a gift to happen," Black-Keim said. "For instance, the Steffee gift has been in the works for eight years. We build on the work of others. Last year was the result of generous alumni and work that had gone on previously."

McCandless added that "it's a relationship business, and it takes a number of years to secure a major gift."

According to Black-Keim and McCandless, the college received a record amount of donations last year, even without the Steffee gift. While both feel that it is unreasonable to expect a repeat of last year's success, McCandless believes that it is possible to raise last year's total before the Steffee gift.

"I'd like to exceed the amount that we earned last without the Steffee gift," McCandless said. "The Steffee gift was a once-in-a-lifetime gift for them and the school. You can't always control when they happen."

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EDITORIAL

Cuts leave students locked out

Regardless of the discipline upon which a student focuses, the library is an essential piece of the educational puzzle, particularly when the magnitude of research needed to produce a senior comprehensive project is considered. Numerous advances in technology have appeared within the walls of Pelletier, such as free electronic information searches, the conversion and upgrade of many computers to both OpenStep and Windows programs. These additions, which facilitate research and study at all levels, have been generally well-received by students.

It is difficult, however, to benefit from improved technology when one is peering at it from outside locked doors.

The library's hours have been shaved again this year. Last year witnessed a reduction from 95 to 89 hours per week, and this year another hour is lost. While one hour may seem a trivial complaint to some, to many others it is a valuable opportunity to access materials available only in the library, particularly since Sunday hours are popular among Alleghenians.

Last year, the cuts were attributed to financial difficulties. The national minimum wage increase caused the library's work study budget, which had not been augmented exponentially, to allow for either fewer student employees or fewer hours worked. This year, work study is not the issue, but rather a decline in the number of library staff. Positions vacated have not been filled, and fewer hands mean less study time for students.

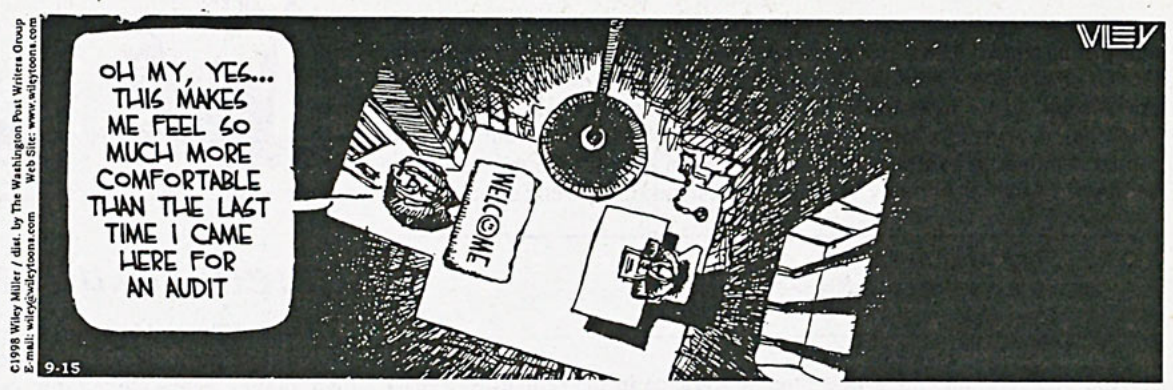
The administration's apparent lack of concern over the effects that downsizing the library have on students, and academics as a whole, is sending a message. Considering the recent launch of the Allegheny College Center for Experiential Learning (ACCEL) program, alongside a shrinking Pelletier, one is led to wonder if the administration is leaning toward a vocational atmosphere, more concerned with job training and placement than with the scholarly, academic research integral to higher education?

Understandably, when moneys are reallocated or when downsizing occurs, some area of the school must suffer, and someone will always complain. However, if an Allegheny education is to remain of the highest possible caliber, the library experience should never be jeopardized.

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Former freshman reflects on lingering life lessons

Lori Slater

As an upperclassman, I admit that I now take for granted the ease of getting back into the swing of college life. But a current freshman recently reminded me of all the anxieties and frustrations that I too felt when I started my years here at Allegheny. His misery forced me to delve into that long-closed, dark chapter of my own life, which I not-so-lovingly entitle "Temporary Freshman Hell."

While there are always a large number of well-adjusted people around who seem to assimilate themselves to college life quickly and painlessly, there seems to be a handful of us who spend our first few weeks at Allegheny miserably trudging around, wondering if college is always going to suck. I remember weighing my options and thinking that the rigors of military life sounded like a great time compared to college, and how drawing a pension from Burger King (if such a thing does exist) in my old age didn't look half bad.

So if any of you freshmen consistently find yourselves doing homework with a fistful of Kleenex in one hand and your telephone in the other hand, crying to Mom that you just can't take it anymore, then I can sympathize with your difficulties in adjusting to Allegheny life. But you have to believe me. It does get better.

Eventually you will realize that not everyone is smarter than you and that Allegheny is not so academically challenging that you can't ace a test or write an "A" paper like you did in high school. The intimidation usually wears off when you realize that your valedictorian roommate doesn't seem to have a clue either, and you're not the only person who ever bombed a test or paper. Thanks to the wonderful savior known as "curved grades," we Alleghenians can still hold our heads high after the occasional massive, class-wide test-bombing.

College academics are not so severe and unlike high school academics that you can get booted off campus for screwing up a few times. We all screw up. Failure is humbling. It builds character. Just learn to suck it up and move on.

As for that old demon known as homesickness, I assure you there will be less need to buy Kleenex at the end of your first semester. Instead of snivelling alone in the corner of the dining hall every time a slow, sad song comes on the radio, you will soon find yourself so busy stuffing your backpack and pockets with "free stuff" like the rest of us that you won't even notice when Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" comes blaring through the speaker system.

As for the challenges of dorm life, you'll eventually get used to people stealing the markers off your door, hearing incessant chatter in the hall at all hours of the day, and sharing a bathroom with twenty slobs. But don't worry too much about these trivial annoyances. With time, your standards of cleanliness and politeness will deteriorate and you won't even notice these things.

And if you are a first generation college student in your family, like myself, you'll eventually realize that you aren't totally disadvantaged in comparison with the students who come from long lineages of educated, professional mothers, fathers, siblings, aunts, and uncles. Initially, it's difficult to adjust to college life because you can't turn to a parent or older sibling who understands exactly what you're going through. But, in a way, it's better to be the college "pioneer" of the family because there are no great expectations to live up to, and no matter how you mess up, your parents still think you're great just because you're here. Go, you.

So just hang in there, struggling souls. Don't sign those Army papers or invest in any burger-flipping attire just yet. Give it a few weeks. Adjusting to college may take some time, but I assure you that it's well worth the struggle.

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Phone frustration, TV trauma overwhelming

Roxanne Scala

Have you ever double-pressed a number by accident on your phone? You rush to call someone, and because those of us living in the dorms are obligated to use Alltel services, long distance calls take a long time to dial.

First, I dial 8-1, pause, then enter my seven-digit access code, double-pressing the last number. Of course! So I start all over again, and after I enter my code, I pause to hear the dial tone, and then press nine. So, either I use Alltel's $.23-a- minute plan or my $.18-a-minute plan. Hard choice.

I debate awhile, and after weighing the good and bad points, I choose my calling card. So, I enter the 11-digit 800 number and then my nine-digit access code, and yes—you guessed it—I double-press half-way through the access code. Okay. I breathe deeply. Suddenly things are distorted in my room. I fill with rage, but I continue, hot with fever. I start over again and this time, I get all the way to my area code before I double-press.

Thoughts of biting the phone, twisting it up and tearing it apart cross my mind. I begin to sweat and wipe my palms to get a good grasp on the phone. I talk to it and ask why it is so mean to me. It doesn't answer, which is just what I expected. I try again, and 15 minutes after I first tried to dial out, I get the person I was calling. We're all stuck in Alltel Hell.

I think Allegheny and Alltel have a joint-plot against us to waste our time trying to make a quick call out instead of studying so we can spend another year here. At least we might finally get a better grasp on Alltel! And this double-pressing stuff is an incurable disease! Even if I go as slowly as possible, I still manage to double-press. There is

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Dead, gone and going strong: deceased candidate rocks the vote

A quick look at the recent Senate primaries will merely confirm what many of us already know: 1998 has not been a good year for the Democrats. On Tuesday night, Geraldine Ferraro bid a tearful farewell to a long and prosperous career in politics. Marion Barry, America's favorite crack-smoking, prostitute-soliciting party-animal, the mayor of our beloved capital, announced in May that he would not run for a fifth term. Last night he stepped down to Anthony Williams, thus signifying the end of an era.



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And this year, making a first time appearance in the primaries, a dead woman appearing on the ballot secured 25 percent of the vote on Tuesday in an Oklahoma election to choose a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate. Amazingly enough, this is the second time she's run since her demise. Last time she ran, she won.

Jacquelyn Ledgerwood was a candidate for the Democratic primaries in August, and when she passed away in July at the age of 69, her family found that it was too late to remove her name from the ballot. So she ran, so to speak, and secured 56,000 votes, beating out two other candidates and securing a spot in last night's run-off elections.

Although she lost to businessman Don Carroll, she received 35,000 Democratic votes. Remember, folks—she's been dead for three months now. If you ask me, that's rather impressive. However, it begs the question: why do the good citizens of Oklahoma continue to vote for a woman that is with us no more?

The possibilities are numerous. The overwhelming support shown for Ledgerwood in the elections may be the Oklahoman way of saying that the only good Democrat is a dead Democrat. Though that's definitely an option, it would call for an enormous and pro-active symbolic movement within the political sphere. And that's not likely.

Another possibility is that the voters were attempting to express their sympathies and support for the Ledgerwood family, and if that is the case, it seems to have worked. Her family was pleased with the outcome of the elections, and actually stated prior to the elections that they hoped she would win.

If, indeed, the voters were participating in some kind of political eulogy for Ledgerwood, I would be very proud. And very surprised, because such a show of support and sympathy would speak to the political disinterestedness of the American people, and that's not likely, either.

Are Oklahomans stupid? Were the 35,000 votes cast by young, inebriated, first-time voters with no sense of tact and nothing better to do? I would answer no. At least, I don't think so. Rather, I oscillate between two separate yet equally disturbing options. One is that these voters did not know that Ledgerwood had passed away. The other possibility, of course, is that they did.

We cannot deny that the quantity (if not quality) of news and media coverage these days is extremely impressive. A wink, a misspoken word, a lunch lost at an important political dinner, and the whole world knows. We see the news as it happens, and often, we are not quite sure what actually is happening.

It is possible that the country is so wrapped up in national scandal that the finer details of local news—such as which candidates are still alive and which are dead—go unnoticed and unread by the public. I am not saying that national affairs (and I use that word loosely) are unimportant, but only that important events can happen *anywhere*, and that we have a responsibility to be aware of the more noteworthy events in our own communities. It very well may save us from national ridicule, if you get my drift.

And what if the Oklahoma voters *did* know about the state of their absentee candidate? Well, that's another story. To me, that says the voters would rather support a non-existent candidate than to continue to support an increasingly laughable political circus. Or perhaps I am projecting that. But I do detect a note of cynicism in the primary outcomes, and a feeling of change, as well. Perhaps Oklahoma is attempting to secede from the Union, and if that's the case, I support them whole heartedly. They could be the first in a series of states to collectively support political consciousness.

Then again, that's not very likely.

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Society sexualizing children, destroying youth

Increasingly, children are viewed by adults as far more sexual beings than makes sense—even for our permissive society. Police in the United States and 13 other countries recently raided nearly 200 suspected members of a huge Internet child pornography ring that required members to have and distribute thousands of explicit images of children as young as 18 months.

Donna Britt

Then there's Sherrice Iverson, the seven-year-old whose killer, Jeremy Strohmeyer, 19, just admitted raping and murdering her in a Nevada casino bathroom. Nothing, I thought, could be more incomprehensible than the actions of Strohmeyer's pal David Cash—who climbed onto a nearby toilet to watch Sherrice fight for her life before leaving her alone with a killer.

Then I read what Cash asked Strohmeyer after he told his friend that he'd killed Sherrice: Had the child, he wondered, been sexually aroused?

And what about the seven- and eight-year-old Chicago boys whom police now say were wrongfully charged with murdering a girl of 11? Police believed early on that the girl—found half-dressed and with her underwear stuffed in her mouth—was the victim of a sex crime. Yet they so easily believed that two apparently normal primary-schoolers overpowered and killed an athletic, older child in an overtly sexual manner that they ignored that *four* young witnesses saw the victim with a grown man prior to her death.

How are some of us beginning to see children?

Child sexual abuse isn't new. But society allows and even encourages kids to talk, dress, and act more adult-like than ever. By letting children grow up so fast, do we somehow make them more appealing to predators? More capable of adult crimes?

Week after week, we hear of children stabbing, maiming and killing. Go to the movies—nah, just click on your TV—and you'll see kids using more foul language, dressing more provocatively and being placed in more sexual situations than many adults could imagine.

Remember when small children wore bonnets, pinafores and booties—instantly identifiable baby wear? Today, even infants wear teensy versions of the baggy-jeaned, miniskirted, midriff-baring gear worn by teens and adults.

A month ago, my friend Michael, father of a son, 8, heard about the murder charges against the two Chicago tykes. He couldn't believe it—almost.

"When I looked at it through the lens of my son, it made no sense," says Mike, 41. "Seeing his total innocence, I realized there's no way *he* could do that, or anyone in his circle of friends, some of whom are ... from troubled homes." But when it comes to crime, he now accepts "so many things I just couldn't believe."

At age eight, Mike and a pal were punished for convincing a female classmate to lift up her dress. "So I know that [sexual] curiosity is natural," he says. "But all this other [expletive] isn't ... It makes you want to wrap your arms around your children. To try to counterbalance the madness."

Like the many movie going tots whose parents can't find sitters—and who watch R-rated mayhem from Mommy's lap.

Like the nude photos of Brooke Shields at age 10, now on display at a Manhattan gallery despite Shields' unsuccessful 1981 lawsuit against the photographer. During testimony, Shields cried in embarrassment over the shots—which her mother never should have allowed to be taken.

Like the endless glamour pics of slain six-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey wearing industrial-strength makeup, the pageant videotapes in which the girl gyrated like a mini Mae West.

Mel Griggs, a 12-year elementary school counselor and mother of three young boys, believes adults often mistake children's *imitation* of adults' sexualized behavior as the real thing.

"Children want to be like whoever their role model is, whoever they're aiming to please," she says. "They usually are acting out something they've experienced or seen ... From the adult point of view, it looks like a sex act."

She's frustrated by a culture that seems content with dismissing as sick those who get caught sexually abusing kids. "We stop there," she says. "We don't stop and say, 'What are we doing that contributes?'"

Griggs, 40, sees plenty of "subliminal" sexual behavior by kids in the media, even on Disney programs where singing girls are dressed provocatively. "Those who remember when there was a clear boundary between being an adult and a child are a dying breed," she laments. "I'm meeting people in their 20s with kids older than mine—some have *never* experienced an era when kids weren't allowed to talk back, to dress like they please ... Others don't want to abandon their lifestyle to let a child be a child."

She takes a breath.

"I was allowed to live out my innocence," she says. "It made me a better parent."

And chances are, a better person.

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Poll prospects, voter turnout appear dim for embarrassed Democrats

Last week brought some good news and some bad news for Dick Gephardt, the Democratic leader of the House. The good news—in which the whole country shared—was that Mark McGwire of his hometown St. Louis Cardinals broke the most famous record in sports by hitting his 62nd home run of the season.

David S. Broder

The bad news was that the events seem to be conspiring once again to keep Gephardt from fulfilling his ambition to become speaker of the House.

Even as the long-awaited report from independent counsel Kenneth Starr reached Capitol Hill on its way to the public, Clinton's own Justice Department announced it has begun formal inquiries that could lead to the appointment of a new independent counsel to probe the 1996 campaign fund-raising activities of the president. Attorney General Janet Reno had already ordered similar investigations of Vice President Gore and former White House deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes.

Troubles are coming in bunches for the Democrats. And the illusion that the public is indifferent to scandal in Washington—morally anesthetized, so many said, by the health of the economy—is also disappearing as fast as the summer suntans.

On the same day that McGwire broke the record, two of the most respected pollsters in Washington, Democrat Celinda Lake and Republican Ed Goeas, delivered the latest of their "Battleground" poll analyses. It was bitter news for Gephardt and other Democrats.

First, they said, their late August telephone poll showed that concern about morals had surged to the top of voters' minds. The polling pair said that any time an issue is mentioned by as many as five percent of the voters in response to an open-ended question asking them to name "the number one problem" facing the country, the one "you and your family are concerned about," it is very significant.

Well, 13 percent brought up moral concerns and another six percent said Clinton himself was the number one problem. By comparison, health care was mentioned by only three percent and Social Security by two percent.

Mind you, this poll was taken before Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, a longtime Democratic ally of the president, put the moral dimension of the Clinton-Lewinsky case front and center in his Senate speech saying Clinton's actions were not just "inappropriate" but "immoral" and "wrong."

In addition, Lake and Goeas produced the first clear public evidence supporting the suspicion that embarrassed and disgruntled Democrats might register their dismay by staying home in droves come Election Day.

This fear has been lurking in the minds of many Democrats, especially those old enough to remember what happened to the Republicans in the midterm elections of 1974, the year the Watergate saga ended with the forced resignation of Richard Nixon. Democratic turnout that November fell two percent below the level of 1970. But Republican turnout declined five percent. And the Republicans lost 49 seats in the House and four in the Senate.

This is what Lake, the Democratic pollster, said of the current situation: "Democratic voters, demoralized by President Clinton's problems and seeing little incentive to vote for politicians and a system teetering on the brink of moral bankruptcy, may choose to stay home on November 3, while Republicans may turn out at average or higher than average levels to help cure the moral ills of politics."

Goeas, the Republican pollster, said he could foresee a 15- or 20-seat gain for the GOP in the House and four to six seats in the Senate. For Gephardt to be speaker, Democrats would have to gain 11 seats.

The turnout problem could also affect the single most important contest in the country, the California governorship race. State Attorney General Dan Lungren, the Republican, has been trailing Democratic Lt. Gov. Gray Davis by as much as 12 points in public polls. But Lungren's pollster, Dick Dresner, says the race is tighter than these polls indicate.

The reason: turnout. On August 10, Dresner's polling found equal interest in the election by Democrats and Republicans. Three weeks later, Republicans were expressing 11 percent greater interest in voting than Democrats. And among the high-interest voters, Lungren trailed Davis by a statistically insignificant two points.

Why the change? "I attribute it to President Clinton," Dresner said. "People concerned about his moral behavior will vote, and Democrats are staying home."

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Technology too trying, tempers are flying

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nothing speed dial can do to help us now.

After my battle with the telephone, I decide to watch TV to blow off steam. How wonderful it is to have cable in my dorm this year! No more puky, sweaty lounge smell. No more people folding four baskets of laundry while I try to watch "The Real World." I surf through the channels. MTV, Comedy Central and The Game Show Network are bonuses. But what is SCOLA?

Every time I pass SCOLA, someone is speaking Turkish or German. Does anyone watch this channel? I think every cable system in America always has one channel that three people watch. In our case, it's SCOLA.

I also noticed we have four sports networks: Fox Sports Cleveland, Fox Pittsburgh, ESPN and ESPN2. Are the stations trying to trick us into believing they're all different channels? Is it necessary to have four sports channels who show basically the same thing throughout the course of a day?

And then there are the Fox Networks. I'm thinking that one focuses on Pittsburgh athletics and the other on Cleveland. What could Cleveland possibly be focusing on? Football? Twenty-four hours of the Indians?

I don't understand why Allegheny goes to great lengths to have dorms rewired when the cable system lacks educational channels like The Learning Channel and The Discovery Channel. Television is great in the morning to confirm that we're going to have rain again. It is also helpful in giving a quick update of our national "affairs." If Alltel would get rid of SCOLA and Fox Cleveland, at least we would have room for TLC and The Discovery Channel.

There needs to be an even distribution of subject matter on cable channels. If we are to have cable in the dorms, they should at least be similar to the cable we had last year. It amazes me to know our college doesn't have these two important channels.

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Clinton claims that he told the essential truth during Starr investigations

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bill Clinton said he told "the essential truth" about his affair with Monica Lewinsky but declined to discuss her graphic account. Asked whether he might resign, he responded that Americans "want me to go on."

"The right thing for our country and the right thing for all people concerned is not to get mired in all the details here," Clinton said during a news conference Wednesday.

Congress, however, is plunging ahead toward possible impeachment proceedings and the release of thousands of pages of sexually explicit material. The House may vote this week to release Clinton's videotaped grand jury testimony that reportedly shows an angry, defiant president struggling with questions about Ms. Lewinsky.

Although the president did not respond directly when asked whether he might resign under any circumstances, spokesman Mike McCurry said the answer was no.

Clinton spoke at his first news conference since Friday's release of the report by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, which accuses the president of perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power in trying to cover up his affair.

The news conference, with visiting President Vaclev Havel of the Czech Republic, was held in a State Department auditorium where hundreds of administration employees applauded Clinton's answers. Some of them hissed at reporters' questions about Lewinsky.

Havel reflected the bewilderment of many people around the world that Clinton is in such trouble about an affair. The Czech president said he didn't understand some things about the United States but that he would remain Clinton's friend, whether or not Clinton were president.

Leading Democrats have complained that Clinton and his lawyers have focused on tiny legal details over whether the president committed perjury by denying last January in a civil lawsuit that he had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, relying on a narrow definition of sex, and again in his testimony last month. The testimony by the president and Ms. Lewinsky differs on the breadth of their sexual contact.

Asked if Ms. Lewinsky's account was truthful and accurate and whether he still maintained he had not lied, he said: "I laid out as carefully and as brutally honestly as I could what I believed the essential truth to be."

Clinton refused to answer that question—or others about the Lewinsky affair—directly, talking instead about the challenges facing the country and the business that needs to be done.

Asked if he had lost the moral authority to lead the country or conduct foreign policy, Clinton asserted, "I have never stopped leading this country in foreign affairs in this entire year and I never will."

Moral authority "is something that you have to demonstrate every day," he said. "My opinion is not as important as the opinion of others. What is important is that I do my job."

"I am trying to do the still quite painful work that I need to do with my family in our own life," Clinton said. "And I'm determined to lead this country and to focus on the issues that are before us."

McCurry said Clinton's lack of direct answers was intentional. "He wanted to convey one thing: that he was not going to dwell endlessly on the Lewinsky matter. He wanted to make it clear he is responsible for doing the people's business."

Clinton's only response on the resignation question was to say, "The personal toll on me is of no concern except insofar as it affects my personal life....And I feel, though pain, better now because I'm working on what I should be working on."

In the latest fallout from the Lewinsky scandal, Clinton could soon be facing the release of his videotaped testimony regarding the affair, possibly as soon as Thursday.

The full Judiciary Committee was scheduled to meet Thursday in closed-door session and was expected to vote to release the videotape—over the objection of Democrats—as well as other evidence. House Speaker Newt Gingrich is one of the leading proponents of releasing the tape, which could embarrass the president by showing him dealing with hostile prosecutors and possibly losing his temper.

The president said the expected release of his videotaped testimony was "not of so much concern to me." He said he had thought it would come out, even though grand jury testimony traditionally is not released.

Res Life to crack down on alcohol in dormitories

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rooms and seeing alcoholic containers.

When the parents of a current freshman were asked what they thought about seeing alcohol containers during their tour, the student's mother gave a heartfelt answer.

"Just the fact that students would leave the bottles out during a tour when they are supposed to be making a good impression scared me," the mother said. "If the college was so blasé about the bottles, which were in the rooms of someone obviously under 21, what was going on to keep my son from drinking all the time?"

However, other parents took the issue in a lighter vein. When asked of his impression of the bottles and cans seen during the tour, another parent stated, "Well, at least it saves me money on having to buy things for my daughter to decorate her room."

The most frequently heard complaint about the modification of the rule concerns an invasion of privacy. One senior, who wished to remain anonymous, challenged the college's right to enforce such a rule.

"What right does the college have to tell us what we can and can't have in our rooms if we are to live in them," he said. "All the professors here say how we are adults, yet we can't decide for ourselves what we want to use to decorate our rooms? I thought college was about freedom."

A junior who recently transferred here concurred.

"If we [the students] let the college get away with this, what will they try to do next? Probably tell us what we can put on the walls."

Blattner's answer to this was, "We thought about regulating wall decorations (posters, drawings, etc.) but it would go into the freedom of speech issue and we [the Residence Life Committee] did not want to do anything to impede a student's right to speak their mind."

However, there are students who like the modifications.

"I was worried when I stayed here for a weekend and all the rooms I saw had at least a few bottles or cans in them," said one freshman. "I don't drink at all and I would feel really out of place if everybody had cans and bottles up and I didn't. I wouldn't want anyone to think that I'm a wuss or something for not having up all of the cans and bottles I drank."

After asking many students, there were also some who did not care or give much thought to the rule. For these students, it is not a big deal—the rule does not affect them or their room decorating in the slightest bit. These students said they are happy either way.

Blattner said that some degree of resistance and disapproval from the student body was expected. However, he said doesn't believe the underlying reasons are particularly viable.

"We knew the modification would upset some people. However, most people only have the bottles and cans up for decoration or to show off their drinking abilities," Blattner said. "These are not extremely important reasons to keep the bottles and cans out on display."

Blattner sympathized with students who might have the bottles up for sentimental reasons, but emphasized that this is the case for a minority, not a majority of the students who decorate with alcohol bottles.

"I can understand if two people were celebrating something special and they shared a bottle of champagne and one of them took the bottle back to their room with a rose in it for memories," Blattner said. "But these cases are so few and far between that we decided to go ahead and amend the rule."

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Unconventional Rev. Creech delivers lecture in Ford Chapel

By JENNIFER MIDGLEY
Arts & Living Editor

At the conclusion of Reverend Jimmy Creech's lecture, "Justice is a Pastoral Concern," Sunday night at 8 in Ford Chapel, one audience member asked Creech what it is like to be a modern prophet.

"Honestly," Creech said with a wry smile, "I think becoming a prophet is a little like wandering through a field with cow manure hidden in the grass, and being the one who steps in it."

Another audience member, who vehemently disagreed with Creech's views and work, commented, "Well, that's what you're dispensing."

Despite an overwhelmingly positive response to his lecture — the audience gave him a standing ovation when he concluded — it was plain to see that Creech is at the center of a storm in the United Methodist Church.

Creech's involvement in social justice is broadly based. It includes activites in support of migrant workers, work with AIDS patients, and opposition to the death penalty. Lately he is best-known as the minister who performed a lesbian wedding last September.

The Methodist Church's Social Principles forbids lesbian or gay wedding ceremonies. According to the Sept. 3 issue of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, Creech "was suspended by his bishop, but acquitted at a church trial because a slim majority of jurors concluded that the Social Principles were advisory rather than binding."

After speaking with a gay member of the church who was leaving it because he felt judged and condemned, Creech spoke to theologians, doctors and psychologists and said he came to understand the painful experience of gays and lesbians seeking acceptance in society and in their religions.

Creech served as the first chairman of the Raleigh Religious Network for Gay and Lesbian Equality, which he formed in North Carolina along with other ministers. "It's really like moving up a very steep grade, but we felt a need for this kind of work," Creech said.

Creech was introduced by Chaplain and Protestant Campus Minister John Colatch. "I know this is controversial, but Jimmy has so much integrity. No one in the [United Methodist] Church is really talking about this issue; they are shouting at each other. This is a way to have some discourse. If you can't talk about these things on a college campus, where can you talk about them?" Colatch commented to the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

Creech's sense of himself as a person who, by a combination of unusual experiences, found his calling as a minister and a social activist, was a common thread throughout the hour-long lecture.

Active in the United Methodist Church since high school, Creech spent 10 days in the summer of 1962, between his 10th and 11th grade years, working with migrant workers on a church-organized trip.

The group held a prayer service for the workers, which Creech saw as a moment of joy in the workers' lives. He said he felt wonderful to be helping them feel God's love, until one of the men approached him, holding the hand of his six-year-old son.

The man, with bloodshot eyes and alcohol on his breath, looked at Creech and said, "Save my son from having to live this life."

Obviously moved by the memory of this experience, Creech continued, "We have to minister to the whole person and the conditions of the world. God spoke to me with alcohol on his breath and told me to make the world a better place." Creech described this summer experience as his calling to ministry.

Modern pastoral ministry, Creech said, often parallels psychotheraphy: it is a one-on-one con-

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Reverend Jimmy Creech of the United Methodist Church, whose unconventional ministries have caused controversy, speaks with senior John Bell after his lecture. Bell's comp concerns a more inclusive church. -photo by Ben Wyrick

Christa Edwards prepares to leave AC

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If someone were to describe you, where would they start? What would they say? Would you agree?

Might that person paint your personality by using colorful attributes such as: enthusiastic, cool as a cucumber, fun, intelligent, compassionate, savvy, caring, articulate, straightforward, funny, competent, patient, cheerful, understanding, creative, dedicated, talented, accepting and kind-hearted?

When Allegheny students, colleagues and friends of Christa Edwards were asked to choose just three words to describe her, those were just a handful of the answers given.

Those sentiments were echoed most loudly last Friday at a good-bye send-off on Edwards' last day at Allegheny. After three years of dedication and commitment to her job and the students with whom she worked, Edwards is moving on.

After much consideration and some "life changing experiences," she said she decided to "investigate a higher calling," and make the move into social work. Edwards' decision has taken her to Allentown, PA, where she will be working as a mobile therapist in the Youth Advocate Program. There she will be counseling mentally ill children and their families, as well as those in dysfunctional families.

Although her decision to depart from Allegheny wasn't easily made, Edwards credits the students she's encountered here as her inspiration for the change. "I have seen so many students come to Allegheny and follow their dreams. They've inspired me to do the same . . . .I'm very excited about following my dream."

Edwards received her bachelor's degree in communications from Stroudsburg University, and went on to earn her master's degree in counseling from Shippensburg University, where she served as a hall director. Calling on those skills, she came to Allegheny in the summer of 1995 as a new area coordinator for Baldwin and Caflisch Halls.

The following year, Edwards moved to the Dean of Students Office, where she undertook such duties as family weekend, the parents' newsletter and handbook and student withdrawals and concerns. In addition, she supervised the college's alcohol plan, a program which according Dean of Students, Dave McInally, fostered Allegheny's move "to the forefront of alcohol education under Christa's leadership. Many students who choose to use alcohol responsibly or not at all felt like they finally gained a voice on campus, thanks to Christa's support."

Restructuring during her second year in the Dean of Students Office shifted Edwards' duties shifted to include responsibilities such as supervision of the Compass.and acting as the College Judicial Board liason. Above all else though, Christa's focus was always on the student. "What I like about Allegheny is the people. I never had a job where I loved the people so much. That's why it's so hard to leave," said Edwards.

Director of Student Activities Phil Foxman described Edwards' impact on students by saying, "She has connected with a great many students in very meaningful ways."

Her connection to students didn't stop at Allegheny. For the past three years, she has been actively involved in Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Meadville.

"Christa has reminded me of the importance of living out your convictions," said Associate Dean of Students for Experiential Learning Carolyn Blattner. "She got involved with Big Brothers and Big Sisters because she cared and knew she must do her part. She did this

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ABC social opens the year

By CHITRA SUBRAMANIAN
Arts & Living Writer

The Advancement of Black Culture club (ABC) convened with its new members and officers last Thursday, Sept. 10 in Murray Hall. The social's purpose was to receive new members and concentrate of the purpose and goals of ABC.

The event included 35 members, including Terrence Mitchell, who replaced Pablo Pagan as the director of Diversity Affairs. Snacks and refreshments were provided while freshmen introduced themselves. Tres Adams, president of ABC, gave an overview of the organization's goals and involvement with campus activities.

"The main purpose of the group is to educate and celebrate the heritage of black Americans," Adams said.

Other ABC officers are Vak Sambath, vice-president; Jennifer Young, secretary; Sadie Little, treasurer; and Velissa Davis, sergeant of arms.

ABC's campus activities are numerous, including hosting speakers, the "Jammy Jam" during orientation, and of course, planning Black History Month. The club has maintained close ties with other groups, such as Gator Activities Programming (GAP) and the Association for Asian and Asian-American Awareness (A5).

Adams and the other officers have numerous goals for the upcoming year. They want to communicate to the student body that ABC is open to students of every race and color; the entire college community is welcome.

Adams asserted that every meeting will include a discussion of some aspect of black culture. "Four years from now I hope to see ABC as a serious organization," Adams said. "Today we work, tomorrow we play."

The agenda for Black History Month and upcoming events were not addressed at the social, but discussions of club activities will begin Wednesday, September 16th.

"Rounders" a confusing but fun Theater Three experience

By BOB BRITTEN
Arts & Living Writer

And so it begins.

I was kind of concerned about what to do for this, the all-important first review column. Lacking money and transportation reliable enough to get me to Erie and back, Tinseltown was not really an option. And as of last week, I had already seen half of the offerings of Meadville Cinemas (namely, "Saving Private Ryan" and "There's Something About Mary"), but who hasn't seen those films by now?

Movie Review

As for the other two offerings, "Dead Man on Campus" and "Ever After"— I've never had much stomach for movies with MTV's thumb in them and while I'm fond of Drew Barrymore, the latter just didn't seem right for my pilot review.

Luckily, Meadville Cinemas saved me at the last moment, by offering up a new selection, "Rounders." I'd heard nothing of this film, leading the sheltered life that I do. However, with a supporting cast including John Turturro (the uber-weasel from almost every Coen Brothers film) and John Malkovich (who's just John Malkovich, for heaven's sake), and with the yet-to-seriously-annoy-me Matt Damon in the lead role, it looked like a decent bet.

I was a couple minutes late getting in, so I missed a few previews, but sometimes stuff happens. I was kind of miffed at missing the Welcome to Meadville video, though. I know it by heart. But I was just happy that "Rounders" was showing in Theater Three.

To digress a moment, I spent my entire summer here (sad, isn't it?) and every movie I saw was in Theater Two, which, while fine in its own right, is no Theater Three.

And now we get into the movie. It's about rounders. What, you may well ask, are rounders? According to Digital Webster, a rounder is a "dissolute person, or wastrel, given to excess."

Anyway, what I got from the movie is that rounders are any and all of the professional card-and-game-of-chance players who are the main characters. Most of them *are* "given to excess" and couldn't stop if they tried.

Matt Damon plays Mike McDermott, a promising poker player who plays to win, but plays fair, and has put himself through three years of law school on winnings alone. He's a pro with dreams of Vegas and winning the big bucks, until he loses everything in a high-stakes game.

So Mike goes straight, due as much to the pressures of his girlfriend (the most pointless character in the movie) as to his loss. No more cards, no more gambling. He makes the switch to jobs given to him by his friend and fellow gambler Kinish (Turturro).

Soon, though, addiction rears its head in the form of Worm (played by Edward Norton, on whom the only notable thing I could find was the role of the homicidal ex-altar boy in Primal Fear), his old poker buddy, just out of prison.

Worm is more than a little eager to get back into the game, although his methods for winning fall in the realm of creative interpretation of the rules (read: cheating).

The rest of the movie involves lots of suckers getting taken for cash, a race to pay off a guy named Grandma (hey, I don't come up with them) who works for a low-level member of the Russian mafia, lots of slang you won't understand, and a scene involving about a hundred state troopers beating the ever-loving stuffing out of a couple of guys.

Also, there's a scene in a topless bar for you hard-to-please connoisseurs out there.

The biggest problem about this movie is its overkill on poker gangster jargon. The earlier question "What's a rounder?" is relatively minor compared to some of the onslaughts of lingo to which you're subjected.

The beginning is the worst, because the slang comes fast and furious in the first couple of games; I could pick up some of the conversation, but most of it was Greek, or Azerbaijani, if you prefer.

There were times when I really wished I knew more about poker, because most of the games aren't standard five-card draw, and a lot of the tension was lost when I couldn't tell the difference between the daring gambits from the textbook plays. Generally, the rule of thumb I went with was: the more chips that were on the table, the more nervous I should be. It worked pretty well.

To be fair, though, this weakness is also a strength, which I suppose is due to the paradoxical nature of the universe, the rhythmn of the planets, or man's inhumanity to man. The confusion the audience feels adds to the excitement by creating a sense of mystery.

You even learn a little from this immersion in poker culture, and by the end of the movie you're spotting the telltale giveaways of Mike's opponents — even though in reality you're not seeing anything you're not meant to, so don't head off to Atlantic City just yet, Slim. Overall, the film is fun, but sometimes you just have to let it go and wait to jump back on at the next convenient plot point.

There are some interesting characters, including Malkovich's Oreo-eating ex-KGB mobster, and a decent performance by Martin Landau as Damon's law professor. The camera work is nicely done, at times almost constantly trucking back and forth in some of the faster-paced matches, which helps you join the excitement.

That's really what's best about "Rounders"; you really do get excited along with the characters. This movie is worth your $3.50 — while there's no one here you're going to form any lasting relationship with, the ride through the neighborhood is pretty enjoyable.

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Gator Activites Programming brought the popular Pittsburgh band Push to campus Saturday, Sept. 12. The band performed on the lawn outside of McKinley's. Student reaction was very favorable; many students were already familiar with Push's music. -photo by Robin Marjoram

"Eye to Eye" with Push

By JACKELYN GARCIA
Arts & Living Writer

The Pittsburgh band Push shoved its way into Meadville on Saturday, Sept. 12 with a concert on the lawn outside McKinley's, performing some of their most popular songs. They dressed in loose clothing and looked ready to have some fun, while manager Anthony Angelini stood aside prepared to sell CDs and T-shirts with the band's logo.

Gator Activities Programming (GAP) sponsored the concert as a kickoff for the school year. Push was an excellent choice according to sophomore Sarah Taylor, who commended GAP. "I'm glad Allegheny has such good taste in music," said Taylor.

The four band members, Steve, Ron, Mike, and Clark, all between the ages of 25 and 31, released their second album, *Somewhere Down the Line*, on August 25. *Souvenir*, Push's first album, was released in April 1997.

The already-popular song "Coconuts," which was originally performed by fellow Pittsburgh band Brownie Mary, is included on *Souvenir*.

Students responded very well to the band. The crowd was happy to hear the first notes of the hit "Eye to Eye," also from the first album. Sophomore Amy Schuchman, a Pittsburgh native, said, "They play this song all the time at home. I never get tired of hearing it."

The members of Push knew they were heading for mainstream success when top-rated station WDVE of Pittsburgh began playing "Eye to Eye" on a regular rotation.

With their pop rock sound and laid-back, "rootsy" look, Push has captured the attention of college students and older music lovers alike.

Today, the band finds themselves touring regionally. In September alone, they have performed live at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Market Square in Pittsburgh, and of course, our very own Allegheny College.

Other tracks performed on Saturday included "Without a Doubt," "Won't Be Long," Joe Cocker's "Feeling Alright," and Stephen Stills Band's "Love the One You're With."

Angelini said that the band celebrated their two-year anniversary on Sept. 6th, and touring will never end thanks to the loyal fans it has picked up along the way.

To follow Push on its never-ending tours, log on to www.push.org and learn more about the band members and their music.

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Maws Paws a great find

By JENIFER M. TORPEY
Arts & Living Writer

From the outside, Maws Paws looks like just your basic convenience store — about as exciting as the paper for which you're buying the soda in hopes of staying awake long enough to write.

The moment you walk in the door, you're amazed by the wide variety of products available, the friendly service, and the unique collectibles. Owner Bob Kilgallon hopes that this hometown store with down-to-earth prices will fill the need for this type of store near Allegheny's campus.

Kilgallon had several reasons for opening Maws Paws: "First it gives me an opportunity to interact with the community, and second to meet the needs of the college students and community alike," he said.

Killagon greets shoppers with a warm "hello" and strikes up a conversation while inviting them to look around, "sit awhile, talk a while," and let him know what he should add to his store. Welcoming new ideas, he assures customers that "If we don't have it, we'll get it!"

Maws Paws provides the basic necessitites — microwave sandwiches, dairy products, soda, juice, cigarettes and hygiene products — but also an array of gifts and collectibles.

Among the most noticeable are the perfectly preserved exotic butterflies and museum-worthy fossils. Hemp items including bags, caps and clothing are also available.

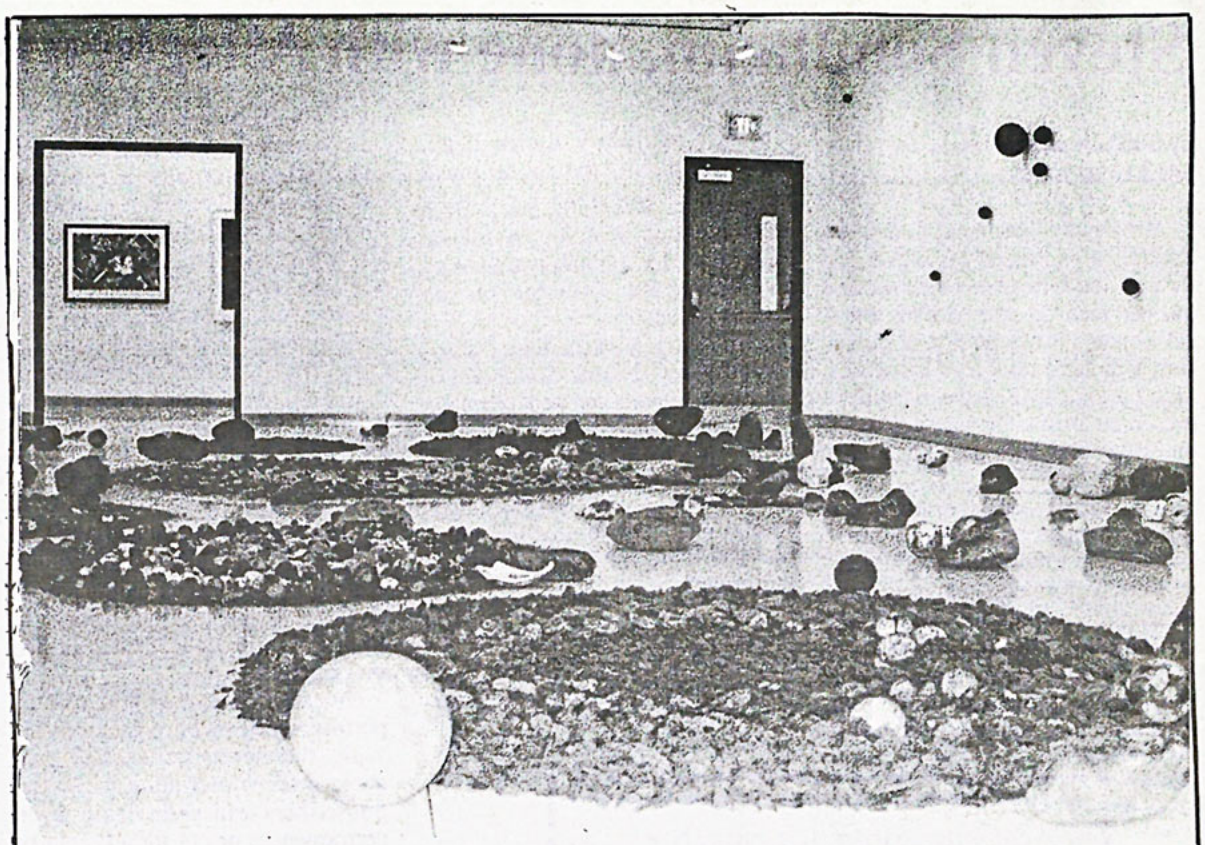
Along with offering an interesting shopping experience, Maws Paws will be hosting classes on subjects ranging from jewelry making and silk flower arrangement to paleontology and geology to using the Internet.

New services are added every day. Scheduled-to-start-soon services include a Money Access Machine (MAC), state lottery tickets and movie rentals.

In early February, Maws Paws plans to introduce a restaurant.

Located directly across from Brooks dining hall, at 496 Park Avenue, Maws Paws has heeded the famous business advice, "location, location, location."

Kilgallon says "seeing is believing" and encourages students to "come on in."



Allegheny's Art Gallery opened for 1998-99 last Tuesday with a lecture on German expressionsts given by Barbara McClosky. German expressionist prints were featured along with Brian H. Jones' prints and mixed media and a natural material exhibition by Marlene Aron. -photo by Tiffany Hrach

Heal, embrace and forgive

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versation in which ministers help people to accept and come to terms with their lives. "We are condemning them to live in situations that will cause them harm and inhibit their relationships with God," he said.

Creech's commitment to the type of ministry he sees as the best way to help people has led him into very unconventional ministries. His work with a death row inmate made an emotional story that affected many audience members.

The inmate, David, had a mental disorder for which his mother would not allow him to be treated, but after five years on death row, David decided to try treatment with psychiatric drugs.

With treatment, Creech said David became a new person. He attended religious services and became a person of "strong, simple faith," Creech said.

"The night he was to be executed I baptized him," said Creech, "and he said, 'I am the luckiest person in the world.' A few hours later I witnessed his execution," Creech finished with a catch in his throat.

"When you work for justice, it's not comfortable and it's not easy work," Creech said, though he had already made his point to many listeners, one of whom wiped away a tear at the end of David's story.

"To bring about change in society, we have to work with people we love; our neighbors, church members and friends, who truly want to provide pastoral care, but also want to preserve the status quo."

Creech said the central theme of Jesus' message is that the realm of God is among us and we need to heal, forgive and embrace each other. This message, he said, is symbolized by the Eucharist, when church members accept and welcome one another. However, it has to be carried out in everyday life as well; we have to change the world's conditions if we want to change people and allow them to become closer to God, Creech said.

A fellow Methodist minister in the audience raised the fear that by accepting gays and lesbians wholeheartedly without trying to change them, "we are sending a message that 'anything goes,' which is unacceptable; we are called to fidelity and holiness in relationships."

Creech responded that singling gays and lesbians out for this criticism is hypocritical: "We all need to strive for holiness," he said. He also said that in his experience, homosexual relationships can be just as faithful and loving as heterosexual ones. The stereotype of gays and lesbians as promiscuous is no more true for all homosexuals than it is for all heterosexuals, he said.

Creech said all of God's children are part of the realm of God, in spite of society's rejection, and that reconciliation is found through God's grace, not through society.

In conclusion, Creech stated that he has many disagreements with the United Methodist Church, but he is intent on remaining faithful to his vows. He sees a conflict between the church's actions and Gospel teachings and said he feels a "duty to call the church to question; I think that's an act of loyalty."

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Steven Sondheim, done with Allegheny- style enthusiasm

By SUSAAN JAMSHIDI
Arts & Living Writer

Broadway composer Steven Sondheim expressed his clever wit through the lyrics he composed and touched many people with his musical genius. In celebration of his career, a musical review of his works, *Side by Side by Sondheim*, will be presented in the Playshop Theatre on Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19.

The faculty collaboration will feature three primary actors: Professor of English James Bulman, who has performed in plays with the Meadville Community Theatre and the Playshop Theatre; Instructor in Music (voice) Vicki Jamison, who has performed with the Erie Philharmonic and the Meadville Chorale; and Mary Lynne Peters '86, who directs the choral music program at Meadville Area High School. Beth Watkins, Associate Professor of Communication Arts and Managing Director of the Theatre, directs.

"This is a musical that I absolutely adore. I think Sondheim is the most interesting and fabulous lyricist and composer. His lyrics are insightful and clever," said Watkins. "This should be an enjoyable opportunity for people to hear this music and see it performed by seasoned performers."

Songs such as "Send in the Clowns," "Comedy Tonight," and "A Boy Like That" showcase a variety of Sondheim's musical styles.

"We decided to do it about a year and a half ago because it is a very intimate musical review," explained Bulman. "I hope that those who see it will gain an appreciation of a very talented composer and lyricist whose work is clever, witty and challenging. His lyrics run the gamut from youthful exuberance to pain. He easily incorporates complicated human emotion with humorous twists."

The group will perform the show with minimal props because the members say that all they need is the music. Like mini-plays, each Sondheim song tells a story.

Sondheim's work has been widely recognized as excellent. He received the Pulitzer Prize for *Sunday in the Park With George*, about painter George Sera.

Bulman said the review "puts me in touch with a man of genius. I think there is no one in the theater today who has the talent of Steven Sondheim. Through his music you learn a lot about human frailties."

Performances, which are free, will be held in the Playshop Theatre on Sept. 18 and 19 at 8:15 p.m. For more information, call 332-3414.

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Centerstage reveals schedule of events

The Allegheny College 1998-99 Centerstage Subscription Series will feature performances randing from comedy to musical production to theatre — with an ice ballet thrown in for good measure.

In addition to the diversity of performances to be presented this year, the series will offer two choices for subscription packages. Subscribers can choose all seven performances or opt for any four of the seven.

In addition, a bonus event — "Sleeping Beauty on Ice," performed by the St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet — will be available to anyone reserving one of the two subscription packages.

For this special performance, the college's Shafer Auditorium stage will be transformed into an ice rink to accomodate this lavish theatrical production, set to the Tchaikovsky score.

The Centerstage Series will open on Saturday, Sept. 26 with the legendary Second City comedy troup, which has produced such comedians as Julia-Louis Dreyfus, John and Jim Belushi, Martin Short, Bill Murray, John Candy and Elaine May.

Performing on Thursday, Oct. 8 will be the traditional Irish music group Cherish the Ladies, who will share the stage with a world-class step-dancing team.

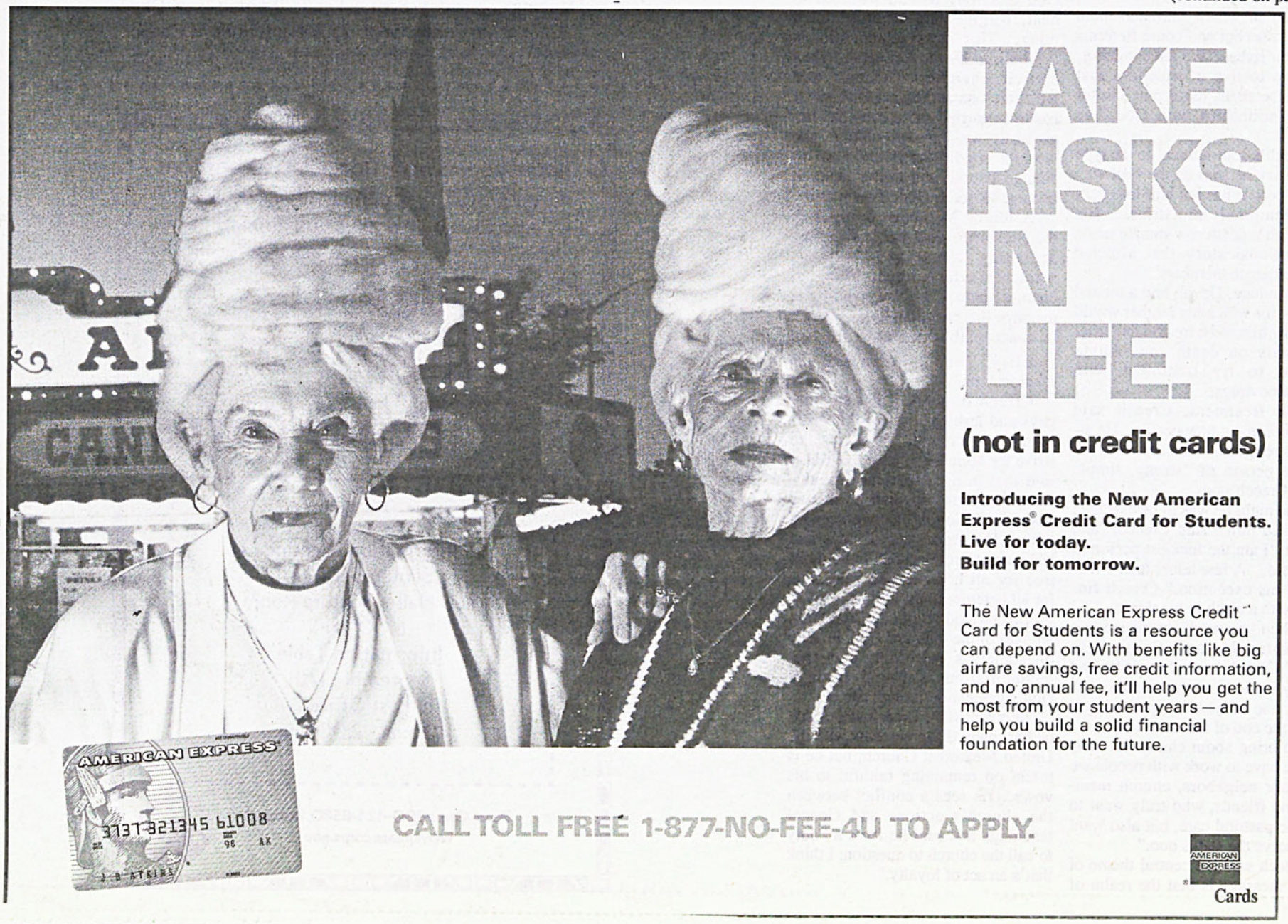
On Thursday, Nov. 12, the Flying Karamazov Brothers, who have been entertaining the world for 25 years with their zany blend of juggling, music and comedy, will present their newest show, "Sharps, Flats and Accidentals."

Performances will continue in the new year when music legend Richie Havens — whose voice has inspired and electrified audiences from Woodstock to the 1993 presidential inauguration — performs on Friday, Feb. 12.

On Friday, March 12, the group Dance Through Time will transport the audience through 500 years of dance, from the 15th century to the 1990s, combining dance with verse, music and costumes of the times.

The series will close with two performances by the Aquila Theatre Company of London, which specializes in presenting innovative productions of classical drama. On Tuesday, April 6 they will present Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" followed the next night by a

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Personals

No front door--
Thanks for the support this week. You guys are the best!
Love, K

I've got dibs on the washboard!

Darren--
Happy 21st Birthday!!! Woo-Hoo!
Love, Kara

Personals

I hate when I wake up with beer balls in the morning!

Members of Red House (Jazz Appreciation House) wish to thank: those who don't walk to the other side of the street in passing.

Make me forget. I beg you!

Personals

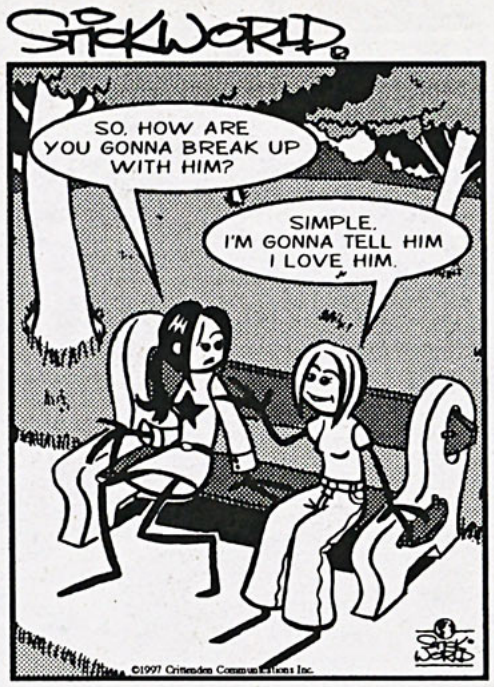
Yeah, Julie. *clap clap clap* Wooo! Yeah.
—The Red Zone

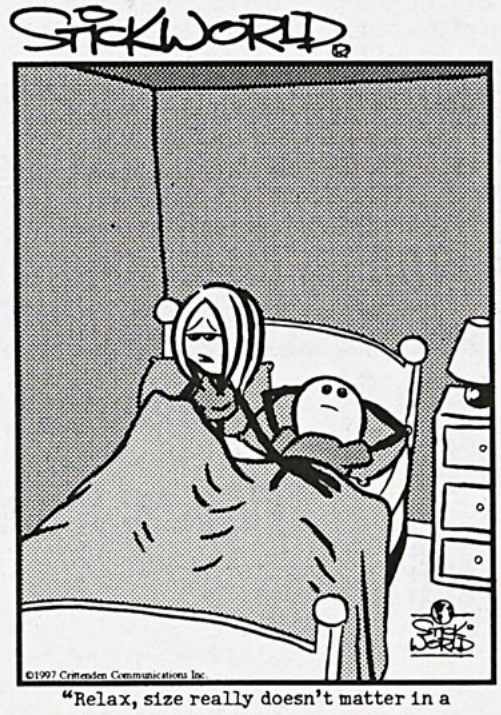
Hi Rottweiler feet! Love, Jen

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"Relax, size really doesn't matter in a relationship... unless, uh, you wanna have sex."

Going out with a bang

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despite her busy schedule here."

Among Edwards' fondest memories of Allegheny are the Collegiate Leadership Conferences and Springfest, about which she said, "It was great to see so many students out having such a good time together," and the 1998 Alternative Spring Break Trip to Atlanta, a week-long experience where Edwards and others were inspired by homeless people "searching for meaning and leading really meaningful lives."

Her last big project at Allegheny was this year's orientation. "Christa gave her all to Allegheny students right up through her last day," said McInally. "Even as she was preparing for a career change, she took on a very challenging task [orientation] and completed it with dedication and creativity."

How will you remember Edwards?

"Who?" asked Phil Foxman. "Just kidding. I will remember how hard she worked to educate students about making healthy decisions. She is truly dedicated to helping others and to having a safer, healthier college campus."

When asked how she would like to be remembered, Edwards replied, "I hope that students will think of me as an advocate for them, that I was there for them. "

Centerstage's schedule

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dramatic presentation of Homer's "The Odyssey."

Subscription tickets for the four-performance package are $28 for adults, $21 for senior citizens 65 and older and for children 17 and under, and $14 for full-time Allegheny students.

Prices for the seven-performance package are $48 for adults, $36 for senior citizens and for children 17 and under, and $14 for full-time Allegheny students.

Tickets for "Sleeping Beauty on Ice" — available only to series subscribers at this time — are $12 for adults, $9 for senior citizens and children 17 and under, and $6 for full-time Allegheny students.

All performances are in Shafer Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., except for Second City, which will be at 8 p.m.

Subscription packages are now available to the general public. Tickets are available in room 215 of Bentley Hall, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by calling (814)-332-3101 with Visa or Mastercard orders.

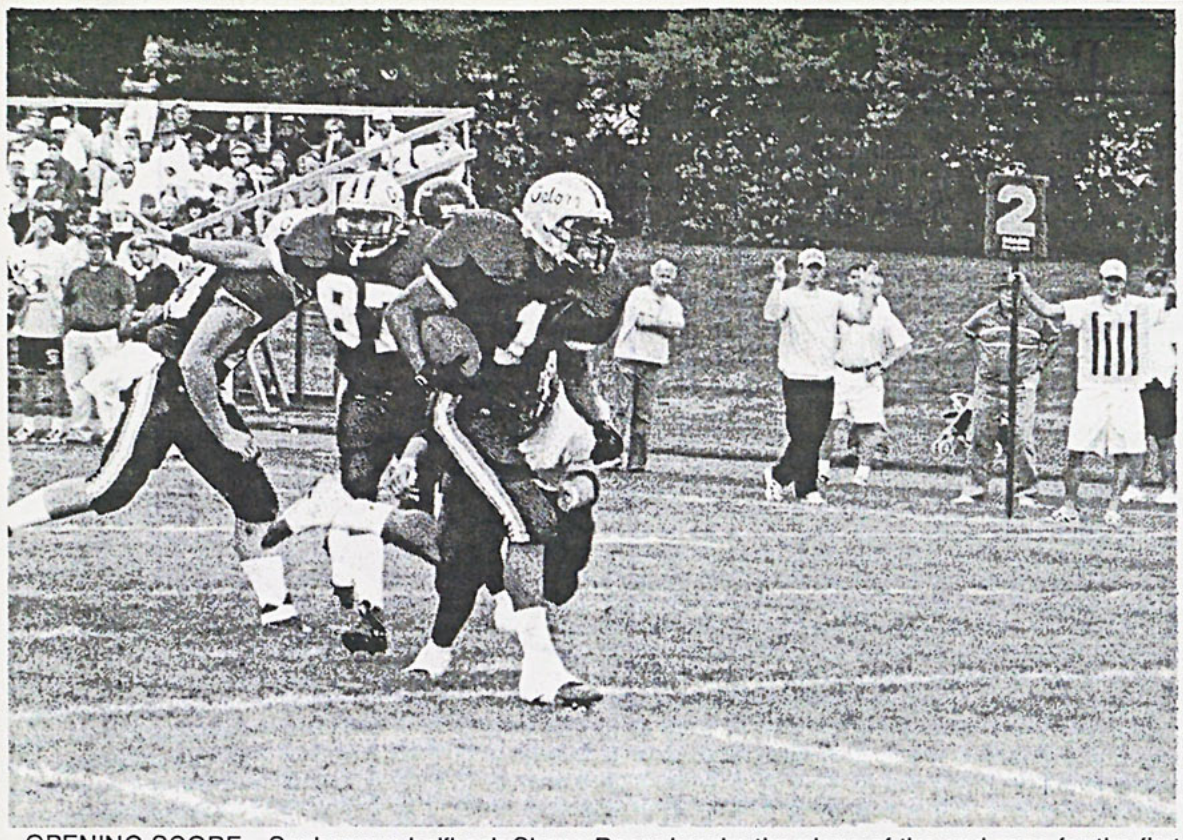
Tickets for individual events will be available approximately three weeks before each of the performance dates. Call the Office of Events at (814)-332-3101 for more information.

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OPENING SCORE—Sophomore halfback Shane Ream breaks the plane of the end zone for the first Gator score of the season. Ream finished with 54 rushing yards, but it wasn't enough as the Gators dropped to 0-1 for the first time since 1993. —photo by Ben Wyrick

Second half mistakes kill Gators

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total of 32 yards, and then tailback Jason Barr tore through the middle of the Allegheny defense and bounced outside for a 46 yard touchdown. Barr's score put W&J ahead 17-14 and turned out to be the game winner.

The Gators threatened on their next drive, but stalled after marching to the Presidents' 25 yard line. Senior kicker Kevin Bowser attempted a 44 yard field goal, but his attempt sailed wide left.

On Allegheny's next possession the offense threatened once again, but this time, a turnover brought an end to the drive. The Gators had moved 70 yards on four passes and five runs before Miller threw his first interception of the game at the W&J four yard line.

Miller's interception proved all the more fatal when W&J ran four times for 28 yards before throwing a 57 yard touchdown pass with 18 seconds remaining in the third quarter. The kick failed, setting the final score at 23-14.

The Gators were able to move into W&J territory several times in the fourth quarter, but one drive ended with Miller's second interception and the Gators' final possession ended with a turnover on downs at the Presidents' three yard line.

Ream led the Gators in rushing for the game with 54 yards on 10 carries. Miller was next with his 52 rushing yards. Senior linebacker Corey Belaney led the defense with 12 tackles and junior Dave Monaghan had 1-1/2 sacks.

The Gators play their next three games on the road, facing Susquehanna on September 26 and Wittenberg on October 3 after this week's game with Denison.

Volleyball continues its improvement

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15-5, 15-7). Andrews led the way with 15 kills, while Turkovich and Shanter each had 12 digs and Ruddock added 25 assists.

In their final game of the tournament the Gators cruised again, this time earning a three-game victory over Penn State-Behrend. Andrews had 18 kills in the victory, while Turkovich had 23 digs and 12 kills. Ruddock finished with 30 assists.

On Tuesday the Gators took on a tough opponent from Washington and Jefferson. The Presidents entered the match with just one loss on the season, and that statistic didn't change with the Gators' loss in four games (15-1, 16-14, 11-15, 15-8).

Turkovich topped the team in both kills (10) and digs (27). Feathers added 20 digs and Ruddock had 25 assists.

The Gators play next in the John Carroll Tournament, which they enter with a record of 5-6. Next Tuesday, they will play at home against Grove City at 7 p.m.

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Cross Country captains take charge

By PAT SHELDON
Sports Editor

The Allegheny men's and women's cross country teams both entered this season with high hopes. Both squads feature talented seniors as well as a solid group of returning runners who should set the teams on a winning course in 1998.

The men's team has gotten the type of performance it expects from its two senior co-captains, Mark Hudson and Ben Wyrick, this season.

In the Kenyon Invitational, the first meet of the season, Hudson finished in third place out of a total of 33 runners with his time of 27:23. Wyrick was close behind with a time of 27:44 for fifth place. The squad placed second in the meet.

The Gators hosted the Allegheny Cross Country Classic last weekend, and the men's team won the title for the first time in the history of the event. The team totaled 38 points, 21 points better than the second-place team.

Hudson led the way again, capturing the individual title with a time of 27:05. For his efforts Hudson was named NCAC Runner of the Week.

Sophomore Brice Allen was next to cross the line for the Gators. Allen finished in fourth place with his time of 27:46, six seconds ahead of Wyrick who placed fifth. Sophomore Brett Zook ran the course in 28:36 to take 12th, while his classmate Dave Jirousek finished 16th with a time of 28:57.

The women's team has also received a pair of strong performances from its senior captain, Amy Schuckert. At Kenyon, Schuckert took third place with her time of 20:42. Her performance was complimented by freshman Tara Trent's fifth place finish (21:25). The Gators took second place in the meet.

Schuckert matched Hudson's performance in the Allegheny Classic, winning the individual title with a time of 19:49 and earning NCAC Runner of the Week honors.

Trent was next across for the Gators with a time of 20:49 and an 11th place finish. A pair of sophomores, Alyssa Mack and Kristen Neirinckx, rounded out the notable runners for the Gators, finishing 14th and 21st with times of 21:04 and 21:39, respectively. The squad placed second in the event.

The next competition for both squads is Sept. 26 at the Alfred University Invitational.



STRIDING TO VICTORY—Senior captain Amy Schuckert captures the individual title in the Allegheny Classic with a time of 19:49. For her efforts, Schuckert was named the Runner of the Week in the North Coast Athletic Conference.
—photo by Nathan Hedin

Volleyball nets early season success

By PAT SHELDON
Sports Editor

The Allegheny women's volleyball team opened the 1998 season facing the task of replacing graduated senior Molly McCoy, the team's all time kills leader, and a tough tournament schedule in the early stages of the season. So far, the Gators have been solid, though not spectacular, in the early portions of the season.

The Gators opened their season with a match against Clarion at home. Clarion took the Gators to the limit, but Allegheny pulled out a win in five games (12-15, 15-2, 11-15, 15-12, 15-9).

Junior Wendy Turkovich was strong in the opener, leading the team with 23 digs and five service aces. Sophomore Tonya Andrews, a second team All-NCAC choice last season, topped the team with 15 kills. Senior Bobbi Ruddock led the squad with 34 assists, while junior Jamie Shanter was solid with 10 kills, 15 digs and two blocks.

The Gators' next games took place in the Mount Union Tournament against Siena Heights. Allegheny had little trouble in the tournament opener, winning the match 15-13, 1-15, 15-12, 15-6.

Shanter, Andrews and junior Fawn Balliro each had seven kills. Balliro and Turkovich added 13 digs and Ruddock contributed 24 assists.

Hope College provided a much tougher opponent for the Gators in the second match of the tournament. Hope cruised to an easy win in three games.

The Gators suffered their second consecutive loss in the Mount Union Tournament in their match against Walsh. Once again, Allegheny did not win a game in the match as Walsh cruised.

The Gators bounced back in their next tournament match, crushing Waynesburg 15-2, 15-6, 15-4 to raise their season record to 3-2.

Turkovich had 11 digs and seven kills in the match. Andrews led the team with eight kills, while Balliro had 11 digs and Ruddock came through with 24 assists.

The Gators' final match in the Mount Union Tournament was against the host team. The Gators were solid, but fell in three games (15-2, 15-13, 15-12). Andrews and freshman Amanda Heikkinen each had eight kills in the loss. Shanter and junior Angie Feathers led the team with 15 digs and Ruddock had 25 assists.

Last weekend the Gators hosted the Allegheny Invitational in the Wise Center. The Gators opened with a match against Grove City, and lost a tough one in five sets (10-15, 15-7, 13-15, 15-8, 15-8).

Andrews was strong in the match with 17 kills. Heikkinen, Ruddock, Shanter, Balliro and freshman Meghan Radkowski each had seven kills. Turkovich added 18 digs and Ruddock had 45 assists.

The Gators ran into a tough opponent from Geneseo in the next match of the tournament. The Gators lost in three games to drop to 0-2 in the tournament. Andrews had 10 kills in the loss.

The Gators came back strong in their next tournament match, dropping Fredonia in three games (15-5,

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Women's soccer remains optimistic despite slow start

By ERIN HARTONG
Sports Reporter

The Allegheny women's soccer team is facing some major changes this season, including the loss of several key players and a critical coaching change.

Senior Jamie McGrady, former All-American stopper, is abroad this semester, and juniors Suzanne Plano, Leah Giovengo and Melissa Ryan have all decided to hang up their cleats.

In addition, former head coach John Wilcher retired this spring and is sorely missed. He has been replaced by Manager of Athletic Operations Jeff Groff. Assistant coaches Becky Lisack and Jack Steiger are also new to the women's soccer program.

The Gators opened their season on the road at Fredonia on Sept. 2. Senior co-captain and All-American candidate Allison Pyewell led the team with two goals. Senior Lex Emrick and sophomore Meredith Stone also chalked one up for the Gators, and freshman Erica Frank scored the first goal of her collegiate career to set the final score at 5-0.

Senior Danielle Aubele started the game and had four saves. Sophomore Tammy Jolly had one save in relief of Aubele.

The weekend of Sept. 5 and 6 brought great weather and even better soccer to Meadville when the Gators played host to the Allegheny Women's Soccer Classic.

In game one of the tournament, Allegheny defeated Wilmington 1-0. Stone put the one goal in the net with an assist from senior Lisa Hollis, who is currently the team leader in scoring with eight points. Aubele faced 19 shots and made 12 saves in the win.

In the final game of the Classic, Allegheny and Kalamazoo battled for the championship. Kalamazoo jumped to an early lead, scoring three goals in the first half. Hollis answered with two goals early in the second half with assists from Stone and junior co-captain Katie Paulsen. Aubele played all 90 minutes in goal and made 16 saves, but it wasn't enough in a hard-fought, 4-2 loss for the Gators.

Allegheny's next game was in Geneva, N.Y., against Gettysburg in the opening match of the Herron Cup tournament. The Gators also took on Geneseo in tournament play.

Hollis found the back of the net with an assist from Stone, as Allegheny scored the first goal of the game, putting Allegheny on the board. Gettysburg answered with a score before the end of the first half to knot the game at one. Paulsen found the back of the net unassisted in the second half, but Gettysburg scored twice to capture the win, 3-2. Aubele and Jolly both made eight saves in the match.

On day two of the tournament, Allegheny played Geneseo in hopes of ending their losing streak. Geneseo jumped out to an early lead with two quick goals in the first half and added another in the second half to take an easy 3-0 win. Jolly made 20 saves in the losing effort.

Pyewell remains optimistic despite the Gators 2-4 record. "Although our record doesn't reflect a strong start, our efforts in our latest practices are proving that we've got what it takes to have a winning season."

Freshmen Julie Mason, Carolyn Sikora and Amanda Matson all are expecting to begin contributing to the Gators' attack this season, and the defense is solid with seniors Mandy Treadway and Diane Lehky, junior Kelli Hazen and sophomore Kate Brabender.

The Gators took on John Carroll last night at Robertson Field, but results were not available at press time. Friday the team takes on Hope College at 4 p.m. at Robertson Field.

Be sure to check out the women's soccer team as it takes on Hope College this Friday at 4 p.m. at Robertson Field.

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Football suffers opening loss

By PAT SHELDON
Sports Editor

The Allegheny football team will play its next game in unfamiliar territory, following a season-opening loss to Washington and Jefferson that gave the Gators their first losing record since 1993. Fortunately for the Gators, they have defeated the Denison Big Red (1-1), their next opponent, in each of their last 11 meetings.

The Gators will look to continue their offensive output from the season opener, but cut down on the mistakes to even their record at 1-1 on Saturday. Against W&J, the Gators turned the ball over four times and converted just once on three red zone possessions.

Senior quarterback Chris Miller will be key to the Gators' turnaround. Miller was strong in his Allegheny debut, throwing for 285 yards and a touchdown on 21-of-38 passing, while rushing 14 times for 52 yards. Unfortunately, Miller also lost a fumble and threw two interceptions inside the W&J 30-yard-line in the second half, which killed Allegheny scoring opportunities.

The offense may also be aided by the return of sophomore tailback Jeremy Snyder, the heir apparent to graduated All-American Jim Mormino. Snyder was slated to start in the opener before suffering a concussion that held him out. Last season, Snyder ran 36 times for 226 yards (6.3 yards/carry) and four touchdowns.

The offense also features several returning starters from last year, including seniors Dave Buchanan (halfback), Jason Francis (wide receiver), Nathan Six (tight end) and Zach Kessler (guard). Each contributed to the Gators' attack last week.

Francis led the team with seven receptions for 131 yards and a touchdown. Buchanan had six receptions for 47 yards and 15 yards rushing on five carries, while Six added 49 receiving yards on five receptions. Kessler was a second team All-American last season and preseason All-American choice of four national publications.

The defense will also have to improve on its performance in the opener to give the Gators a shot at their third consecutive playoff appearance. The unit, which features eight starters from last season, was solid in the first half but fell victim to the big play in the second half.

After limiting the Presidents to 98 yards on 31 plays in the first half, the Gators gave up a 46 yard touchdown run and a 57 yard touchdown pass in the third quarter that sealed the win for W&J. The Presidents finished with 307 yards of total offense on 59 plays and used 120 rushing yards in the second half to keep the ball out of the hands of the Gator offense.

Denison should provide a different sort of opponent for the Gator defense this week. The Big Red emphasize the pass heavily, throwing an average of 44 times in their first two games, while last week W&J attempted only 17 passes.

The Gator secondary is strong with several seniors available to play, but surrendered 301 passing yards to Big Red quarterback Keith Schmid last season. Schmid returns along with first team All-NCAC wide receiver Ben Fortkamp. Thus far this season, Schmid is 47 of 88 for 470 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions. Fortkamp has hauled in 15 passes for 194 yards in Denison's first two games.

Last week's game pitted two of the top football programs in NCAA Division III, and was listed as a "Game to Watch" by *Street & Smiths*. The game lived up to its billing, but the outcome was different than the crowd of 2,355 might have hoped for.

The Gators did everything but win in their opener, falling victim to the mistakes that can be expected when a team plays its first game under a new coach and with a new offense. The Presidents did the opposite, limiting the mistakes in their second contest of the season to earn the win.

The Gators got off to an explosive start under first-year head coach Blair Hrovat with a 31 yard completion from Miller to freshman wide receiver Jeff Lerner.

Penalties halted the Gators' first drive, but the second Allegheny drive of the game was reminiscent of years past. The Gators never faced a situation worse than second-and six on the drive and mixed run and pass before sophomore Shane Ream scored from 12 yards out on a run up the middle.

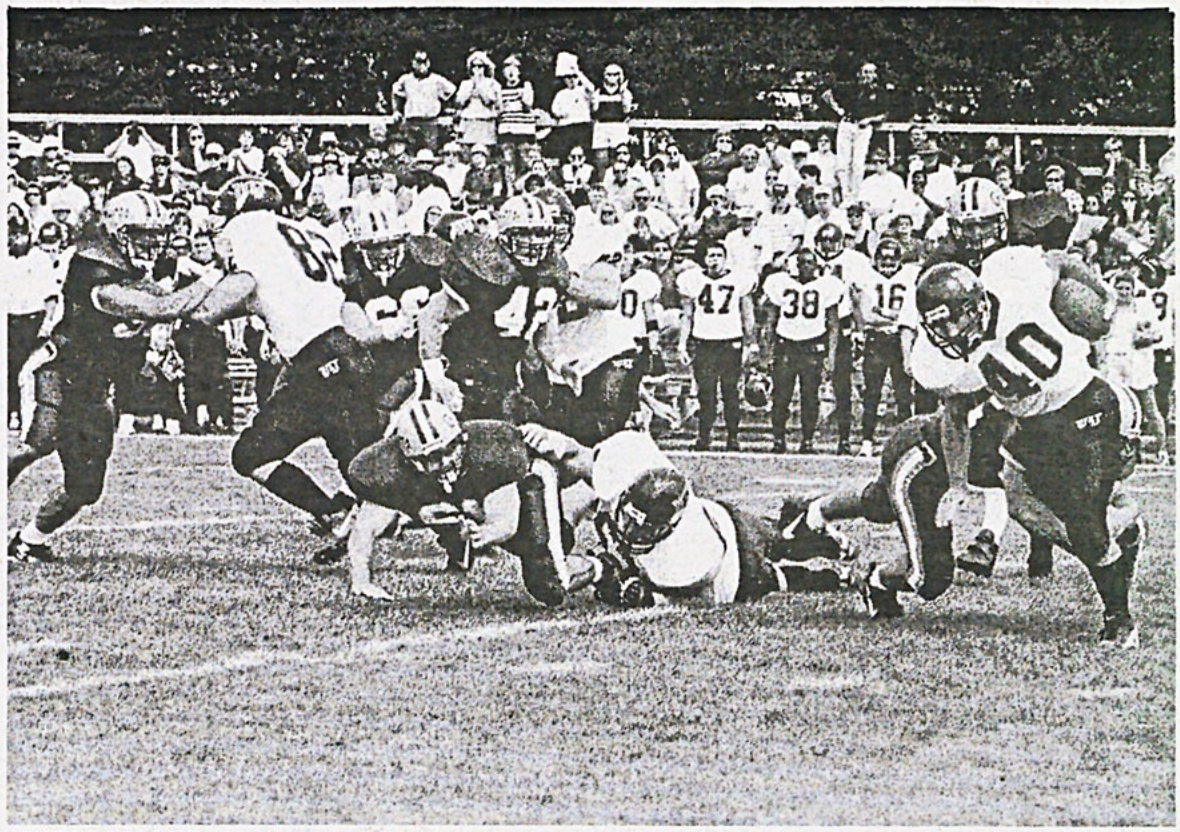
The Gator defense was strong after the score, forcing W&J to go three-and-out, but a muffed punt return by senior Tedd Gozur gave the Presidents the ball on the Allegheny 36 and led to a touchdown.

The two teams traded short drives back and forth until W&J capped a 62 yard drive with a field goal with 5:11 remaining in the first half to take a 10-7 lead.

The Gators wasted no time answering the Presidents, however. With 2:46 left in the half, Miller found Francis downfield for a 49 yard touchdown and a 14-10 lead, which held until halftime.

The second half was a different story for the Gators, and it showed on the first W&J possession. The Presidents opened the drive with three consecutive completions for a

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GATOR KILLER—Washington and Jefferson running back Jason Barr attempts to escape Allegheny defenders in Saturday's football opener. Barr ran for 150 yards and two touchdowns to help the Presidents to a 23-14 victory.

—photo by Ben Wyrick

New coach equals new attitude for men's soccer

By DIXON STARZ
Assistant Sports Editor

There is a new head coach at the reins of the men's soccer team this season, and along with this new acquisition, a completely different team attitude.

Paul Hogan, a 26-year-old former Duke University assistant coach, was hired last March to take over a program that finished a respectable 11-8-1 last year. However, the Gators were only able to secure two victories in eight section games, earning them seventh place in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

Upon his arrival at Allegheny, Hogan decided that he was going to start from scratch, meaning that even the veteran players would have to prove themselves against a formidable freshmen recruiting class in order to earn playing time.

In a preseason press release, Hogan was quoted as saying, "I think that every player welcomes a new season as a new opportunity." He further stated, "I am looking forward to a competitive preseason camp, and the battles for playing time will only make us better as a team."

True to his word, Hogan is currently starting three freshmen, but it wasn't before all of the players were put to the test with grueling conditioning workouts and practices that sophomore midfielder Matt Sowa described as, "100 percent harder than last year."

However, the Gators will once again call upon senior forwards Mike Polhamus and Josh Nichols to provide the offensive firepower.

Polhamus, whose 13 goals and four assists earned him second-team All-NCAC honors along with the distinction of being named the conference's Newcomer of the Year, once again should challenge for the conference scoring title. Keying in on Polhamus, though, as opposing defenses often did last season, can prove very costly.

Nichols, a proven scorer who collected eight goals and three assists last season, has tallied an impressive 20 goals in his career at Allegheny.

Roaming the midfield for the Gators are seniors John Zdaniewski and Jud Wible, junior Nate Smith, converted forward Sowa, and talented freshman Patrick Redman.

Manning the defensive unit are senior John Kapsiak, sophomore Brandon McElfresh, and freshman Reeve Wood.

Rounding out the starting team is freshman goalkeeper L.J. Marks, who has been given the task of replacing four-time All-NCAC selection, Ken Cohen.

Indeed, Hogan expects these players to work hard, and in return, they are starting to see the results.

"This (season's) team has shown a lot more effort as a whole. (The players) really want to be there, and we're all putting forth a tremendous effort to improve from last season," said Sowa. He added, "There is definitely a lot more positive attitude this year. We expect to win."

And win they have. After playing to a tough 1-1 tie at home versus Carnegie Mellon on Tuesday, the Gators had amassed a 3-1-1 record.

Despite their great start, eight out of their remaining 14 games are against strong section opponents, and the real test has yet to begin.

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