

Allegheny community experiences shaky weekend

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Senior Neal Alexandrowicz had managed to convince his girlfriend to help him with his laundry, affording him a break from his senior comprehensive project and time for a nap. Due to the rickety nature of his loft, he slept through the earthquake. He awoke to hear his friends asking if he had felt the earthquake.

"I heard that and ran down to Alden [Hall] to see what had happened," Alexandrowicz said. "I just couldn't believe I missed it."

At 3:53 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25, an earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale struck western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. The focus, or point of slippage, occurred approximately three kilometers below the surface of the earth. The epicenter, which is the projection of the focus onto the earth's surface, was located near Sharon, Pa.

According to Assistant Professor of Geology Ron Cole, there is no clearly defined fault line in this area. The nearest clear fault line is the Clarendon-Linden fault, which runs in a north-south line in western New York.

In addition, there is an irregularity in the earth's crust called the Bass Islands Trend, which runs from

western New York State to Erie. This trend caused a 1934 earthquake in Erie, which measured a "V" on the Mercalli index. The Mercalli index gauges the strength of an earthquake using the effects on the surface. A "IV-V" on the Mercalli index is felt indoors by many, outdoors by few. Dishes, doors and windows are disturbed and there is a sensation like a truck hitting a building.

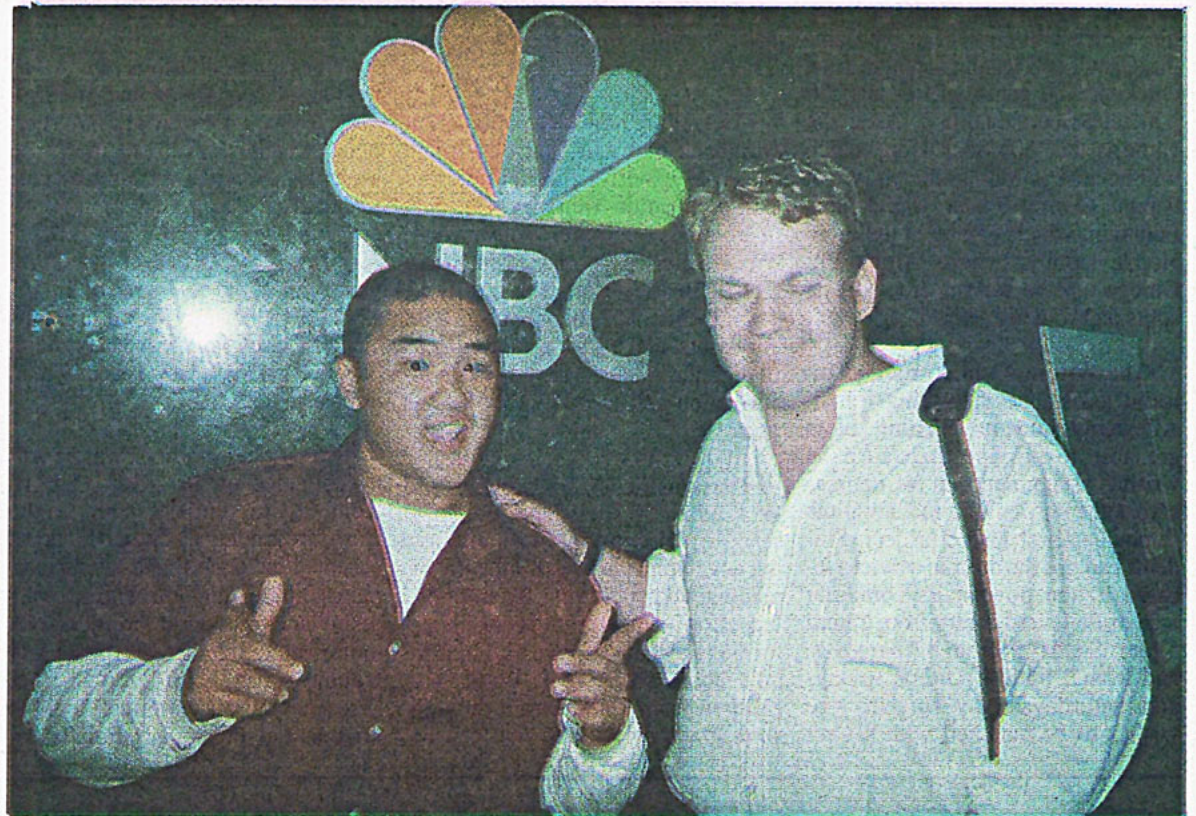
Cole said the Erie quake of 1934 was roughly similar in strength to last Friday's quake. Student reactions are similar to the Mercalli index. Sophomore Amanda Sprickler was working at the Convenience Store when the quake struck. She said the shelves started shaking, but she attributed the motion to construction on campus. Junior Lisa Geisal thought the shaking was the result of neighbors.

"I thought someone in the other apartment was causing a ruckus," Geisel said. "But after I found out, I was really excited. It was my first earthquake."

Alexandrowicz was very excited as well—his senior comprehensive project focuses on irregularities in the earth's surface in western Pennsylvania.

"Using oil and gas well information, I've been determining the depth of rock formations and using

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HEY ANDY—Senior Gene Hong pictured with Andy Richter, co-host of "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." Hong spent the summer as a submission writer for the show.

—photo courtesy of Gene Hong

Hong spends summer writing for "Late Night"

By AMANDA FUNARO
News Reporter

Sunday night, the blue lounge in Brooks Hall echoed with silence while the reporter slowly sat down in the fuzzy blue chair. The student came in and as introductions were made, the reporter became slightly jealous remembering her summer, working as a check-out girl in a grocery store.

Thinking of summer jobs for college students, one usually imagines these kinds of monotonous, brain-frying, minimum wage, five p.m.-to-midnight shifts flipping burgers at McDonalds or selling khakis at The Gap.

Senior Gene Hong, however, had quite a different summer experience. Instead of writing signs for K-Mart specials, Hong wrote comedy sketches with some of the best writers in the business.

He had the opportunity to spend four months this summer working as a submission writer in New York City for "Late Night with Conan O'Brien."

Always voted a class clown, Hong is no stranger to comedy. However, he said his comedy writing became a serious effort only about a year and a half ago. His interest and determination led him to send his writing to different agencies and shows.

Last year, he was offered a number of internships, including one at NBC and one with the producers of "The Simpsons." While visiting New York City to speak with the people offering the internships, Hong—a long-time fan of O'Brien's comedy—decided to wait outside the studio where his late-night comedic variety show is taped.

Hong said he hoped to talk with O'Brien about an internship and

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Liquor Control Board to stiffen enforcement of drinking laws

By ANDREW TWIGG
News Reporter

Amidst rising media attention given to underage and binge drinking, many colleges and universities have increased supervision of alcohol consumption violations among college students. Locally, word of more rigid alcohol policy enforcement looms over students choosing to consume.

The recent focus on alcohol was in part precipitated by the death of a Massachusetts Institute of Technology student who died as a result of over-consumption. Other alcohol-related incidents included riots at University of Connecticut, Ohio University, and Michigan State University last spring, Pennsylvania State University this summer, and a death at Louisiana State University.

As a result, colleges have fortified alcohol policies, and state and

local governments have asserted their powers against liquor violations. Locally, one such organization is the Liquor Control Board (LCB), a division of the Pennsylvania state government.

According to Sergeant Mark Schau, district office commander of the state police bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement (LCE), the LCB's primary duty is to handle alcohol licenses. "State police does the enforcement," Schau said. "It's a common misconception that we're the LCB."

However, rumors have been circulating concerning LCB activity. Some students have canceled parties, fearing the LCB's presence. Senior Dan Puhlman said he was warned at a local beer distributor about imminent activity.

"I've heard it straight from [the beer distributor] and I've heard it all over campus," Puhlman said.

"Everybody asks about 'where's the next party' and the answer I typically give is 'I don't know.' And they're like, 'Yeah, I've heard the LCB's here.'"

Twenty-one-year-old senior Toni Focer was downtown with two underage friends Monday evening purchasing alcohol when she and her friends were stopped by someone she believes was an LCB agent.

"They followed us to Bi-Lo and they asked us what we were doing," Focer said. In addition, Focer said that the agents asked to see her identification and warned her that "they would be here for a while, that they mean business and are pretty serious."

Director of Security Anthony Sabruno could not confirm any LCB activity on campus.

"I haven't seen anyone in or around campus, but I would suspect they are around," Sabruno said. "I

think national events are making people think more seriously about alcohol."

Schau said that state police policies haven't changed, but he expects tougher measures to deter underage drinking and furnishing alcohol without a license. He added that state police hope that the more assertive tactics will "reduce the negative effects of alcohol use at a college level."

Among the negative effects, according to Schau, are driving under the influence (DUI), date rape, alcohol-related criminal acts, public drunkenness, underage and binge drinking. Schau added that while most students realize that furnishing alcohol to minors is illegal, it is also illegal to sell alcohol without a license, which includes charging a cover or selling cups at a party.

According to Schau, penalties for

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Publication of *The Campus* was delayed this week because of technical difficulties beyond our control. We extend sincere apologies to our readers and advertisers, and our thanks to the *Meadville Tribune*.

NEWS BRIEFS

•Everyone is invited to attend the various activities which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10 for Homecoming. The parade will be held at 11 a.m., with student floats and '50s cars. At noon is the TailGator picnic, which will be held in the Campus Center and feature southern fried chicken. The game will be at 1:30 p.m. at Robertson Field. After the game is the '50s Sock Hop, which will be held in Montgomery Gym at 9 p.m. Also at 9 p.m. is the Soda Fountain, which will be in the Field House Lobby, where Alpha Phi Omega will be serving free banana splits and root beer floats.

•The Writing Center provides tutorial assistance in writing for all Allegheny students. Writing tutors are able to provide assistance on writing assignments in all courses across the curriculum, including the senior comprehensive project. Students can use the drop-in services located in the downstairs computer area of Pelletier Library from 2 until 5 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and from 2 until 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Any student who wishes to be matched with a tutor

should contact Beth Reynders, 234 Cochran Hall, x4334, or via e-mail <breynder>.

•The salsa dance originally scheduled for Friday, Sept. 25 at 10 p.m. has been rescheduled for Friday, Oct. 23.

•Tickets are now on sale for a performance of traditional dance and music by Cherish the Ladies, who will perform on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased in Room 215 of Bentley Hall. The cost is \$4 for full-time Allegheny students, \$8 for adults, and \$6 for senior citizens and children under 17. For more information call the Office of Events at x3101.

•The America Reads program will be sending 30 students to two local schools and two low-income housing developments to share the joy of reading with children. To support this effort, the program needs books for the sites and to give children to take home with them. Books for children from kindergarten through sixth grade are needed and can be

placed in the decorated boxes on campus. Collection boxes will remain in campus buildings until the end of October. For more information, contact Brooke Martin, Office of Community Service, at x5318.

•Weekly meditations are being held at the Meditation and Mindfulness House—located at 377 Sherman Avenue—at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. All are welcome to attend.

•Allegheny Community Child Care will sponsor a sale of In-Visions silver jewelry in the Campus Center Lobby on Wednesday, Sept. 30 and Thursday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

•Household hazardous wastes will be collected on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Items accepted include oil and latex paint, paint thinner and turpentine, varnish, lacquer, wood preservative, motor oil and antifreeze, brake and transmission fluid, gasoline, kerosene and oil mixtures. There is no fee, but pre-registration is re-

quired. To pre-register, call the courthouse switchboard at 333-7300 or 1-800-982-9019. Leave name, number, type and amount of waste to be collected.

•The Fall Honors Convocation, honoring Alden and Doane Scholars, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13. James Palmer will give the faculty address. A reception will be held from 4 to 4:30 p.m. in Ford Chapel, and the convocation will begin at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

•The Make a Difference Day Rally will be held on Friday, Oct. 2 in the Campus Center lobby from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in and attend.

•Make a Difference Day is this Saturday, Oct. 3. Buses will pick up volunteers on North Main Street at the Lord Gates at 7:30 a.m. Volunteers who are driving should plan to be at Diamond Park at 8 a.m. Lunch is scheduled in the Campus Center lobby from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the Office of Community Service with any questions.

•Union Latina will celebrate Latino Heritage Month on campus with a series of cultural events. The theme of this year's observance is "Recognizing the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America." As part of the celebration, there will be an opening ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. The musical group Quetzal perform at the ceremonies.

•Camilla Townshend will present a lunch-time lecture entitled "Malinche in 1519: The Most Powerful Woman in the New World," at noon on Friday, Oct. 2 in the Walker Room of the Campus Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

•Alistair Fraser, a faculty member at Penn State and instructor for Syllabus, Inc. will speak on "The Web: A Classroom Sans Walls" on Friday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 in Henderson Auditorium. Refreshments will be served following the presentation. Contact Karen Stone at x2755 with any questions.

The Campus asks...

Where were you when Friday's earthquake hit the Meadville area?

compiled by Ben Wyrick



I had just crawled out of the tunnels underneath Murray Hall and boy, were my knees scraped up. And it wasn't from crawling either.

Jessica Frieder
Class of '01



I was sitting in physics trying to stay awake and learn at the same time.

Dustin Eaton
Class of '02



I was watching T.V. in my room when there was a loud noise and the walls started moving back and forth. I thought a truck hit my building.

Jonathan Keely
Class of '02



Nothing really happened, but all the Baldwin freshmen thought the world was ending.

Ed Petrarca
Class of '00



I had just gotten out from the tunnels underneath Murray Hall.

Michael Wilson
Class of '01

New Century Connections provides framework for future of Allegheny

By ROXANNE SCALA
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Preparations for Allegheny's future have already begun with the unveiling of New Century Connections. In keeping with Allegheny's traditional philosophy of a liberal arts education, New Century seeks to enhance student growth beyond graduation.

The goals of New Century Connections are to connect Allegheny's liberal arts education with the technology of the future as well as the life experience usually gained upon graduation. The strategies are designed to connect students with faculty, alumni and life experience once out of college.

Allegheny President Richard Cook believes the core mission of New Century Connections is "to increase the value of the Allegheny experience for Allegheny students."

The idea behind New Century Connections started with President Cook's report on what needed to happen for Allegheny to prepare students for the next century. He named the Summer Working Group (SWG), comprised of faculty, administrators, alumni and students to create a plan based on his initial proposal.

The SWG met in the summer of 1997, producing the groundwork which eventually resulted in a condensed version of the report which became New Century Connections.

New Century Connections is comprised of six core strategies which will move Allegheny in the next five years to a more advanced communication, technological and experiential liberal arts education. The strategies are broad guidelines for proposals to insure that Allegheny moves in a favorable direction.

The proposals or initiatives, according to Director of Public Affairs Ed Blaguszewski, are "specific pro-

jects approved to be implemented because they meet the goal, based on the core strategies." One initiative, for instance, is the renovation of Montgomery Gym, which makes room for more functions and dance classes to be held there. Several other proposals have already been approved.

An initiative is approved if it meets the criteria spelled out by one of many of the core strategies. As a whole, it must enhance Allegheny's educational, experiential or environmental well-being.

In preparing for many successful proposals which have to meet the criteria of the strategies, President Cook said, "We looked at the budget as a whole and purposely, through the reorganization, freed up funds to put into the new initiatives."

The New Century strategies will focus development on these key issues as well as enhance Allegheny's commitment to the liberal art education.

The first core strategy of New Century Connections is connecting with multiple intellectual perspectives. According to Blaguszewski this strategy "is committed to strengthen the liberal arts education and maintain and enhance the tradition" of Allegheny.

Next is connecting with faculty mentors, which will encourage closer educational relationships between the faculty and students in order to maximize the effectiveness a teacher can offer a student. The third core strategy is connecting with personal goals. This strategy will enable students to make informed choices regarding education. "The world changes so much," said Blaguszewski, "you need to be able to think and solve problems."

Another strategy is connecting the classroom with the world, where Allegheny hopes to incorporate experiential learning into the liberal arts education. Another initiative

meeting the criteria of New Century Connections, is the newly established Allegheny College Center for Experiential Learning (ACCEL).

ACCEL was formed from Career Services, Off-Campus Study and the Office of Community Service to allow students to explore other options relating to their specific course of study.

"The value of a liberal arts education and what New Century Connections is trying to achieve," said Blaguszewski, "is to be able to draw connections to the outside world."

Cook pointed out that many companies will not consider a college graduate unless s/he has some experience and also stressed the importance of a link between scholarly and practical pursuits.

"One of the alumni said that his company doesn't look at students coming out of college unless they

have an internship," Cook said. "In addition, an internship can make you want to learn more in class and offers the chance to put theoretical knowledge to practical use."

In addition to the advancement of Allegheny's education, technology is another strategy of New Century Connections—connecting with the information age. Part of the strategy is to utilize the internet and interactive learning with the classroom, allowing important skills to be learned.

Finally, connecting with the college's history and location is the last core strategy. Allegheny is full of rich history and beauty and part of this strategy is to preserve it. By restoring and expanding the campus, this strategy will lead the way to helping Allegheny maintain the stimulating atmosphere for which the college is known.

Last year, an outside consultant assessed the physical condition of the campus and gave an estimate of \$37 million. Cook said that it is obviously not within the power of the college to undertake a project of that magnitude, but that the improvements will be spread across the next several years.

Both Blaguszewski and Cook believe New Century Connections is well on its way in demanding more out of Allegheny for the benefit of the students. "This place is about students and opportunities," said Blaguszewski.

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Parking situation tight for student drivers

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Last week, upon reaching their cars parked in the lots across from Brooks Hall, some students received a little yellow surprise—a parking ticket.

"I got a ticket before they even had a sign up to say who the parking lot was for," said junior Jill Muchnig. "I found out later that all they had for notice of the change was a little sign put up in the Office of Security—like I was going to see that unless I go there every day. It would have been nice if they had put the notice where it would be easy from everyone to see."

According to the security policies printed in *The Compass*, "It will be the responsibility of the Office of Security to advise the college community of any changes in the

[Traffic Code Handbook]." Security officials claim that the sign in the Office of Security fulfills this requirement.

On-campus parking was modified with the redesignation of parking spaces in Lots 15 and 16, which are located across the street from Brooks Hall. Lot 16 formerly contained "S" (student) and "Q" (faculty and administrators) parking. As of September 17, Lot 16 was converted to "Q" parking only, while Lot 15 was designated for "S" parking. In addition, four spots were added behind Maws Paws.

According to Director of Security Anthony Sabruno, the changes in parking were based on recommendations suggested by a traffic study.

"These changes were included in a 1996 traffic study which concluded that Allegheny College did not offer a sufficient amount of parking," Sabruno said. "To comply with the suggestions, the college set a goal of one thousand spaces by the 1998-99 academic year. At the beginning of this year, we had created 939 of the 1000 new parking spaces."

According to Sabruno, 530 of the spaces are designated for "S" parking while 409 are designated as "Q" parking. Allegheny employs between 450 and 500 faculty, staff and administrators. Among the student body, 110 first-year students have purchased a parking permit while 270 upper-classmen have done the same. Although the numbers suggest an abundance of parking, student sentiments reflect otherwise.

"Students have no parking," said sophomore Melissa Malacki. "I feel that because we pay \$25 at the beginning of the year for a sticker, we should be able to park wherever we want on campus. And besides, the parking lots are not clearly marked."

Junior Sara Stevens, who transferred from the University of Connecticut, agreed with Malacki. "The

only thing worse than the parking is the food."

According to Sabruno, many suggestions have been offered for the parking problem, but few are feasible. One major problem is the physical appearance of the college's campus.

"There's a little bit of aesthetics involved," Sabruno said. "It would change the environment that people are used to."

Security is also faced with enforcing parking violations. Currently, tickets are issued for naughty parkers. However, Sabruno said that the options available are plentiful, including ticketing, towing and "boots" which are placed on the tires of habitual offenders. On Wednesday, Sept. 23 alone, 137 tickets were issued to students and faculty.

In the past, first-year students were not permitted to hold parking permits. This year, however, the policy was altered. The decision was a result of the Traffic Appeals Committee in the fall of 1997. "Many freshman athletes were having trouble finding transportation to and from Robertson Field," Sabruno said.

Section 302 was added to Article III—Registration of Vehicles of the Allegheny Traffic Code, allowing first-year students to "maintain and register a motor vehicle on campus." The rest of the code is similar to the code for upper-classmen. "[F]reshman students must register their vehicle with security and are permitted to drive the vehicle on campus and park in any student lot."

Many students, however, are still disgruntled with the availability of parking.

"It sucks," freshman Pamela Kidd said. "It was hard enough finding a parking spot before. Now where is everyone supposed to go?"

Role of college guide books downplayed

By ALLISON HALEY
News Reporter

Recently the 1999 *Fiske Guide to Colleges* was released. This publication is one of the numerous reports released each year which give short narratives of colleges and universities, highlighting both positive and negative qualities. Such reports are often used by prospective college students when deciding which college to attend.

According to Ed Blaguszewski, director of public information, it is too early to gauge the effect of the 1999 edition of the *Fiske Report*. The *Fiske Guide* is the only guide current enough to include the recent structural and curricular changes at Allegheny. Other reports, such as *U.S. News and World Report* and *Rugg's* are based on information which is two or three years old.

However, Blaguszewski said he

does not see the various guides as a major factor in the college search. "Guides are a small influence and only a starting point," Blaguszewski said. In lieu of such outdated information, Blaguszewski asserts the importance of other tools such as the Internet and Allegheny's web site.

"Allegheny's web site is a priority in conveying to the public the present changes occurring at the college," Blaguszewski said. Advocating these changes may prove to be a decisive factor for Allegheny's prospective student rate in the future, he added.

Director of Admissions Megan Murphy concurred with Blaguszewski. She stresses the role that new programs such as Allegheny College Center for Experiential Learning (ACCEL) will be key in drawing students in the future, and that publicizing these changes will prove beneficial.

"ACCEL is going to have a powerful impact on our recruiting process," Murphy said.

Currently, the college's web page is undergoing a major renovation. Husky Labs of Shepardsstown, W.V., has been hired to create a new design.

The site will emphasize easy navigation, improved graphic presentation and new technologies which will promote interactivity with key audiences, timely updates and ease of maintenance. Husky has created web sites for a number of clients, including National Public Radio, The National Aquarium in Baltimore, Loyola College (Md.) and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The current site will remain online until the new site is completed. When the redesign is complete, the new page will assume the current web page's address.

Summer as submission writer gives Allegheny senior valuable experience

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writing. O'Brien finally did exit the building and talked with Hong for about ten minutes passing, along some advice.

O'Brien told him that if he really wanted to learn how to write, the internship may not be the best option. Since an internship at the show would most likely include getting coffee and holding cue cards, Hong would not have the opportunity to do much that would challenge his creative skills.

Conan's fatherly guidance brought Hong to a definite conclusion. He knew that if he really desired to write, he merely had to go out and do it—he had to become a writer.

Hong considers his summer as a submission writer an accomplishment. Most submission writers work full-time and support a family with their income. Many have also graduated from college and are older than Hong—in their 30s through 60s.

In fact, when he first started, the writers were not even aware Hong was still in college and only 21 years old. However, according to agent Sid Buck, this in no way hindered his job performance.

"[W]hat distinguishes him [Hong] from other writers is the fact that he is so far ahead of the game," Buck said. "He knows, at 21, what writers in the industry aren't supposed to learn until their mid-30s."

Despite his apparent maturity, Hong still considers inexperience a major obstacle yet to be overcome.

"Sometimes I got frustrated with

my lack of experience," said Hong. "But then I realized I had two choices: to dwell on this frustration; or suck it up and write funny stuff. I chose the latter."

Jon Groff, head writer of "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," acknowledged the role Hong's age played in his comedic angle.

"I think youthfulness is his primary weakness and strength," Groff said. "He is very young, but extremely in touch with popular culture, which 'Late Night' frequently mocks. We like his material—now he needs to show consistency."

After finals and a week's vacation with his parents, Hong left his Pittsburgh home to take his new job in New York City. Because this process occurred so suddenly and he needed to start writing immediately, Hong moved to New York without a place to live. Fortunately, a friend set him up with a roommate where he lived for two months.

The next two months, Hong stayed in a Phi Gamma Delta house at Columbia University with fellow Allegheny senior Brendon Bates. Bates was participating in an acting workshop in New York.

Hong admits that it was good Bates was there with him. Bates would read over Hong's writing and give feedback. In addition, Bates and Hong would spend time going to plays, including the one-man performance entitled "Freak," starring John Leguizamo, walking around the city or performing their daily work-outs. Free time varied, however, because Hong did not work only Mondays through Fridays.

This job was not a nine-to-five affair. Hong and his agent set up a quota—he would complete a certain amount of comedy sketches in a particular time period. Each sketch was around four to six pages and five to seven minutes long.

Since the job was not steady, the hours Hong devoted to writing varied. Sometimes he would spend an entire day writing sketches, while other days he would write little, if anything.

"Gene's determination stands out more than anything," Buck said. "I gave him a deadline once of submitting five new scripts to me within the week. Agents are supposed to say five scripts if we mean three in order for the talent to produce. Gene turned in seven scripts a day early, threw them on my desk, then started doing some sort of Mexican dance."

While living and working in New York City, Hong said he had the chance to do some interesting things and meet some famous people. In addition to O'Brien, with whom he talked about five times, and other writers and producers, he was able to meet some of the guests.

Some celebrities who stuck out in his mind were Scott Wolfe from FOX's "Party of Five." Hong met him in the elevator and addressed him by his character's name, "Hey Bailey!" Hong also met Salma Hayek from "Fools Rush In," on whom he admits having a crush.

Presently, Gehe is back at Allegheny finishing his senior year and concentrating on classes and senior comprehensive project. Although

he is involved with Allegheny Christian Outreach, serves as captain of the Club Rugby team, volunteers at the First Presbyterian Church and emcees many college events, including last week's "Greek Sing." Hong continues to submit writing for "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." He writes about four sketches every six weeks.

Hong said he believes this job taught him much about the writing field.

"Important characteristics that I learned this summer were patience and persistence after rejection—which most writers face," he said.

In addition to writing for "Late Night," Hong also writes for other shows. He is working on sketches for Galavision's (an urban minority network) show, "Urban Saturday Night Live." He is creating and writing pilots for a sitcom. Hong is also writing sketches and skits for

"Kaos," a Christian variety show, for weekend camps with the Pittsburgh Youth Network, and skits for elementary school children at his home church in Wexford.

His experience and interest in comedy writing also will be incorporated in his comp. Although he is an environmental science major, Hong will combine comedy with environmental science. He plans to write and perform a comedy sketch play. There will be a sequence of different comedy sketches, each with an environmental theme. The performance is scheduled for early next semester.

After graduation, Hong intends to take a vacation then move back to New York in June. He will continue as a submission writer and possibly write and act for "Urban Saturday Night Live," which airs March 1999.

March urges Congress to focus on people, not "soap-opera"

WASHINGTON (AP)—Deidre Grant came to the nation's first march on cancer Saturday because she, like thousands of others rallying on the National Mall, wants to make sure the disease that kills more than a half-million Americans a year is not left behind in the fierce competition for research money.

"People are desperate," said Mrs. Grant of Islip, N.Y., who wore a T-shirt bearing a picture of her husband, who died recently of pancreatic cancer. "People are mobilizing for one united effort, like the approach they have for muscular dystrophy."

More than a quarter-century after President Nixon declared war on cancer, the rally celebrated survivors of cancer, honored its victims and pushed for money to finally defeat the disease.

"We have established a beachhead," said Sen. Tom Harkin, an Iowa Democrat who's had several siblings battle the disease. "Now we have to take the Hill."

Harkin, who appeared with Republican cancer survivor Sen. Connie Mack of Florida, motioned behind him toward the Capitol, adding: "That Hill."

President Clinton has proposed a 65 percent increase in cancer research money over five years. Congressional budget plans would boost cancer research spending, now at \$2.4 billion, by up to 20 percent for next year.

The daylong event was part political rally, part pop festival and part spiritual revival.

Singers David Crosby and Graham Nash sang several standards from the late 1960s, and Aretha Franklin started toes tapping with a few numbers of her own.

Several in attendance found the event's celebratory nature cathartic.

Cathee Connor of Miami, a can-

cer survivor and health counselor, said her mother never mentioned the name of her own disease before she died of cancer.

"Cancer is not something to be afraid of," Connor said. "It's something to be dealt with."

Political leaders delivered that message.

"We want to be the generation that wins the war on cancer," Vice President Al Gore told the crowd, getting enthusiastic applause during the rally that also featured appearances by prostate cancer survivors Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, honorary chairman of the event, and Michael Milken, whose family foundation is providing much of the funding.

"Some people still say it is impossible to find a cure for cancer," Gore said. "A hundred years ago, people said exactly the same thing about smallpox."

Cancer's annual death toll in the United States is second only to heart disease. The American Cancer Society estimates 564,800 Americans will die of cancer this year, and 1.2 million new cases will be diagnosed.

Wanting to give cancer a more prominent place in the line for federal research aid, some rally participants noted the successes won by AIDS activists who united to push for action against that deadly disease—they've gained seats on research advisory boards and billions of dollars from Congress.

Taking a page from the book of AIDS activists—the AIDS quilt on which each panel honors victims of that disease—the cancer rally featured a new quilt that recognized children with cancer. The idea came from Tracey Clark of Columbia, Md., whose 5-year-old daughter Morgan battled leukemia.

Students fear alcohol crackdown on campus

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furnishing alcohol to minors are covered under two portions of Pennsylvania state law—the liquor code and the crimes code. These crimes are considered misdemeanors. For a first offense, the liquor code lists a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or imprisonment not less than three months; the criminal code lists "a person convicted . . . may pay a fine not less than \$1,000 and a fine of \$2,500 for each subsequent violation."

According to Sabruno, penalties for underage drinking are relatively light.

"In Pennsylvania, it's a summary offense, but for other states such as Florida, it's a misdemeanor which goes on your permanent record. A summary offense is like a traffic ticket," Sabruno said.

Despite the leniency of the penal-

ties, Sabruno said he hopes students will take these issues seriously and consider them after the period of intense enforcement.

"Students generally tighten up when they are aware that people are watching," Sabruno said. "But then things go back to the old way afterwards. I think it's something that needs to be taken care of before we have a tragedy. We've been lucky so far."

Many students reflect the need for caution, but believe that the LCE's presence may be excessive.

"You can't have a party with your friends over and have some friends who aren't 21," Focer said. "If [the LCE] come in, and they see alcohol, they automatically assume that the people under 21 are drinking."

Focer said this attitude was evi-

dent in her encounter with the LCE.

"Not everyone does drink," she said. "They don't have to assume that. It seemed that they were assuming that I was buying alcohol for [my underage friends]."

With homecoming quickly approaching, Sabruno is certain the LCE will keep an eye on student alcohol consumption.

"We have been more aggressive and we're probably going to pick that up a notch," said Schau. "That may mean patrolling around campus areas and looking for students with open containers." Schau added, "If there's any type of monetary consideration, that's a misdemeanor. If you get arrested, you get fingerprinted and photographed. You'll have this on your criminal history."

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Perspectives

EDITORIAL

Promises made, policies broken

Over the summer, a number of improvements benefited the overall appearance of the campus, adding many dimensions which in the long run will benefit students. One of the noticeable changes was the paving of some of the parking lots around campus, such as the lot across from Brooks Hall. And while we appreciate pretty black parking lots that don't tear apart our cars, we do have one small complaint—we need more.

Currently, a student parking permit cost \$25 dollars for the entire year. Compared to larger state schools such as Towson State in Maryland (which charges \$90) per year, this fee is not terribly crippling. However, a parking pass fails to be of any worth to a student when s/he has to park halfway down North Main or somewhere at the bottom of Highland. The situation is exacerbated when parking, which was formerly open to students, is rescinded. As part of the parking contract, students initially were allowed to park on the lot across from Brooks.

A majority of the women on campus live in Brooks, and a residence hall of such size requires some parking for students. Ravine Hall has its own lot, as do Edwards Hall, Crawford Hall, South Highland Hall and College Court. However, after repaving, the lot was limited to faculty and administrative parking only—not only a major inconvenience but a violation of contract. The original contract stated that students would be allowed to park on this lot. Now, however, it seems that contract is irrelevant. In addition, students who parked their cars on the lot the day the transition occurred were ticketed.

Obviously, the amount of parking space on campus is limited and acquiring land for parking is an admittedly difficult task. However, it stands to reason that a contract is a contract, and that if it were deemed necessary to change the parking lot, it could have waited until the contract expired. Parking is tight—for students as well as faculty members and administrators. That does not, however, justify a breach in contract.

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Letters to the Editor

Unbalanced judgments

It is just too easy to put the blame on women. The Clinton/Lewinsky scandal is just another example of what people have been doing for years. Heather Southwell's editorial "Issue of blame suggests misogynistic tendencies" gives readers a completely different angle on the White House scandal. It also brings our attention to a very important point: society is being excessively cruel to Monica Lewinsky and is forgetting that Clinton is just as dirty and guilty as she is.

Shaughna Loncar

Lewinsky. He lied under oath in the

The poll that states that only five percent of Americans hold a favorable view of Lewinsky and that Clinton's ratings have been unaffected further supports the idea that the nation's judgment is deranged. Both Lewinsky and Clinton were major players in this affair. However, Lewinsky has been labeled the "home-wrecking bimbo." I personally find Clinton an embarrassing disgrace to our nation.

Therefore, I just can't understand why people don't have the same intense feelings about Clinton as they do about Lewinsky. Clinton, the president of the United States, had an affair with the 25-year-old intern, Paula Jones case, he lied to the nation and he lied again before a grand jury. He also used his power to obstruct justice. And let's not forget

how he made the term "oral sex" a part of United States history.

I agree with Southwell that people are making unbalanced judgments about this scandal and are neglecting to realize that both Clinton and Lewinsky are to blame. People are taking the easy way out and pointing fingers at the woman, as they have done for years. It is only fair that if we are able to give Lewinsky a shameful label, we definitely can think of one for our president.

Shaughna Loncar is a member of the class of '02.

Keep it private

Concerning the Perspectives column "Issue of blame suggests misogynistic tendencies," I find myself in agreement with Heather Southwell's opinions on how the woman is always perceived as being at fault. If consent is given by both parties, why is Ms. Lewinsky to blame for President Clinton's actions?

Michele P. Sabo

Furthermore, I believe that the "scandal" at hand involving Clinton and Lewinsky should be dealt with privately, in the same manner as any other extramarital affair would be handled. Regardless of whether Clinton is the president of the

United States or not, his personal affairs should remain so.

The question is of whether Clinton will be hindered to rule as commander-in-chief of our government due to his sexual exploitations is ridiculous. His rulings and decisions of war and foreign policy are in no way related to whom he decides to "fondle with a cigar."

Our country depends on the president's academic background and scholarly intellect rather than his morals, religious beliefs and views on adultery. Clinton did not gain his reputation or candidacy as president based on his previous personal choices. If that were the case, when the issue of the inhalation of marijuana arose, impeachment and/or re-election would have been taken into consideration.

As a final comment, I believe that Lewinsky in no way is to

blame. Possibly, the accusations professed in court were brought to our attention by Starr due to his avid hatred towards Clinton or because Lewinsky did not gain the position which her internship guaranteed. Be it an act of defeat or one of resentment, reputations will be ruined on account of a mistake which two people who, remind you, are human, have made. The person I pity is Chelsea Clinton. A college student has enough to stress over, let alone having to deal with the heckling and international publicity of her father's alleged private liaisons.

Michele P. Sabo is a member of the class of '01.

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Campus thieves stuck with junk

This is a story about my friend. Last year, he spent most of his time in the living room of my house, calmly watching over everyone who passed through. Until recently, he lived on my front porch, partaking of the same activity. Now he's gone.

Gail Giewont

It's not as though you're ever going to see his picture on the back of a milk carton. With a face like that attached to the milk, the dairy folks would never sell any. You see, my friend is unique. He's made of plaster. Even so, he's served a special purpose in my life, which I will explain so that those who read this column will understand the depth of my grief.

He was given to me by a friend as I was leaving for college, with the idea that I could use him as decoration and terrify my visitors. This was probably effective, since he wasn't exactly the epitome of fine art. His torso is about three times too large for the rest of him, and his body parts had a disturbing tendency to become slightly detached. Plus, he's entirely white; it's hard to tell even if he's facing forwards or backwards. It's pretty disconcerting, really.

Last year, during his stay in the living room of the Literary Awareness House, he became sort of a house mascot. Whenever people left objects at the house, he would immediately inherit them. I guarantee he was the only plaster person in Meadville who looked that good in sunglasses. It is this type of thing that makes his loss so wrenching. Where am I going to put random objects this year? I could get a coat rack, but it just wouldn't be the same.

This year my housemates and I decided to move him onto the front porch. We simply couldn't locate an appropriate place to store him. Plus he's pretty frightening, and we couldn't pass up an opportunity to share this terror with the world. We propped him up against the porch railing so he could continue his mission of watching people. Or, he would have, if he had any eyes.

Then, one Sunday morning, he just wasn't there anymore. I think at the very least there could have been an exchange. A plaster person for something similarly useful, like a used tea bag or an old shoe insole. But no, we were left with nothing but an empty spot on our porch where he used to lean.

There are people on this campus who know, at least vaguely, where he is; information has leaked back to me. He's in somebody's room somewhere, bereft and alone. In the end, it's probably a good thing that I don't know where he's been taken. I really don't want to know what kind of person would want to own a plaster person. If he hadn't been given to me as a gift, I certainly wouldn't have. Quite frankly, the thing is hideous. The only intriguing part about him is that I've never found anything that makes people so universally uneasy. This makes him undoubtedly irreplaceable.

When I told my mother the plaster person had been stolen, her response was one of intense relief. She hated the plaster person and had always been rather vocal about this. Whoever stole him made her day; she could hardly express her joy.

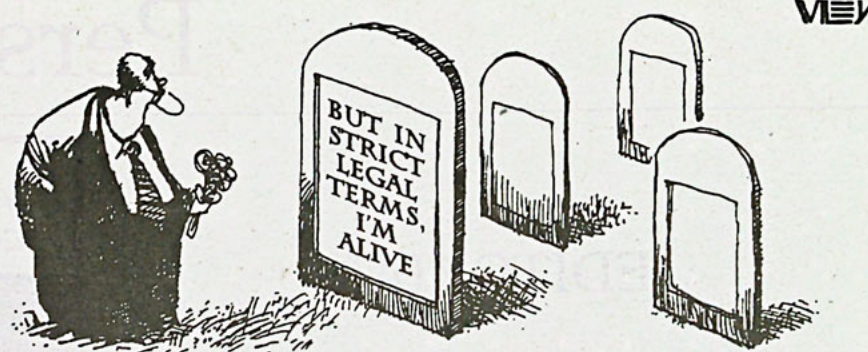
So to the pathetic vandal who stole the plaster person, I say thank you. My mother says thank you. My housemates say thank you. Now you're stuck with him.

Gail Giewont is a columnist for The Campus.

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The point is this: alcohol policy makes sober sense

I wanted to write a column for the paper. There is nothing like newsprint to get a point across. Here they are, my words. I can say anything and it has the chance of being edited out. All right, here is the first thing I need to say: Bill Clinton, Monica Lewinsky and Ken Starr. GO AWAY!

Michael Hinzman

We don't care about you anymore. We want to know about Bill selling us out to the Chinese or the European community slowly starting to tilt the economy in your favor. We don't want to know about the intern. Sex scandal: good book,

bad news. That's better.

Now! On to the more important things. Let's deal with this alcohol "policy" for a tad here, shall we? I don't really see this as a policy so much as just common sense. I can't believe people are so up in arms about this. Let's take an example.

A resident advisor walks into a room. Let's call the RA "Roger." The room is owned by two guys named Bucky and Howard. Bucky and Howard are sitting on their beds playing Hockey on the Playstation. Roger walks in and sees (Oh, God forbid!) an alcohol bottle on the windowsill. Roger says to the two, "My, what an interesting decoration you have there."

Bucky replies, Why thank you, we dr—I mean, we put it there for

the sole purpose of decoration because it was given to us by a person of the legal drinking age."

Hmm. Now, if one had never consumed that alcohol, what would be the purpose of putting the bottle in one's room? That's not my bottle. Mine is in the recycle bin down the hall. Well, good for you little Johnny. I'm glad you're saving the Earth while preserving your liver.

I appreciate the flow of the McDonald's icon; but I'm not plastering my walls with the boxes and paper wrappers from Mickey-D's, ya know what I'm saying?

Michael Hinzman is a columnist for The Campus.



Cool European Car Chases + Criminals + DeNiro = "Ronin"

By BOB BRITTEN
Arts & Living Writer

See "Ronin" for the cars. If there is one statement that sums up what's cool about this flick, that's it. This movie has some fabulous car chase scenes involving professional criminals tearing around in nicely tricked-out European automobiles. I wish I'd seen it at Tinseltown, if only to have experienced the engines purring in DTS.

Oh, and Robert DeNiro's in it, too.

Movie Review

Perhaps that's a bit too pat of a description, but it needed to be said.

The film is brought to you under the direction of John Frankenheimer, whose body of work includes "The Burning Season" and "The Island of Dr. Moreau" (don't hate him for that; we all make mistakes). He's also the man behind the "Tales from the Crypt" series, so you can expect a quality family film.

DeNiro heads up a surprisingly well-known cast. Surprising because the poster for the film reads "DeNiro... 'RONIN'" with a close-up of his face.

But there are several familiar faces, including French star Jean Reno, who you'd know from "Mission: Impossible," and Jonathan Pryce (of "Tomorrow Never Dies" and "Evita") as the essential criminal mastermind.

Relatively new to the screen is Natascha McElhone, who plays Pryce's strong right hand and does a really good Jane Seymour impersonation. Fooled me, anyway.

DeNiro plays Sam, a professional criminal, although to be honest I'm not sure what particular branch of criminality he belongs to. Sam is hired; along with various criminals, to recover a box (a term, in this kind of movie, that is interchangeable with chip, disk, transcript, file, or stuffed moosehead, in the sense that what's really important isn't the object itself, but the efforts to recover it).

Sam is in the service of an as-yet unknown employer (Pryce), the liaison to whom is provided by Dierdre (McElhone). The box is coveted by Russia, Ireland and probably a few other countries, so it is something less than a cakewalk for our heroes to get hold of it.

Sam, the elder statesman of the group, spends most of the movie spotting clever traps planted by the opposition and citing the various

rules that "they" teach you. Shootouts ensue, friends betray friends, cars chase other cars—basically a lot of people are less than polite to each other.

How about cheap thrills? Not to worry, honey; we've got those too. One car chase in particular involves the categorical destruction of (in chronological order) a fruit stand, a fishmonger, a sidewalk marketplace and a cozy little outdoor bistro.

Also worthy of note are DeNiro surgically removing a bullet from himself (in breathtaking color!) and an ice skater—Katarina Witt, to be specific—taking a gut shot from a sniper.

And people say there's nothing good at the theater anymore.

It's interesting that Reno was chosen for a supporting role, because the film is actually quite a lot like "Mission: Impossible." Lose all the cool gadgets, put in some nifty cars and swap Cruise for DeNiro, and basically you've got the same movie. Not that that's a terrible thing—it's just not very new.

There are some nitpicky little details that should be mentioned, however. One of the most noticeable is the film's habit of creating intricate little objects and nuances that mean absolutely nothing.

In one scene, Sam "accidentally" knocks a coffee cup off a table and

Gregor (Stellan Skarsgard) catches it, displaying amazingly quick reflexes, which Sam comments on. "Hmm," we think.

This comes heavily into play later on, when Sam presses a gun into Gregor's back and says, "Even your reflexes won't save you now." It's a good thing we were given that earlier scene, or we might not have been able to draw this conclusion for ourselves. At no other point in the film does Gregor's catlike quickness come up.

Another example comes at the end—several supposedly dead or severely wounded characters pop up to save the day. This is a fine trick to use to catch the audience unaware, but reviving more than three of these supposed ex-characters at varying intervals during the last 10 minutes of the show, each at a key point when nothing could possibly go wrong, makes things a little strained.

If you REALLY want to get picky, my co-viewer Jess brought up an interesting point. Every single getaway car used by the group was an import. This wasn't so astounding until she informed me that French tariff rates are so high that imported cars are extremely rare, meaning that using an Audi as a getaway car would make you stick out like a sore thumb.

See movies with an economics major, learn about life.

These small slips are frustrating in this film because otherwise it seems to be of a higher caliber than the average crime-adventure-thriller flick. We expect more from it and so are disappointed by the use of less-than-original plot devices in the climactic finale.

Miscellaneous gripes aside, I enjoyed "Ronin." While fairly clichéd, it still puts a decent amount of originality into the story. The cinematography is very attractive—sometimes the French cityscape is as much on display as the actors and it's shot quite nicely.

I'd say that \$3.75 is an acceptable price to pay for this one. If you liked "Mission: Impossible," are a DeNiro fan and are capable of the occasional willing suspension of disbelief, you'll be fine.

"Don't Drink the Water," buy the CD

By HEIDI WALSH
Arts & Living Writer

Dave Matthews Band's latest release, *Before These Crowded Streets*, answers many questions. Questions like, "Can Dave Matthews Band put together an entire album of new songs after six years of including previously-unheard work on their albums?" and "How does a rock band keep a banjo from sounding like Hee-Haw?" And, of course, the most puzzling question, "Where has Alanis Morissette been hiding for the past three years?"

Music Review

Well, the answer to the first of these questions is a resounding "yes." With two chart-topping hits, "Don't Drink The Water" and "Stay," DMB has earned its place among the great rock bands of the decade without resorting to the common techniques of stardom.

Instead of using an electric guitar, bass guitar and drum set, the band chose to use a horn section and fiddle, along with guitar and drums, to give DMB its unique sound. These basic elements combined with Dave Matthews' rare vocal quality, haunting string arrangements and a Middle Eastern influence makes *Before These Crowded Streets* the band's most progressive and inventive album yet.

This album also proves that the banjo has come a long way since "The Beverly Hillbillies" and "Hee Haw." The banjo appears in "Don't Drink the Water"—giving it a very "Lord of the Flies" feel—and also in "The Last Stop" and "Spoon."

"The Last Stop" combines the banjo and the fiddle (another "Hee Haw" instrument), resulting in what sounds like an eerie anthem of the Middle East.

And now the answer for which you've all been waiting. You know that high-pitched wailing in the background of "Don't Drink the Water"? Yep, that's Alanis Morissette herself, out of hiding after the mega-success of her debut album to do backup vocals for DMB.

Why, you ask? My guess is that she ran out of her own material sometime around 1996 and finally decided that she had to make some fast cash—"Uninvited" aside, she hasn't been up to much lately.

But the Dave Matthews Band did make a wise choice; Morissette's contributions to "Don't Drink the Water" and "Spoon" are well-arranged and, surprisingly, not overwhelming.

Before These Crowded Streets gives fans yet another great collection of songs that will hold its place in the annals of pop music. But these songs are more than just average pop. Using creative songwriting and arrangement, Dave Matthews Band has successfully proven that its striking style of music indeed can stand the test of time.

ASG UPDATE

The College Judicial Board will make members of the Honor Committee the only students exempt from participating on the board. Formerly the ASG president, vice president and cabinet members were also exempt.

The Administrative Executive Council is re-examining the reason for the cutbacks in library hours. Pending research, a proposal submitted to extend library hours will be implemented.

A proposal to make Latin honor requirements more stringent has been passed by the student portion of the Academic Standards and Awards Committee. If passed by the faculty, cum laude requirements would be increased from a 3.3 grade point average to a 3.5. Magna cum laude would require a 3.7 and summa cum laude a 3.9 GPA. A proposal also is on the floor to move the credit/no credit deadline up to the add/drop deadline.

Three trips to local colleges and universities are scheduled this October to gather information for a proposal of Marriott improvements. The ASG attorney general is researching the existence of a Pennsylvania Cable Act to shed light on the legality of Armstrong Cable's activities.

"... You think I'm finished"

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While speakers like Newman are paving the road to a more accepting future, there is a lot of ground to cover.

Perhaps more of that ground will be covered at Allegheny with the help of organizations like those that sponsored Newman's lecture: Women's Studies department, Dean of the College, Dean of Students, Campus Ministry, Residence Life, Counseling Center, Office of Diversity Affairs, Student Activities and Committee of

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Persons.

My only negative criticism of Monday's lecture is Newman's delivery. While she had a very important message, much of its effect was lost in her style. Instead of possessing the exuberance I and others had seen both at a lunch time meeting and at a coffeehouse gathering earlier in the day, Newman relied heavily upon her notes, losing eye contact and connection with her audience frequently throughout her lecture.

In the words of Communication

Arts Instructor James Strickler, "Having something to say isn't enough. You have to know how to say it." Newman had a lot to say, and perhaps she knew how to say it, but that didn't seem evident Monday night.

In spite of those difficulties, there are important lessons to be taken from Newman's lecture. Perhaps most important is that we all have a right to exist, to hold our own beliefs and to love who and how we please. While we may not agree with one another, a little respect goes a long way.

Overlapping contracts result in higher long-distance costs for Allegheny

By LEAH LUBIN
News Reporter

Students making long-distance phone calls through the college's providers found a little surprise on their phone bills. Long-distance phone calls made through the campus telephone system costs the dialer 23 cents per minute.

The rate is the result of an overlap of telephone contracts. Before this year, Allegheny relied on Student Telephone Services (STS) for billing. The actual long-distance provider was MCI, according to Randy Freebourne, assistant vice-president of administrative services.

"When a person picked up the telephone to dial a long-distance number, the call went to one of two T-1 trunklines which ran from the college to the long-distance provider, MCI," Freebourne said. "The billing information went to STS and they would bill the student 23 cents per minute for a long-distance domestic phone call. All that billing would be handled by them rather than through the college."

Allegheny and STS had a five-year contract, initiated in 1994. As a result of the contract, the college could not switch long-distance companies despite a number of problems with the STS service. According to Freebourne, fluctuating rates and poor customer service were among the most common complaints. Marcie Coward, campus telephone coordinator, said it was not unlikely

for students to be alarmed by outrageous bills.

Additionally, Coward said the personal identification numbers (PIN) presented some confusion. In addition to PIN numbers issued, students who were issued cards before 1997 had a different PIN number on that card. Students could use this number, but a 75 cent surcharge was added, in addition to the 23 cent standard rate. Thus a 75 cent charge existed before the call was made.

Another issue Coward pointed out was customer service. Requests for bill statements were taken by a machine, which only reported calls between set dates and hours. Some students, unaware of their balance with the phone company, lost long-distance service because they exceeded the \$100 limit. As a result, the decision was made to find another provider.

A committee consisting of administrators, faculty and students met in fall 1997 to discuss the future of Allegheny's long-distance service. The committee concluded that because Allegheny's contract with STS expired in 1999, and the college had already experienced problems with service, a replacement was necessary.

Although Alltel was the logical replacement, the committee checked other options as well. The committee weighed options through a request for proposal.

"The committee sent out a request for proposal to somewhere

between six and eight different providers," Freebourne said. "The service we were for was an integrated telephone, cable and internet access along with the capability for a campus line network. This is a large project, and very few firms do all that work independently."

After reviewing all of the proposals, the committee recommended that the college switch from STS to Alltel. The Board of Trustees unanimously agreed.

Alltel's proposal, according to Freebourne, was distinctive because it offered a complete package. The partnership of Alltel, Precom and Campus Televideo agreed to provide an entire package. Alltel covered the long-distance, while Precom and Campus Televideo service internet and cable, respectively.

According to Freebourne, it is a common misperception that students are paying more this year. Students are paying the same price—23 cents per minute—as with STS. However, this year the 23 cents covers both the contract with Alltel and STS.

"When you pay 23 cents a minute you are not paying a supplemental fee," Freebourne said. "What is happening is that you are paying the college 23 cents a minute. The college then pays Alltel their share and STS their share."

Freebourne notes that next year Allegheny will have a greater degree of freedom in negotiating prices with Alltel. Currently the college draws no profit from the long-dis-

tance contract.

According to Coward and Freebourne, one major advantage of the revamped billing procedures is that bills no longer need to be sent out of state. Previously, a check was sent out to Arizona to cover the billing. Now, billing is processed on-campus. Coward said the billing details are not standardized yet, but the billing period ends on the seventh of each month. The target date for bills

is the tenth of the month. The bills are then due at the end of the month.

Director of Residence Life Allan Blattner said that while the transfer of long-distance providers will inconvenience some students, the situation will become easier with time.

"Change is hard," Blattner said. "It's no picnic. When things settle down, everything will be less foreign and more comfortable for everyone."

Sex offenders in Ohio held retroactively to Megan's Law

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Sexual predators can be required to register with the county sheriff even if they committed the crime before the law went into effect, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The 7-0 decision reverses a ruling last year by the 3rd Ohio District Court of Appeals in Lima.

The Supreme Court said the law, often called Megan's Law, does not violate the Ohio Constitution even though it was applied to a man whose conduct had occurred before the law went into effect in 1997.

The decision means that the law can be enforced in all 88 Ohio counties, Attorney General Betty Montgomery said Wednesday.

"This is a very strong statement that the law is constitutional and should be going into effect in all counties," Montgomery said.

Since the Aug. 7, 1997, ruling in the Allen County case, sex offenders convicted before the law took effect were not required to register in the 17 counties of the appellate district. The counties are Allen, Auglaize, Crawford, Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Marion, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Seneca, Shelby, Union, Van Wert and Wyandot.

Judges in other counties, including Lake, Portage and Franklin, made rulings to the appellate court finding.

"That adds a little more sweetness to the victory in that we had to defend against a decision in the court of appeals that ruled it to be unconstitutional in a significant portion of the state," Montgomery said.

The law, modeled after a New Jersey law, requires sheriffs to notify neighbors, area schools and day-care centers when a sexual predator moves into a community. It defines a sexual predator as someone who has been convicted of a sex crime and who is likely to be a repeat offender.

The case heard by the Supreme Court involved Tony Cook, who was indicted Nov. 14, 1996, on two counts of gross sexual imposition based on allegations that he was involved with two girls under the age of 13 during June 1996. Cook pleaded guilty to one count and the other count was dismissed.

On Feb. 14, 1997, the trial court found Cook to be a sexual predator. He appealed the decision.

The appellate court ruled that the notification requirement could not apply to anyone who committed an offense before July 1, 1997, when key provisions of the law took effect.

In her appeal to the Supreme Court, Montgomery argued that the law was not retroactive because it is not punishment. It is "designed to prevent future criminal activity and ensure public safety," she wrote.

Cook's attorney, Brian Fisher of Lima, said he would have to consult with Cook before determining whether to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Arts & Living

Just because they said 'no...'

By KRISTY L. WHISKER
Assistant Arts & Living Editor

Of all the words spoken by controversial children's book author Leslea Newman Monday night in Ford Chapel, none symbolize her work more than those her grandmother often shared with her "Just because they said 'no' to me, do you think I'm finished?"

Lecture Review

Many publishers—50 to be exact—said 'no' to Newman before she and a business partner decided to publish "Heather Has Two Mommies" themselves. Ok, you say, she's persistent, so are a lot of people. What's so special about Newman?

Her message.

Raised in a Jewish family in Brooklyn, New York, Newman understands what it's like to be different. That's one reason she wrote "Heather". A lesbian mom who stopped Newman on the street to ask why no one had written a book about children with same-sex parents was the other.

It was then that Newman decided to give those children a voice. Because her family was so different from those she saw in books, movies and TV, Newman appreciates the importance of every child seeing his/her family type represented in

popular culture.

Her message, while often complicated and misconstrued by critics, is actually rather simple "Each family is special," she said and, "The most important part of a family is that everybody in it loves each other."

Newman's book is not about sex, and it's not political. It's about families, as is her presentation.

Her multi-media presentation was packed with eye-opening stories about real families, as well as stories she's written to help others understand that a "family" doesn't have to be the stereotypical American ideal—a mom, a dad, two kids, two pets and a minivan.

Newman has been called, among many other things, "the most dangerous writer in America." I don't agree. "Dangerous" is riding in a car without a seatbelt, or living within the confines of one's own closed mind. What's really dangerous is ignorance, not a children's book which teaches about love.

If love is truly a universal emotion, then how can some love be deemed unnatural, untraditional, even immoral? I have to agree with Newman, who said she doesn't understand how "loving someone can be a sin."

If we really want to change the world to make it a better place for future generations, then maybe someone could explain to me why just such an effort has been met with so much opposition?



"AND YOUR NAME?"—Children's author Leslea Newman, who wrote the controversial book "Heather Has Two Mommies," about a child with lesbian parents, signs a copy of the book for a fan after her lecture Monday at 8 p.m. in Ford Chapel.

—photo by Ben Wyrick

Today's kids are tomorrow's future. The more we can invest to teach them about diversity, acceptance, respect, and about love now, the more spectacular the world will be later. "Kids aren't born hating other people. That's a learned behavior," said Newman. If hatred is a learned behavior, then we need to stop teaching hatred and start teaching love.

"The key to ending homophobia," Newman said, "is education—the earlier the better."

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Meadville hosts pioneering cancer program

By JENNIFER MIDGLEY
Arts & Living Editor

Research in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute found that stress keeps the body from producing enough natural killer cells, white blood cells that are specialized to find and destroy cancer cells. In Italy, animal research found that stress reversed the effects of chemotherapy. A new treatment philosophy and program, referred to as "whole person" cancer care, deals with these findings and has found its way to the Mind & Body Wellness Center in Meadville.

One of every four deaths in the United States is caused by cancer, making it the second leading cause of death, next to heart disease, according to the American Cancer Society and National Cancer Institute.

Simonton Cancer Program focuses on mental health through treating concerns such as patients' coping skills and stress reduction techniques and is used as a backup to traditional cancer care.

It is based on the research of Dr. O. Carl Simonton, who reported in the late 1970s that survival time for participants doubled. Simonton is also the co-author of "Getting Well Again," a bestseller which documented his findings.

The month-long course at the

Mind & Body Wellness Center is the first time this type of treatment has been offered in a conventional medical setting, according to a press release from Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, the insurance company supporting the program.

Previously, the treatment has been held in week-long retreats in the United States, Europe and Japan. Highmark's decision to underwrite the costs of treatment was based on the "medical literature, supportive findings and outcome-based research at Stanford University School of Medicine and UCLA School of Medicine," according to the press release.

Each participant in the program will be treated through 12 two-hour group sessions and three one-hour private sessions. The development of effective support networks will be discussed, as well as relaxation techniques like guided imagery and humor.

Dr. Simonton has said, "The program is not a substitute for standard medical care. It is offered to help individuals develop positive perspectives for living life to its fullest, while maximizing their healing potential. By focusing on discovering our strengths rather than our weaknesses, our program explores a series of possibilities that enable individuals to choose what they personally need to continue

their healing journey."

Dr. Barry Bittman, director of the Mind & Body Wellness Center, is a co-developer of the use of the Simonton model in a conventional medical setting. He commented, "It's clear that the science of mind and body medicine justifies this program as the fourth bona fide approach in our armamentarium against cancer, along with surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy. This pilot program is intended to set a new standard for comprehensive cancer care throughout our country."

The executive vice president for health services at Highmark, Dr. Kenneth R. Melani, said, "Our role as an insurer is to place the well-being of our members first by identifying and offering programs that show considerable promise for advancing medical science and health treatments. While there is substantial focus on many high-tech cancer therapies, we must not forget the personal needs and feelings of those we serve."

Highmark was created in 1996 through the consolidation of Blue Cross of Western Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Blue Shield, and now ranks among the country's top health insurers with \$7.4 billion in revenues and nearly 18 million customers worldwide.

Lost lounges cramping style

By DIXON STARZ
Assistant Sports Editor

A last-resort effort to house an abnormally large freshman class has resulted in the loss of 10 lounges in the Baldwin and Schultz residence halls. Though the college gained 30 more students than originally expected, it appears that residents of these dormitories have lost a valuable asset.

In what was described by Baldwin, Schultz and Brooks area coordinator Kelly Moselle as the "most logical solution" to resolve the housing shortage, the lounges have been converted into dormitory rooms, housing up to four students each.

In Baldwin Hall, the lounges on 1C, 2C and 3C presently house three people each, while the lounges on 2B, 3B and 4B each house two students. Also, four lounges in Schultz Hall have been made into quads.

Moselle explained that the decision was based on feedback from a student group, and that this was seen as the best of three options that included turning single rooms into doubles and double rooms into triples.

He further stated that Baldwin and Schultz Halls were chosen because they had the most available room to sacrifice.

In Walker Hall, the second floor lounge is also used as a triple.

Sophomore Sharon Polese, a resident of second Walker, said, "There's no place to bond with your hallmates; we all end up talking in the bathroom."

To many, the lounges proved useful not only because they were quiet places to study, but because they were rooms where hall members could get together, watch television or simply relax.

Sophomore Justin Doak, a two-year resident of Baldwin and a resident advisor (RA), expressed his dissatisfaction with the new living arrangements. "From a social standpoint, I think [the lounges] are definitely needed. As an RA, I have nowhere to hold my hall meetings and we usually end up sitting in the hallway."

Furthermore, students have expressed mixed opinions about the lounges remaining in Baldwin, par-

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Girl named Liberty overcomes environment, is an inspiration to America

Are they like Liberty Franklin, 17, the aspiring orthodontist who recently was named national Youth of the Year here by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America? Liberty is being raised by a single mom in a low-income housing project in Everett, Wash., where drugs and crime are common. Yet she somehow maintains a 4.0 grade-point average while working three part-time jobs.

Donna Britt

Or are teens more like the Laurel, Maryland, youths, ages 15 to 18, charged with chasing down and kicking to death an immigrant dishwasher, a stranger who was minding his own business when they allegedly confronted him? Police say at least three youths stomped Gilberto Hernandez, 35, while the others egged them on. None of the boys—two of whom are on the Laurel High School varsity football team—had prior arrest records.

Most teens, of course, fall

somewhere in between. But it's the extremes that fascinate and challenge us, mocking our easy assumptions. Each time we hear a horrific teen tale—the girl who strangles her newborn baby, the athletes who rape a mentally challenged neighbor, the "normal" kid who opens fire on classmates—we ask questions similar to the one now plaguing Laurel:

What could inspire apparently normal, middle-class boys—kids with part-time jobs and decent homes—to behave so abominably?

But I have another question: shouldn't we spend at least as much time asking what could explain behavior as off-the-chart terrific as Liberty's? This is a girl whose mother is a recovering alcoholic and whose brothers have drifted in and out of prison and drug rehab. She could easily have turned out a mess—yet she's succeeding beyond most people's imaginings.

At a breakfast ceremony held in a U.S. Senate banquet room and hosted by retired General Colin Powell, Liberty won the Boys & Girls Clubs' highest accolade over

four other similarly impressive regional finalists. Blinking away happy tears, Liberty explained that she doesn't see herself as "different" at all.

"I think it's the kids who are doing wrong who are different," she said.

After studying people in her neighborhood whose lives were consumed by drugs, ignorance and violence, Liberty said she vowed, "I am not going to have that in my life." She recalls staring hungrily at kids her age who had loving moms and dads, whose obvious kinship suggested a security she'd never known.

"I weighed it out," Liberty said. "Drinking, drugs and depression on one side; a happy family on the other." Choosing the brighter picture, Liberty started working on "what I had to do now to have that kind of life later."

How simple. So why do so many kids choose differently?

Thomas James, of Fort Smith, Ark., a Youth of the Year finalist, blames teens' lack of spiritual grounding. Seated in the fancy

meeting room where the Boys & Girls Clubs honors were announced, Thomas, who cared for his two young brothers during his mother's recent surgeries—wiped at eyes still moist from the ceremony.

"A lot of kids don't have a relationship with God—I wish they did," Thomas said. "The bad things of the world just don't appeal to me."

While Thomas appears unusually mature—at 16, he even has a few gray hairs—Liberty seems Coke-and-chips normal. When I explained that I was jotting a physical description of her, she joked, "Write 'Cute!'"

A senior who will be the first person in her family to finish high school, Liberty was born on the 1981 day that American hostages arrived home from Iran. Her mom, Mary Antoine—who cites her daughter as her inspiration for getting and staying sober—was moved when hostages kissed the ground, shouting, "Liberty!"

Of course a girl named Liberty would believe that kids who act terribly feel trapped by the notion that

no one cares.

"They think that if they died today, nobody would notice," she said. "The richest kid in the world can have the same problem if their parents don't have time for them."

As details from the tragedy in Laurel emerge, we're bound to hear all the complex factors that inspire "good" kids to do awful things. So let's take a moment to consider what causes teens with every reason to fail to succeed.

Caring parents, supportive organizations like the Boys & Girls Clubs and a solid spiritual foundation all help. So does noticing young people who make the right choices. Liberty Franklin saw people living well and wanted a piece of it. She figured that if she did well, someone else might be similarly inspired.

So "I did the things that I said were right—and people looked at me as an example," she told me. "I saw that it matters...people are watching no matter who you are."

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Presidential scandal hampers campaign finance lessons

The battle for campaign finance reform was big news all year, but when the effort ended in failure earlier this month, the news was lost in all the hullabaloo about the Clinton scandal. That's regrettable, because there are lessons that must be learned if the outcome is to be different in the next Congress.

David Broder

No one knows that better than the freshman House members who led the bipartisan effort among their classmates to find a way to break the long impasse on this issue. When I talked last week to Rep. Tom Allen, a Maine Democrat, and Rep. Asa Hutchinson, an Arkansas Republican, they had some sensible things to say.

"It has to be bipartisan," Allen began, "and that means we need more help from the Republicans." On two critical House roll calls, only 51 and 61 of the 228 House Republicans supported the reform cause. Hutchinson agreed. "Republicans have to embrace this issue, rather than run from it," he said. "We have to get ahead of the game, not be brought into it kicking and screaming."

It was the adamant opposition of the Republican congressional leadership that ultimately stalled campaign finance legislation. Tactics employed by Speaker Newt Gingrich delayed passage of any bill on that side of the Capitol until there were fewer than four work weeks left in this session. That made it easy for a Republican filibuster to stymie action in the Senate.

The second lesson, both men said, is that reformers have to agree early on a bill that can command maximum support. That is not what happened this year. The major reform groups—Common Cause, the League of Women Voters, etc.—put all their eggs in the basket crafted by Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona and Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin.

Early on, McCain-Feingold supporters got 52 votes to cut off the Republican filibuster—eight short of the 60 votes needed. Nonetheless, when a back bench rebellion finally forced the House Republican leadership to permit debate on campaign finance bills, the major reform groups and supportive editorial pages insisted that the same bill, sponsored in the House by Republican Rep. Chris Shays of Connecticut and Democratic Rep. Marty Meehan of Massachusetts, merited support.

The turned thumbs down on the Allen-Hutchinson bill because it would substantially limit, but not entirely end, "soft money," the big-donor gifts to the political parties that were at the heart of the 1996 campaign finance scandals. The reform groups and many editorial writers urged people not just to vote for Shays-Meehan, which would have banned soft money, but against Allen-Hutchinson—lest the latter draw more votes and thus become the bill the House sent over to the Senate.

Someone once said the definition of insanity is endlessly repeating an action and expecting a different result. Well, the reform groups made that mistake. They argued that if the

House just endorsed their favorite bill, as it did at the end of July, Senate resistance would crumble. It didn't. When proponents forced a second vote on the same measure on September 10, they fell short of breaking a filibuster by exactly the same eight-vote margin they had on the first try.

No one knows if the Allen-Hutchinson bill would have fared better in the Senate, but it is clear, as Allen said, "We may not have quite the right vehicle" to give reformers their best chance. "I hope early next year people interested in this cause will sit down and reflect whether some changes in the vehicle we have could help."

Hutchinson said that in doing that, "we may well have to confront resistance from some of the reform groups to incremental measures. We have to avoid the extremes if we're actually going to pass legislation and get it into law."

In the area of campaign finance, the scholars on the Bartels task force called for limiting "soft money" contributions, but not banning them, as the bill passed by the House but stymied in the Senate would have done. They also called for partial public financing of congressional campaigns and free air time for candidates. And they recognized that the press, the politicians, the media consultants and, not least, the public all must play a role in restoring legitimacy to campaigns.

That is not a counsel of despair. It is, instead, a challenge to all concerned to try harder—and be realistic.

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More than just a social

By JENIFER M. TORPEY
Arts & Living Writer

It was a social with more than a social purpose: On Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 9 p.m. in Ravine Hall's lounge D, a "social" gathering was held with residents and some resident advisors (RAs). Residents had recruited friends to socialize, dance and relax.

None of them knew, however, that this social was going to be transformed into an enlightening presentation on date rape drugs and how to prevent becoming a victim.

In lounge D, music was playing, lights were low, and refreshments of punch and pre-poured soda were offered to all attending. Attracting about 40 people, this seemed like the average Allegheny social.

After about 20 minutes the lights were turned on and everyone was asked to look in their drinks.

To everyone's surprise, at the bottom of each cup was a Skittle, representing the most commonly-known date rape drug, Rufenol (rufes). This also illustrated the ease with which GHD, a dissolvable drug, could be slipped into drinks.

Beth Miller, RA of "A" tower in Ravine, remarked that this "shocked many people because it made them realize that this kind of thing could happen by anyone, including people you trust." Similar remarks were made by several residents in attendance.

After turning the lights on and

surprising the residents, the RAs showed a video of Oprah Winfrey interviewing a rapist and three women who had been raped.

The video facilitated further discussions about rape and the precautions that can be taken to prevent it. Pamphlets explaining the effects of date rape drugs and a guide of precautions to take were also handed out.

Freshman Mike Allgeier said, "It is good to be aware that these things happen, and how to prevent them."

The program first came to Ravine RA Adam Kukic's attention when he attended a conference in Washington, D.C. for RAs. Kukic said the "presentation is what makes this message so powerful. I even knew that the lecture [at the conference] was about date rape, but I never thought to look at the bottom of my drink—that's what is so powerful."

Roommates Kristie Chatt and Heather Anderson commented that they always use the "buddy system," one of the most important ways to protect oneself from potentially dangerous situations.

They also said that the program helped them become aware of some minor precautions that could be very helpful. The program has inspired them to watch out for each other more closely.

Kukic said, "Although there have not been any documented cases involving the use of date rape drugs at Allegheny, there is a need to prevent any situations from occurring."

Celebrating a comp



Chris Theal '98 presided over a reception at the site of his senior comp, a greenhouse which all students are welcome to visit. The reception was held last weekend on the lawn near the Hall of Advanced Biology.
-photo by Tiffany Hrach

Medical club plans more events, speakers

By AMANDA FUNARO
Arts & Living Writer

A new attitude was apparent in the Medical Ethics Journal Club as they held their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. in Quigley Auditorium. The meeting, attended by over 20 people, was headed by the club's three executive members. They discussed goals and changes for the upcoming year, emphasizing more activities and programs to benefit students.

Junior Keith Baldwin, vice-president, addressed the club's new direction. Changes initiated include hospital trips to witness surgeries and talk with doctors.

The number of speakers will also increase and possibly include a greater variety of health care professionals. Ophthalmologists, psychiatrists, internal medicine and primary care physicians are all candidates to speak to Allegheny students this year.

"We want to increase the club's level of activities around campus," said Baldwin. "We hope to attract more members by making the club more exciting and having more guest speakers and field trips. We also want the members' input, because it is their club and they can make what they want of it."

To make the club more convenient and beneficial to students, they plan on holding a medical school fair, weekly MCAT study groups, a student mentoring program and possible visits to Pennsylvania medical schools.

Although the club is emphasizing activities, speakers and field trips, discussion is still fundamental to its

central theme.

The founding premises included having bins filled with medical articles available to students in various buildings on campus, in hopes that students would read the articles and then discuss them at the meetings. However, due to many students' schedules, few could read the articles and attend the meetings, which has caused the changes in the club's focus.

Beth Fierst, a junior neuroscience major, attended the meeting and feels positive about the new focus. "The club looks promising this year."

Hopefully plans will follow through and we will get to talk about a side of the medical field that we don't have the opportunity to discuss in class," she said.

The meetings will be held every two weeks. Topics of discussion this year include fetal rights, living wills and HMOs.

Senior Matt Taylor, secretary, feels that the club can be interesting to students of all majors. "You don't have to be [considering becoming] a vet, nurse or orthopedic surgeon to be interested in these topics. Medical issues affect everyone."

Meadville Cinemas

Ever After (2:05; 4:35; 7:05; 9:35)

A Night At the Roxbury (2:20; 4:25; 7:20; 9:25)

What Dreams May Come (2:15; 4:30; 7:15; 9:30)

Ronin (2:00; 4:30; 7:00; 9:35)

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Celebrities in McKinley's?



Kelsey Barber and the rest of Brownie Mary played on Saturday in McKinley's. The group, formed in 1993, has recently signed a multi-record deal with New York's Blackbird/Sire Recording Company.

photo by Ben Wyrick

Quake heightens interest in senior comp project

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this data to determine if there is a fault in the area," Alexandrowicz said.

Although he is still analyzing data, Alexandrowicz's contour maps point to some sort of irregularity in the region of the epicenter of Friday's quake. In addition, he has been contacted by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) about his senior project.

"There is a renewed interest in the Appalachian Plateau," Alexandrowicz said. "We're interested in how the mountain building process of the Appalachians affected northwestern Pennsylvania. There are faults which people don't know exist. They aren't particularly dangerous, but they do exist."

In addition, Cole said Allegheny students will help the USGS conduct a survey to map out the areas in which effects were felt. As part of

determine the effects of the quake within a 500-mile radius.

"USGS is interested in recording the intensity of the quake across the region," Cole said. "We'll use a survey for a 500-mile radius around the epicenter and get information about what was felt during the quake in addition to damage."

Cole said the information will be related back to the Marcelli scale, and a contour map will be constructed to determine the strength of the quake across the region.

"There's very little information on the eastern area of the country," Cole said. "This gives a good, specific example of what we can expect." He added that the closest quake to Friday's in terms of epicenters was an 1986 quake which occurred in eastern Ohio, which measured 5.0 on the Richter scale.

Residents lose valuable social space

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ticularly the room on 1C that serves as the building's sole study area.

"On a typical weekday night in Baldwin, it's either too crowded or tutoring sessions are going on and you can't study under those conditions," said Victor Detrick, a freshman who regularly uses the study area.

On losing valuable study space, Doak stated, "Sometimes I need to study somewhere that's close [to my room] in proximity and I can't study seriously in my room. Now, I have to do all of my studying in Arter or at the library."

Nevertheless, many residents still find the study area satisfactory.

"It gets a little crowded on Sunday nights, but overall, it's been okay," said freshman Nick Meriwether, who was among three people using the 12-person-capacity lounge at the time of the interview.

Also at issue in this situation is the quality of living in the former lounges. Two of the triples, on 2C and 3C Baldwin, have no windows to circulate air, a necessity in main-

taining a comfortable room temperature. However, students are adapting well to these conditions.

"I guess I'm used to it," said freshman Carol Bowler, who thought she was "going to die from the heat" during her first night in the 3C triple. Though the heat is often intense, it is not unbearable, Bowler said, and added, "Once [the weather] cools off, it's not very bad at all."

For Moselle, converting the lounges into residences is merely a temporary solution and he stated that getting the students out of the window-less triples and into standard, ventilated rooms is a top priority.

Already, with several students transferring to different schools, rooms have opened up in Baldwin. New rooms have been offered to the students in the former lounges, but none have accepted.

Currently, the Office of Residence Life is looking into a more permanent solution to the problem, which Moselle said is

going to get bigger in the near future.

Next spring, the Delta Tau Delta fraternity is slated to arrive back on campus. In the process, they will reclaim their South Highland house, which currently accommodates 40 residents.

Furthermore, plans to renovate Caflisch Hall are currently in the works, and because the renovations cannot be completed during the summer break, even more students are going to be displaced.

"It's being talked about," said Moselle, who mentioned the possibility of building another College Court or expanding the existing one.

Sophomore Ross Crowder suggested that the resolution is much simpler than that.

"To solve the [housing] problem and also to salvage the integrity of this institution, they should simply accept less students," Crowder said.

AC meets America Reads Challenge

By KRISTY L. WHISKER
Assistant Arts & Living Editor
and SUSAN JAMSHIDI
Arts and Living Writer

Reading is something we do every day without thinking much about it. We encounter words everywhere, from the books we read to the advertisements we watch and the signs we see.

For some, reading is not always so easy. Some studies suggest that 40 percent of American fourth grade students read below basic reading levels.

To combat these low literacy levels, while creating additional work study jobs for college students, President Clinton initiated the America Reads challenge in August 1996.

Training for the program began last semester at Allegheny and has resumed this semester for new students. Having received \$40,000 in work-study funds, Allegheny now boasts more than 30 students who work with local children.

"I wanted to be part of the Amer-

ica Reads Challenge because I always enjoyed helping my nieces learn to read," said sophomore Theresa Varuolo. "Also when I was little I read a lot and the reading helped me in school and later in life. I hope to relay that to the children I work with."

Facilitated by the Allegheny College Center for Experiential Learning (ACCEL) and headed by junior Jaimie Gooch and Interim Director of Community Service Brooke Martin, Allegheny's program concentrates its efforts in several Meadville locations: Gill Village, Fairview/Fairmont Housing Developments, 1st and 2nd District Schools, as well as the YMCA day care center.

While the program is voluntary for the children, the lesson plans, prepared by Gooch, are designed to be enjoyable. "We are focusing on having fun with the books and words so we want to center the sessions around learning games that will make the experience enjoyable for the children, but also educational at the same time," said Martin.

Each Allegheny participant will be paired with one child as "reading partners." These pairs will meet twice a week for one hour sessions where they will be able to read and play reading games with one another.

"It's a great opportunity to earn money and do service at the same time because most college students don't have time to do both separately," said Gooch, also a Bonner Leader and Education minor.

The America Reads Challenge is seeking donations of children's books written for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Decorated drop boxes are located on campus at designated collection sites, or books may be given to resident advisors.

New children's books are available for as little as 50 cents at Valu City and Walmart. Contact Jaimie Gooch <goochj> or Brooke Martin <bmartin>, x5318 with any questions.

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You know what you need in here?
A fruit bat.

Hey, Victorites! AAAHHHHHHH
HHHHAAAAAAHHHHHHH!

So it's come to this. Grilled cheese
sandwiches on the floor of the
newsroom. Jen and Kristy are
quitting.

Heather, you are my new best
friend. Thanks, man. :)
Love, Jen

Personals

Tongue ring? Or no tongue ring?
That is the question. I *know* what
it's *good* for.

The time comes when a girl realizes
who her true friends are - Thank you
for being mine.

Kristy - it's about freakin' time
-Sheesh!! Love Jen and Patience

I HATE this Printer!!!

You can get a sticker for reading
this!!

You wanna check your e-mail
where????

Flying Kabookee!!!!!!!

Happy Birthday, Dad!! Love,
Kara Lyn

Personals

No more white boys for me.
Latin lovers all the way!

JAH Update:

The date for the Red House
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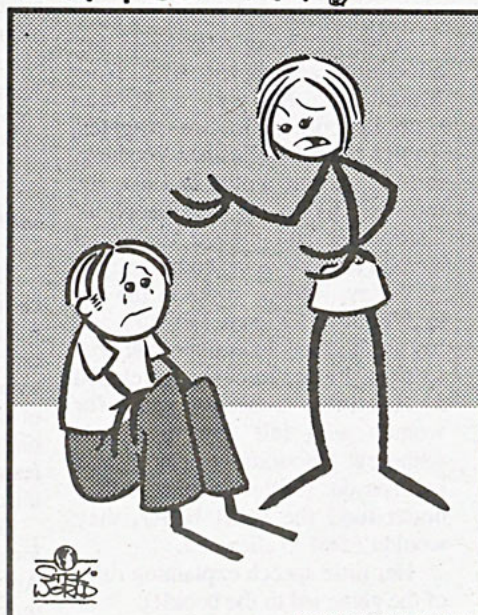
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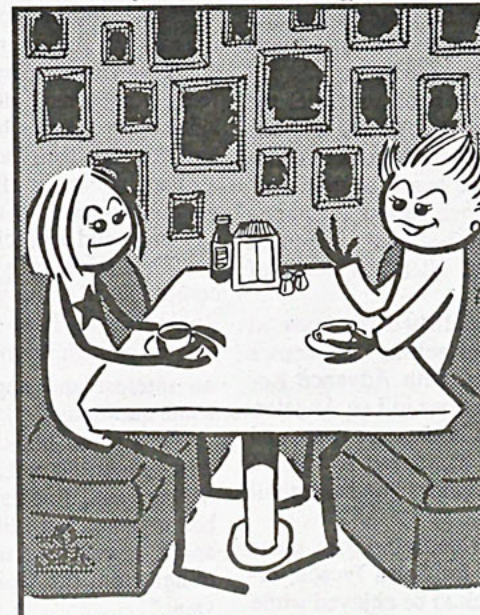
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me, I figured it was the least I could do."



BREAKING OUT—Sophomore halfback Shane Ream and the rest of his teammates are hoping to extend their winning streak to three tomorrow when they take on the undefeated Wittenberg Tigers.

—file photo

Women's soccer struggles through another tough week

By ERIN HARTONG
Sports Reporter

It's been a season of ups and downs for the women's soccer team, and this week brought a down with a 1-2 loss to Wittenberg in the NCAC opener last Saturday.

Freshman goalkeeper Chris Terraferma played all 90 minutes of the game in goal, facing 12 shots and making five saves.

Terraferma's classmate, Erica Frank, put the Gators on the board early in the first half with a goal on

an assist from junior Kelli Hazen, but that was the only offense the Gators could muster.

Wittenberg still trailed by one at the end of the first half, but early in the second half the Tigers tied the game. The next 20 minutes of play were intense, as fans and players alike wondered who would score next. The Tigers found the net with 16:06 left in the half to take the lead and the win.

Allegheny's offense played well in the latter stages of the game, but could not take full advantage of sev-

eral opportunities to answer the Tigers' goal.

Senior co-captain Allison Pyewell and senior Lisa Hollis are still the team leaders in scoring with three goals and two assists for a total of eight points. Terraferma has 40 saves to this point in the season, but senior Danielle Aubele leads the goalkeeping statistics with 48 saves.

The Gators are away this weekend, playing at Oberlin on Saturday at 3 p.m., before traveling to Baldwin-Wallace on Sunday for a 1 p.m. battle.

Woman's explanatory football pamphlet to hit stores

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And they're not just talking about playing—they're talking about watching the game.

Well, not any more. Not if Rosalie "Rosie" Robles has anything to say about it.

Robles has parlayed her longtime interest in the sport into a 26-page booklet: "Football Doesn't Have to be a Dirty Word: A Woman's Guide to Understanding the Sport."

"I wrote the book to dispel the myth that football is boring and that women can't possibly understand it and enjoy it as much as men do," Robles said in a recent telephone interview from her home in Mount Vernon, about 50 miles north of Seattle.

She self-published the book in 1997, but after selling 500 copies she hooked up with Advance Resource Publications in Los Angeles. It should be in bookstores soon, and the company has asked Robles to write similar guides for basketball and baseball.

The user-friendly booklet starts with a recipe for Salsa Fresca, offered as a snack to be enjoyed while watching the game.

Robles then explains the game in simple, basic terms, blending humor with fact. She takes nothing for granted, explaining player positions and official's signals for such things as first down or pass interference.

"It'll have women sitting right next to their husbands on the couches sharing the beer and the peanuts," said Joyce Nagel of La Conner, a friend of the author.

Robles figures most women have a hard time getting into football because they never played it. She also feels women have difficulty identifying with players because spectators can't see their faces.

But she's confident that if women understand the sport, they can enjoy and appreciate it.

"This book is by no means a comprehensive study of the sport," Robles said. "It is meant only to provide enough information to spark an interest and hopefully answer some questions."

"It's a fun book," said another friend, Joan Myer La Conner. "My husband and I actually watch football together, but I like her book because it really clarifies a lot of things from the woman's point of view."

Robles, 52, sees parallels between sports and life.

"We really need to work with one another to accomplish what we want," she said. "Sports show us the teamwork necessary to accomplish an end."

Robles was raised in Los Angeles, where her father played semi-pro football for the Padres and the family gathered around the television for Los Angeles Rams games.

After receiving degrees in art, education and spirituality from Mount St. Mary's, a Roman Catholic college in Los Angeles, Robles moved to Eastern Washington and became a nun. In 1981, she left the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and moved to Mount Vernon to work in the community.

Today, Robles works in the Skagit Valley Regional Ministry and has a full schedule as a motivational speaker. In that role, she developed a 10-minute football spiel for women who felt their husbands withdrew emotionally during football season. Robles felt that if they understood the sport better, they wouldn't feel so alienated.

Her little speech explaining rules of the game led to the booklet.

Defense paves the way for comeback

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game. Susquehanna was stopped at the Gators' eight-yard line on fourth and one, leaving the score at 21-7.

Allegheny took advantage of the Crusaders' misfortune and drove 92 yards on 10 plays in just 1:53 to make the score 21-14 at half.

At the beginning of the second half it looked as though the Crusaders would have the chance to regain control when Allegheny went three and out on their first possession, but Susquehanna managed just 20 yards on their first possession. Allegheny responded by driving 84 yards in 14 plays to knot the score at 21. The drive was capped by a 25-yard completion from senior quarterback Chris Miller to senior tight end Nathan Six.

Susquehanna regained some momentum on the ensuing kickoff with a 56-yard return to the Allegheny 43-yard line, but the Gators' defense stepped up again. After picking up a first down at the Gators' 17, the Crusaders ran twice for losses of two and four yards before throwing an incomplete pass and settling for a field goal.

Allegheny's next possession began as another successful one, but fell victim to a holding penalty that made it second-and-24. The Gators managed to gain 16 yards before fourth down, which brought up fourth-and-eight from the Susquehanna 47, but sophomore Al Trezza delivered a special teams positive, booting a perfect punt that was downed at the one-yard line.

The Gators' defense allowed three yards on first down, but did not budge after that. Susquehanna punted to their own 40, where Gozur broke through the coverage for a 25-yard gain. A personal foul put the Gators at the seven-yard line, and on second down Buchanan scored his second rushing touchdown of the game to give Allegheny a 28-24 edge.

The Gators' defense came up big again on Susquehanna's next possession, holding the Crusaders to just one yard before a 33-yard punt, hanna 48.

Schuckert and men win at Alfred

By PAT SHELTON
Sports Editor

The Allegheny men's and women's cross country teams both participated in the Alfred University Invitational last weekend. The men's team won the team title with a total of 43 points, 31 better than second place Oswego State. The women's team also was impressive, earning a third place finish.

The highest individual finisher for Allegheny at the meet was senior Amy Schuckert, who captured the individual women's title with her time of 20:10. It was her second victory in three races this season.

For the men, senior Mark Hudson was the top finisher. Hudson covered the course in 27:52 to earn a second place finish and his third top-

Allegheny started the drive with 6:19 left to play, and it looked like the Gators would try to run out the clock when they handed off to sophomores Jeremy Snyder and Shane Ream on the first two plays, but after a penalty pushed the Gators back to the 50, Miller threw a perfect pass to a wide open Jeff Lerner ('02) for a touchdown. The kick was good and put the Gators up 35-24 with just under five minutes to play.

Susquehanna looked strong on their next drive, moving 75 yards on eight plays to make the score 35-30 on a 30-yard touchdown run, but the two-point conversion attempt failed. Allegheny recovered the on-side kick to seal the win.

Miller was the key to the victory, throwing for 249 yards and two touchdowns, while picking up a team-high 83 yards on the ground in his second consecutive impressive start for the Gators.

Senior safety Matt Pierce led the team in tackles with 14, while senior John Williams made 13 tackles. Sophomore Joe Rossi made three tackles for losses in the game.

Miller leads the NCAC in passing efficiency with a rating of 132.9 this season. He has thrown for 668 yards and four touchdowns, while completing 57 percent of his passes. Miller is also the Gators' leading rusher with 162 yards this season, one yard ahead of sophomore tailback Jeremy Snyder.

Senior Jason Francis leads the Gators with 14 receptions for 217 yards and two touchdowns. Buchanan has caught 12 passes for 93 yards and Six has nine receptions for 140 yards and two touchdowns.

Senior Corey Belaney leads the defense with 32 tackles. Pierce is next with 28 tackles, three of which have gone for losses. Gozur has a team-high five pass breakups and two interceptions.

After their match-up with Wittenberg this weekend, the Gators will return home for their homecoming match-up with Kenyon on Oct. 10. The game is slated to start at 1:30 p.m.

three finish in as many events this year.

The men also got strong outings from senior Ben Wyrick, sophomore Brice Allen and freshman Ben Pealer. Wyrick finished fourth in the field with a time of 28:05. Allen covered the course in 28:08 and placed sixth, while Pealer was 12th with a time of 28:45.

Freshman Tara Trent and sophomore Alyssa Mack both ran well for the Gators on the women's side. Trent earned 16th place with a time of 21:34, and Mack found herself with a 17th place finish in a time of 21:36.

This weekend both teams host the Allegheny Invitational. The meet will be held at Robertson Field and is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.



LOOKING FOR AN OPEN MAN—Freshman Mike Mellish eludes a Wittenberg defender in the Gators' second conference game of the season.

—photo by Robin Majoram

Volleyball places third at Muskingum Invitational

By TIM BAUMGARTNER
Sports Reporter

The Allegheny volleyball team was on the road this past weekend, traveling to New Concord, Ohio to compete at the Muskingum College Invitational. The Gators competed in four matches and came away with a 2-2 tournament record and a third place finish. Allegheny's record this season is 9-11.

The Gators' first match of the tournament was last Friday against Muskingum. Allegheny was unable to gather any momentum in the match, dropping three games in a row (2-15, 6-15, 7-15) to a tough Muskingum squad.

Standing out for the Gators were several members of the squad. Leading the way on the offensive end were Amanda Heikkinen and Tonya Andrews, who had seven and five kills, respectively. Wendy Turkovich tallied 13 digs in the match, while Bobbi Ruddock and

Fawn Balliro each turned in notable performances. Ruddock had 17 assists, and Balliro had two blocks and four service aces.

The Gators rebounded in their second match of the day, defeating Albion in five games (11-15, 15-13, 15-10, 5-15, 15-12). Andrews led the way for the Gators with an impressive 23 kills while blocking three attempts. Heikkinen also had a solid match, recording 26 digs while registering 13 kills. Balliro, Ruddock and Heikkinen each had three aces in the match.

On Saturday the Gators opened with a second consecutive match against Albion. The result was the same for Allegheny, as the Gators emerged with a five game victory (15-1, 15-12, 7-15, 3-15, 15-7). Andrews and Ruddock each put up good numbers in the win. Andrews tallied 18 kills and Ruddock made 36 assists.

The Gators weren't so lucky in the fourth and final match of the

tournament, falling to a tough Lycoming squad in three games (12-15, 7-15, 8-15). Andrews (12 kills), Heikkinen (9 kills) and Ruddock (37 assists) led the way for the Gators. For her solid performance in all four matches, Andrews was named to the All-Tournament team.

On the season, Andrews continues to pace the offense, leading the team with 260 kills (3.7 per game). Her total also places her fourth in the NCAC. Turkovich has the team lead in digs with 295 in 75 games (3.9 per game). Other notable numbers for the squad include Balliro's team-high 52 blocks and Ruddock's 600 assists (8.1 per game).

Up next for the Gators is a trip to Lycoming College this weekend to participate in the Lycoming College Invitational today and tomorrow.

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Good Luck to all the Allegheny Athletic Teams as they embark on their road trips this weekend. If you'll be on campus this weekend, be sure to support the cross country teams in the Allegheny Invitational at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The Campus Sports

Fighting For Control



Allegheny sophomore Matt Sowa chases after a loose ball in the Gators' 3-2 win over Wittenberg. With two victories this past week, the men improved their overall record to 5-3-3.

—photo by Robin Majoram

Gators rally from early deficit to knock out Susquehanna

By PAT SHELTON
Sports Editor

Allegheny's football team picked up a thrilling, come-from-behind victory over previously undefeated Susquehanna last Saturday, but the Gators have little time to enjoy their win, with North Coast Athletic Conference rival Wittenberg scheduled this Saturday. Wittenberg stands at 3-0 on the season.

As always, the match-up between the Gators and Tigers this weekend should be a good one. The teams shared the NCAC title with Wooster last season, though Wittenberg won the head-to-head battle 29-17. This year the preseason conference poll ranked Wooster first, Wittenberg second and Allegheny third.

The Tigers' offense centers around their running game, and leading the way is sophomore Casey Donaldson who ran for 134 yards and a touchdown last year against the Gators. This season Donaldson is averaging 164.7 yards per game and rolled up 97 yards and four rushing touchdowns while only playing in the first half last week against Earlham.

The second leading rusher is Gary Henson. Henson has picked up 246 yards on 27 carries this season and scored twice. As a team, Wittenberg averages 278.0 rushing yards per game, which is fifth best in NCAA Division III.

The Tigers' passing attack is less clear. Wittenberg averages 105.7

yard per game through the air, but the possibility of a change in starting quarterback exists. Chris Damico started each of the first three games, but completed on 43.9 percent of his passes for 145 yards with two interceptions and no touchdowns. Sophomore Anthony Crane supplanted Damico in the first quarter of the game against Earlham, however, and went 7-of-10 for 145 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions.

Sophomore Labon Storts is the current team leader in receptions with eight for 117 yards, but the Tigers are likely to see the return of Russ Fedyk, who caught three passes for 60 yards in last year's match-up. Fedyk was injured in Wittenberg's season opener this year.

The Tigers' defense is led by freshman Dan Goldsberry, who has a team-high 28 tackles to go along with a sack, a fumble recovery and two interceptions. As a team the Tigers allow an average of 119 rushing yards per game.

For a while last week it looked as though the Gators would head into the Wittenberg game with a 1-2 record, reeling from a crushing defeat. Susquehanna dominated the first quarter in nearly every phase of the game, and that domination was obvious from the opening kickoff.

Senior kicker Kevin Bowser kicked off to the goal line, but the Crusaders' return team brought the ball back 56 yards to the Gators' 38-yard line. Five running plays later

Susquehanna was in the end zone and the Gators trailed 6-0 after a failed kick attempt.

Allegheny had the opportunity to establish some momentum on the ensuing kickoff, but a fumble was recovered by the Crusaders at the Allegheny 34. On the fourth play of the drive, Susquehanna scored on a 28 yard pass and then converted the two-point conversion to take a 14-0 lead.

The Gators moved the ball to midfield on their next possession before stalling and punting the ball away to the Susquehanna 22. The Crusaders then began an 11-play, 78-yard drive that chewed up five minutes of the clock and gave them a 21-0 edge with 4:38 left in the first quarter.

At that point the Gators changed the complexion of the game. Allegheny held the ball for 6:27, driving 71 yards on 16 plays before being stopped inside the Crusaders' 10-yard line without scoring, but senior Tedd Gozur intercepted a Susquehanna pass on the next play to give the Gators new life.

Allegheny responded with another time-consuming drive, grinding out 35 yards on nine plays over a span of 4:21 before senior Dave Buchanan scored from two yards out on fourth and goal to make the score 21-7.

The Crusaders answered with a long drive of their own, moving 65 yards on 14 plays and consuming 6:23 on the clock, but the drive proved to be the turning point of the (continued on page 14)

Men's soccer victorious at home

By DIXON STARZ
Assistant Sports Editor

Home sweet home. For the men's soccer team, that is exactly what a recent two-game stretch proved to be, as they defeated both Wittenberg and Westminster in consecutive home games this week.

In the game against Wittenberg, freshman sensation Patrick Redman added two more goals to his team-leading total of seven. But, it was a literal last-minute goal off the foot of senior Mike Polhamus that capped a valiant comeback and gave the Gators a 3-2 victory.

The win, the team's first in its last four tries, evened their conference record at 1-1, and gave them some much-needed momentum

heading into the game against Westminster.

Currently, Redman is first on the team in scoring. His seven goals and two assists give him a total of 16 points. Not far behind is Polhamus, who has 13 points on five goals and three assists.

Yet, in the 2-1 victory over the Westminster Titans, the Gators' offense would come from two unlikely sources.

While both Redman and Polhamus were held scoreless, it was seniors John Kapsiak and John Zdaniewski who produced the big goals in the non-conference victory.

Through 11 games, the Gators are a solid 5-3-3, and are gearing up to take on Pitt-Bradford in an away game at 11:00 tomorrow morning.

Golfers maintain perfect record

By PAT SHELTON
Sports Editor

The Allegheny golf team picked up its second victory in as many tries on Tuesday in the Slippery Rock/Westminster Invitational. The Gators varsity team topped the 11 team field, while the junior varsity squad placed third in the event.

Highlighting the two-day event for the varsity squad was the team performance in the second round. The Gators fired an impressive three-under-par 277, a single round tournament record. Over the two rounds the Gators totaled 578 (+10) to win. The junior varsity team finished with a total of 620.

Senior Mike Gasper was the Gators' top individual in the tournament. Gasper fired rounds of 70 and 73 for his total of 143. Sophomore Nate Smith shot a first round score of 77 before coming back with an impressive round of 69 on day two of the tournament for a total of 146. Freshman David Whittaker shot a round of 76 on Monday and followed it up with a round of 71 on Tuesday to finish at 147 for the Tournament.

The Gator linksters will look to continue their fall season success this Sunday at the Mount Union Invitational.

Women's tennis fares well in tourney

By ERIN HARTONG
Sports Reporter

The women's tennis team had a slow, but fairly victorious week, as they traveled to William Smith College for the Rolex Women's Tennis Tournament. No team scores were kept.

Freshman Katy Trostle was the eighth seed in the field, and managed to win her first two matches against opponents from William Smith and Oneonta by identical scores of 6-1, 6-4. Trostle's tournament run came to an end in the third round, however, when she was shut down by her opponent from The Rochester Institute of Technology in a 2-6, 3-6 loss.

Senior Stephanie Stonemetz, who was seventh seed, coasted through the first two rounds, downing opponents from RIT and William Smith 6-0, 6-1 and 6-0, 6-0, respectively. In the third round Stonemetz ran into an opponent from Carnegie Mellon University and fell 0-6, 1-6.

Sophomore Melissa Patterson won her first-round match at the Rolex Tournament with a 6-0, 6-2

win against a player from Nazareth. Patterson fell victim to a tough opponent from Ithaca in the second round, however, and lost 4-6, 1-6.

Junior Kathryn Dorosz crushed her opposition from Oneonta in the first round with a 6-2, 6-0 victory. Round two was a different story for Dorosz though, as she struggled in a 0-6, 0-6 loss to one of Union's competitors.

Trostle and Stonemetz paired to defeat teams from Nazareth (8-1) and Ithaca (9-7), while teammates Dorosz and freshman Janie Senchak lost their first round of doubles action (4-8).

Junior Adriane Aul has an optimistic view for the remainder of the women's season. "We've had some tough opponents this fall, and our winning record reflects the great tennis that we're playing." The team was 6-2 entering a dual meet with Gannon Wednesday at Robertson Field.

The men's tennis team was off last weekend and resumed play Wednesday against Gannon. The men will play in the Rolex Tournament this weekend.