

# The Aquinas

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# Rugby team suspension expires

By Susanna Puntel Short Editor in Chief

The Men's Rugby Club's yearlong suspension for underage drinking charges ended Tuesday, allowing the team to begin the process of applying for reinstatement.

Seniors Daniel Yarusso of Smithtown, N.Y., Adam Hawk of Gettysburg, Seamus Dugan of Long Island, N.Y., and sopho-Tim Karabin of more Downingtown have been working together on the process of reapplying for status as an official University club.

"It's kind of tough getting everything together at the end of the semester like this," Yarusso said. "With finals coming, everyone is busy. We are taking care of first things first. We have to get reinstated before we can officially do anything together as a club."

In re-applying for official

club status, they must hand in a new constitution, find a moderator and fill out a club roster.

'When the club gives us the paperwork we need, [Director of Student Life and Leadership Evelyn Nadel] and I will review the information like we would with any other club," said First Vice President of Student Government Dee-Ann Martell.

"Once we approve the paperwork, the process goes to Dean Student Life Reuban Rodriguez and then the final approval must be given by [Vice President for Student Affairs James Bryan]."

The rugby players explained where they are in the process.

"We are working on the constitution," Yarusso said. "We have a roster filled out with about 30 guys, all returning players. Once we are allowed, we will advertise the club to freshmen and new members."

The club is still looking for a

moderator, but said that they expect to have one by the end of the week.

"We approached [the Rev. Thomas Mastersonl who was the former moderator of the club, and asked him to resume his position," Hawk said. "He declined the offer, due to personal reasons and the fact that he will be on sabbatical next year. He was nice enough to suggest some people he thought would be able to fill his shoes."

Last December, University Review Board (URB) found the Rugby Club responsible for underage consumption or possession of alcohol, association with a gathering involving underage consumption or possession of alcohol and inviting underage students to a party / gathering involving the possession / consumption of alcohol.

These charges were made

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University senior places star atop Christmas tree in the entrance

way of Brennan Hall.

# Students protest SOA in Georgia

By Carol Gleeson Assistant News Editor

Thursday before Thanksgiving, 18 members of The University community drove about 16 hours through the night to Fort Benning, Ga., to protest the U.S. Army's School of the Americas (SOA).

The annual protest brings together peace activists, concerned citizens and human rights advocates who believe that United States tax dollars should not support the SOA.

SOA graduates have been responsible for various human rights violations, especially in Latin America.

Despite numerous attempts of SOA opponents to close the school through legislation, Congress has voted to keep the SOA open. Supporters of the SOA generally claim that it is in the interest of democracy in the Western hemisphere to operate the SOA.

After the Nov. 16, 1980 murders in El Salvador of the six Jesuits and their housekeepers, the United Nations sent in a truth commission to provide the names of those involved in the massacre.

The SOA Watch compared this list with a list of SOA graduates that was released due to the Freedom of Information Act.

"The names matched up and the SOA neither denies nor takes responsibility for the graduates that were involved," Henry said.

Participants in the protest were encouraged by the turnout at the event.

"The number of students from Scranton attending the event just keeps growing," said sophomore Rachel Henry from Huntingdon Station, N.Y. "Last year, only six University students attended. Hopefully, next year the numbers will triple again."

The students and staff representing The University spent Saturday listening to various speakers at an Ignatian Family Teach-in specially tailored for the 2,000 Jesuit university students participating in the vigil and protest.

The speakers at the event included Major Joe Blair, an SOA military instructor from 1986-89. Blair criticized the SOA's human rights education as an insignificant four-hour human rights lecture, taught by Latin American militarists responsible for major human rights viola-

The Rev. Roy Bourgeois, a Maryknoll priest supported by many Catholic bishops, heads the SOA Watch that organized the solemn protest vigil.

Bourgeois and actor Martin Sheen led Saturday evening's vigil protest in an attempt to raise awareness of the alleged human rights violations at the

School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Ga. Nov. 16 to 19. Freshman honor society: Page 5 Thanksgiving food drive results: Page 3 Students evicted from Gavigan College: Page 9 In Royallife: 33rd annual Noel Night: Page 10

Peace activists, concerned citizens, human rights advocates and 18

University members joined the annual protest of the U.S. Army's

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# **Health Services home** to coughs and colds

By Ang Scullion **Aquinas Correspondent** 

Ah-choo! Where does the ill student go when the common cold arrives?

Student Health Services (commonly confused in name with the Wellness Center) is a facility on campus to meet the basic health needs of students. They provide many services to students on and off campus, including medical diagnoses and prescription treatments.

Health Services receives approximately 6,000 visits per year from students. The most common illnesses are coughs, colds, sore throats and viral infections.

"Forty five percent of our visits are diagnosed with upper respiratory tract infections," said Pat Popeck, director of Student Health Services.

"These illnesses tend to appear in the winter months. There are also high stress cases before exams because a lack of sleeping and eating weakens the immune system."

Student Health Services offers unlimited and free visits to students on a walk-in basis. Each student is then evaluated on an individual basis by a registered nurse. If a student needs treatment for an illness or injury, they will be examined by a nurse practitioner or schedule an appointment with a doctor.

Student Health Services does not provide X-rays, lab work or pharmaceutical needs.

However, they do provide students with health and wellness information. They also make referrals for doctors, hospitals and pharmacies if needed.

Mary Ellen O'Grady, a junior from Nutley, N.J., visited Health Services in October because she was experiencing abdominal pain. Her appointment resulted in a week stay in the hospital.

"I saw a nurse and Health Services recommended that I go to the Emergency Room," O'Grady said. "I think they did the best they could because they gave me the same test as the E.R. doctor."

The Student Health Services staff includes five physicians that have a rotating schedule. The physicians consist of a specialist certified in internal medicine, preventive medicine, infectious diseases and an ER Specialist. There are also two doctors on call who are University alumni.

The physicians and nurse practitioner are trained to prescribe an appropriate medication when a patient is diagnosed with an illness. When a patient does need medication, the nurse practitioner will write a prescription for that student and refer them to a pharmacy.

The services that Student Health Services offers are met with conflicting opinions.

"The staff at Student Health Services are very nice and very helpful," said Dan O'Hara, a junior from Rockaway, N.Y. "But I had a chronic cough and they only gave me Gatorade. I feel they could improve by supplying prescription drugs."

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# Scranton students win honors at European Union simulation

**By Christopher Dougherty** Staff Writer

For three days University students practiced protocol and politics at the European Union Simulation held in Washington, D.C. from Nov. 30 to Dec. 2.

Fifteen students were selected from Professor Gretchen Van Dyke's European Union class to represent various genuine Italian representatives to the EU in the mock exercise.

In various replicated councils, students from 15 colleges and universities portrayed each member state of the Union and attempted to pass a joint resolution regarding EU expansion.

The simulation strove to be painstakingly accurate in the representation of each nation's delegates as well as the legislative processes of the coalition.

Students in Van Dyke's class spent the semester assimilating massive amounts of statistical. political and personal information about not only their member state but also the intricacies of their individual's party, mannerisms and general character.

Information on a plethora of topics was maintained in ponderous three-ring binders which grew larger as supplementary materials were issued in class.

"Now I understand why she [Van Dyke] gave us so many papers, " said Celeste Gregory, a senior from Denton, Md,. who portrayed Minister of Finance Ottaviano Del Turco.

Superior preparation undoubtedly paid off for the University's team, as three of

the seven end of exercise awards went to University stu-

"I am especially proud that several of our students won awards," Van Dyke said.

Those honored include Theresa Kraker, a senior of Ridgeway, N.Y., who won accolades as 'Outstanding Member of the European Commission'; Matthew Ridgeway, a senior from Wilmington, Del., who garnered success 'Outstanding Foreign Affairs Minister'; and Nicole Cestola, a junior from Mahwah, N.J., who gained distinction 'Outstanding Parliamentarian'.

A senior, Pat Morgan, por-Giovanni Pittella,

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Professor Gretchen Van Dyke's European Union class represented various genuine Italian representatives to the European Union in a mock exercise held in Washington, D.C., last week.

### Weekend Weather







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### EU Simulation (continued from page 2)

obtained perhaps the University's greatest honor when he was elected president of Parliament by the Italian Democratic Left party.

Structurally, The University's team was broken into various sections of the Union's sub-legislatures. The mock European Council was comprised of the heads of state of each member nation, the Foreign Affairs Council composed of various Foreign Secretaries, the Economics Council composed of Finance

and Economic ministers and the Parliamentary Foreign and Budgetary Affairs bodies.

Each body met independent of each other, simultaneously debating, amending and voting on aspects of the resolution concerning EU expansion.

Dialogue and forms of debate differed drastically among the sub-councils. Cordiality and etiquette reigned supreme in the European Council, the Foreign Affairs Council and the Economics Council, where hushed tones

and well-mannered propriety dominated the debate.

On the Parliament floor, however, 160 vociferous delegates clamored to present amendments and addendum over the humdrum of unruly discourse.

Van Dyke attempted to select roles for the students they normally would not be disposed to considering political affiliations or character types.

Thus strident Republicans became ardent Socialists and reserved students were transformed into boisterous, argumentative orators.

Social excursions were also a part of the simulation experience, and on Thursday November 29th, the students toured the Italian Embassy in Washington, D.C., followed by a tour of the Finnish Embassy where there was a direct satellite link with actual EU members.

Students also received a State Department briefing regarding the United States' interaction with the European Union.

With such thorough measures taken to ensure accuracy within the simulation, it was common for the students to become attached to certain policies, fervently at opposition to rival parties or skilled at forming coalitions across party bounds.

"There was real passion, students would rattle off figures and positions as if they were their own," said Cestola, who played liberal Emma Bonino.

# Individuals and clubs sponsor food drives

By Carrie Johnston News Editor

Peace on earth and good will toward all is not just part of the Christmas season at The University. Thanksgiving was also a time for thinking of others.

Many students and organizations have contributed to the holiday spirit of giving.

The Human Services Association (HSA) is one of the clubs that provided for the less fortunate throughout the holiday season. Members collected money from various supporters and made Thanksgiving baskets to donate to families and local shelters.

Thanks to Associate Professor of Counseling and Human Services Ann Marie Toloczko, senior Amy Maslar from Jessup and many other volunteers, countless families had a great deal to be thankful for.

A relatively new group involved in bettering the community are the students in the special topics course Poverty, Hunger and Homelessness. Students enrolled in the course are required to partake in 15 hours of service-learning at various shelters, soup kitchens and organizations in the community.

According to John Greggo, director of the Counselor Training Center and professor of the class, "the purpose of this class is to look at meeting the immediate needs of our community and becoming aware of the long-term systematic solutions."

At the beginning of each semester, Greggo meets with Pat Vaccaro, director of Collegiate Volunteers, to discuss appropriate volunteering facilities that deal specifically with poverty and homelessness.

Another requirement of the class is a community project.

"We took a field trip to a local shelter," Greggo said. "When we got back my students were so passionate about fighting the cause that they decided to do something about it."

Students took part in organizing three projects: a Christmas party for underprivileged children and their parents, a meal at St. Anthony's shelter and the Feed the Need food drive.

According to Greggo, all students helped with the effort, but a few individuals were responsible for the major part of the project. Seniors Marcia Reidy, from Bronx, N.Y., Lauren Sullivan, from Nanuet, N.Y., Mary Collura from Archbald and junior Patricia Barry from Meriden, Conn., helped organize the Christmas party.

Sophomore Julie Dakunchak of Glen Mills and Junior Caitlin Compton from Smithtown, N.Y., took on the task of preparing the meal at St. Anthony's shelter.

The Feed the Need food drive was led by four students, senior Michael Shea from Waldwick, N.J., sophomore Kristen Alouisa from Yorktown Heights, N.Y., junior Christine Mulholland from Trevose and freshman Alicia Lavelle from Lodi, N.J.

"The students did a great job of mobilizing The University's resources," Greggo said. "They all did a wonderful job."

Students wishing to take this class will have the opportunity in the spring of 2002.

Another group of students on campus got into the spirit of giv-

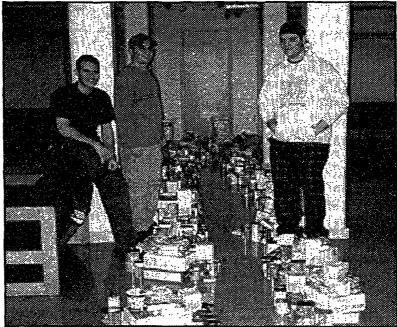


Photo couriesy of Vinnie DiDonna Freshmen Pete Cataldo, Dylan McCarthey and Vinnie DiDonna indepen-

dently raised \$1,056, gathered over \$500 in canned foods and paid for Thanksglving dinner for 20 families.

ing with their own idea.

In the first three weeks of November, three freshmen, Vinny DiDonna from Staten Island, N.Y., Pete Cataldo from Saddle River, N.J. and Dylan McCarthy from Garden City, N.Y., along with about 90 percent of the on-campus student population, raised \$1,056, gathered over \$500 in canned foods and paid for Thanksgiving dinner for 20 families.

"We knocked on every door of the freshmen dorms, as well as Gavigan and Redington Halls, three times," DiDonna said.

"Students were skeptical to see three guys walking around with a box and asking for money, but with the help of senior RAs Anthony Talerico from Eatontown, N.Y., Joe Sobanko from Staten Island, N.Y., Phil Oslin from Littleton, Mass., and Rev. Ron McKinney, S.J., people realized that it was a legitimate cause."

The three students then went to speak with Pat Vaccaro to ask about organizing a food drive.

"When Vinny, Pete and Dylan came to talk to me, I was a bit hesitant about students organizing their own food drive because it usually resulted in a lot of work for them and not much profit for the community," Vaccaro said. "However, I was very impressed by their organization and determination to make this work."

"We raised enough money to help out individuals for two holidays and that's great," DiDonna said. "However, I think that it's sad that no one had done this on their own before my friends and I came here."

# The Aquinas Staff Christmas Wish List

Paul desperately wants someone to answer one of his classifieds -call x7464 with interests!

Jen really wants sleep.

Carrie would love to see her family.

Lisa craves popcorn...Italian style.

Joe wants to be the Mr. Universe of co-ed naked salad wrestling.

Susanna wants to successfully "weave on" in her philosophy paper. And she wants chapstick.

Eamonn wants a jacuzzi full of lime jell-o.

Tomas wants a bottle of Buckfast (um...what?).

Jenny pines for a mouse with a scrolly thingy (they're so neat!).

Amy yearns for Bono in tight, tight leather pants serenading her all night (emphasis on the tight).

Dr. Reavy wants a presidentelect...anyone will do.

Erin desires a full body massage and a wutterbed.

And last but not least, Brendan wants to be able to buy \$85,000 speakers and not feel guilty about it.



# NEWS

# **MEMOBOARD**

### **Snow Parking Ban**

Parking is prohibited in all surface parking areas where snow accumulates or when snow is predicted to accumulate in the evening overnight. Vehicles parking on campus during this snow ban should use the Parking Pavilion. Dial 941-5999 for parking ban updates. REMEMBER: Vehicles must be removed from the parking pavilion by 8 a.m. Vehicles in violation of the snow ban policy are subject to ticketing. Current parking permits are always needed to utilize University parking areas.

### **Empty Stocking Fund**

The University's concert band and choir's second annual "Empty Stocking Fund Benefit Concert" will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Houlihan-McLean Center. Admission is a cash donation, a new toy or a new piece of clothing. All proceeds benefit local holiday charities

### **Exercise Science Open House**

Today from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., The University's Exercise Science and Sport Department will hold an open house in room 108 of the Byron Recreation Center. The open house will feature discussions about the current exercise science major and The University's plans for a new Exercise Science lab complex. Holiday refreshments will be served. The event is open to The University community and the public.

### **Pre-Christmas Liturgy**

There will be no evening liturgies at Madonna della Strada on Sunday, Dec. 10. Join The University community at 7 p.m. in the Byron Recreation Center for the annual pre-Christmas liturgy, followed by the tree lighting.

### **Collegiate Volunteer Opportunities**

This holiday season, Collegiate Volunteers is sponsoring three programs to make the holidays a little brighter for others.

Adopt an Angel: Collegiate Volunteers is working with area agencies to bring some Christmas happiness to abused, neglected and needy children. The sponsor receives a letter, which the child has written to Santa, and tries to fulfill the child's Christmas wishes. The cost may range from 50 to 75 dollars.

Adopt a Family: Students or dorms have the opportunity to "adopt" a needy family in the Scranton area during the Christmas season. This entails purchasing clothes, gifts and a grocery store gift certificate. The sponsors may select the size of the family they wish to adopt. The cost may range from 75 to 100 dollars.

Giving Tree: Individual students are given the opportunity to make a local child's Christmas merry. There is a tree set up in the Gunster Student Center and a basket in Madonna della Strada Chapel where students can choose to sponsor a boy or a girl in various age groups by selecting an ornament with a child's name. The student is given freedom in gift selection. The cost ranges from 10 to 15 dollars. Gifts for all programs are due by Thursday, Dec. 14. If there are any questions go to the Collegiate Volunteers office located on the first floor of the Gunster Student Center or call 941-7429.

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MEMOBOARD notices can run a maximum of three consecutive editions and may run on a space-available basis thereafter. Notices must be submitted by the Monday before publication.

# Students educate on HIV/AIDS

By Jennifer Lively Aquinas Correspondent

World AIDS Day, born of a World Summit of Ministers of Health in 1988, brings messages of compassion, hope, solidarity and understanding about AIDS to every country in the world.

Since its inception, World AIDS Day has grown into a renewal of the commitment by all nations for an HIV/AIDS free world and has shown this progression in the themes the day adopts each year.

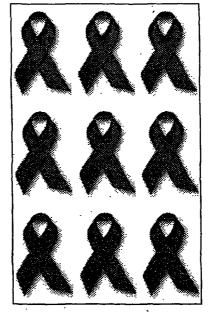
World AIDS Day 2000, celebrated on campus last week was themed, "Men Can Make a Difference."

This focus on male awareness comes from the Center for Disease Control's statistics that over 70 percent of new HIV infections worldwide come from men having sex with women, while 10 percent come from men having sex with other men.

The University's Center for Health Education and Wellness, working through the P.E.A.C.E. (Peer Education on AIDS in a College Environment) peer educators, supported the World AIDS Day theme by encouraging healthy decision-making and communication among college students since half of 1998's new HIV infections were in people under 25 years old.

P.E.A.C.E hosted a series of events throughout the week prior to World AIDS Day in order to meet their goal of seeing every student, faculty and staff member wearing a red ribbon on Dec. 1. On both Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, peers drummed up support with a table on Gunster allowing visitors to pick up ribbons and HIV testing information.

They also encouraged visitors to write names of loved ones who were touched by HIV/AIDS on luminary bags,



which later illuminated the walkway to Redington Hall.

On Wednesday evening P.E.A.C.E. peers joined forces with Marywood University in order to host "The Silent Partner" in Nazareth Hall at Marywood.

"The Silent Partner" detailed the lives of 30 unrelated college students at various points in their four-year careers.

As each student's sexual past and personal habits are read, the audience members who are representing the fictitious students are connected by string to the people they were involved with in those situations.

By the end of the night, when the room finds out that three people are HIV positive, there is not one person left who has not been put at risk for HIV in some way through their interactions with others.

The presentation hits on all of the major risk factors for transmitting the disease, including heterosexual and homosexual intercourse, IV drug use with shared needles, breast-feeding from a mother to her child and, most often overlooked, oral sex between partners of any gender.

The peers have noticed, through their presentations in the residence halls, that oral sex is most often thought of as safe sex, or an alternative to intercourse, when in fact it is just as risky as any sexual interaction in which body fluids are exchanged.

Through discussions after the "The Silent Partner," peers touched on all of these topics, and also gave out testing information for the Scranton area.

Finally, they stressed that only complete protection from HIV infection is by postponing

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# News

# New honor society for freshmen

By Maureen G. Cassidy Aquinas Staff Writer

The University will hold its first induction ceremony for the newly established chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, the National Honor Society for freshmen, in the spring of 2001.

Founded at the University of Illinois in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta consists of over 225 chapters nation wide and has initiated more than 600,000 students.

The society was implemented at The University to encourage and reward academic excellence during a student's first year of undergraduate education.

"The society emphasizes scholarship early in a student's college career," said Rosellen Garrett, professor of nursing and faculty advisor of The University's Freshman Honor Society.

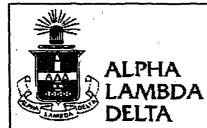
"It tells freshmen that The University honors academic excellence. Hopefully it will be used as a feeder into the Honors Program, foreign study opportunities and other prestigious activities."

Eligibility depends upon a freshmen's first semester grades. All freshmen, enrolled full-time, who achieve a 3.5 GPA or better and rank among the top 20 percent of the freshmen class, will receive an invitation for membership.

"As an RA in the freshmen dorms, I think the Freshmen Honor Society is a great idea," said Brian Stecker, a senior from Drums.

"It provides freshmen with extra motivation to do well."

Alpha Lambda Delta grants lifetime membership. Members



may participate at both the local and national levels.

The society holds an annual leadership workshop each fall. In addition to serving as local chapter officers, students may apply to serve as Members-At-Large on the National Council.

Members-At-Large attend annual National Council meetings, serve on committees and work with campus chapters.

According to the society's national regulations all officers must be sophomores.

However, students who maintain the required 3.5 GPA standard and remain active within the society will be eligible for additional scholarships.

The National Council awards at least 16 fellowships annually of up to \$5,000, applicable toward one year of graduate study.

In honor of the society's founder, Maria Leonard, each chapter presents an annual book award to the Alpha Lambda Delta graduating senior who has achieved the highest cumulative

Alpha Lambda Delta prides itself on its continuous emphasis on community service.

"The University chose Alpha Lambda Delta because of its service component," Garrett explained. "It really complements the Jesuit ideals."

Members will be involved in

service projects both on campus and within the local community.

Freshmen were made aware of the new Honor Society at Freshman Orientation and during Freshman Seminar classes. The increased awareness will hopefully offer students extra incentive to strive for academic excellence.

"We heard a lot about the Honor Society during Orientation," said Kaitlyn Cogan, a freshman from West Point, N.Y.

"It sounds very prestigious and would probably be a good thing to have on your resume."

For the most part both freshmen and upperclassmen are responding positively to the newly instated honor society.

"I wish they had a freshmen honor society when I was a freshman," said Michael MacDonald, a senior from North Babylon, N.Y.

"It would have helped me focus more on my studies."

However, some students express concern that a freshman honor society will cause detrimental and unneeded pressures.

"I don't think there should be a freshman honor society because it would cause too much competition," stated Mary Ellen O'Grady, a junior from Nutley, N.J.

"There are so many things to worry about as a freshman. The extra pressure isn't needed."

Freshmen eligible for membership will be notified early in the spring semester.

Students seeking further information are encouraged to contact Garrett.

### **SOA** (continued from page 1)

Martin Sheen spoke at the Mass Saturday night.

"His speech was moving," Henry said. "I was surprised at how devoted and religious he was. He told us how he would let God guide him during the intense experience of the protest on Sunday."

Sunday's protest included a funeral procession of about 10,000 people commemorating the lives of people killed by graduates of the SOA. About 3,500 of the protestors "crossed the line" onto the SOA's property at Fort Benning in a nonviolent act of civil disobedience.

"While most people stood outside the fort in support, about a third of the people crossed the line in a sign of civil disobedience similar to Martin Luther King's work in the South," Henry said. "Each wore a cross or a Jewish star that bore the name of one of the 900 civilians killed by an SOA graduate during the El Mozote massacre."

The 1981 El Mozote massacre in El Salvador involved the murder of innocent villagers by the military. The SOA Watch reports that at least 767 of the 900 civilians were murdered by military officers trained by the United States.

Over 2,000 people risked arrest this year at Fort Benning by "crossing the line," most of whom simply received a ban and bar letter prohibiting them from returning to Fort Benning for one to five years.

"Most of the Scranton students stayed together," Henry said. "The SOA Watch informed us that if we got on a bus there was a chance that we would be

processed, but if we walked the mile back to the gates nothing would happen."

One University student, however, moved to the front of the group.

"Every year Scranton students cross the line, but somehow I got separated from the group and ended up at the front of the procession with Martin Sheen," said senior Eugene Dirks.

"I found out later that they usually take the first two buses to get processed and I was on the first bus. I received a ban and bar letter that states that I can not return to Fort Benning for two years. The consequences were not that bad."

"Awareness about the SOA needs to be raised," said Sean Farry, who works in the Office of Financial Aid and accompanied the group to Georgia. "Father Roy Bourgeious may visit The University in March as part of his speaking tour to bring awareness of the SOA Watch's work."

"The whole weekend was about learning the truth," Henry said. "There are two movements involved, the SOA and those protesting the SOA, such as the SOA Watch. I believe that people need to look for the truth somewhere in the middle. People need to research the SOA because I think there is still a lot of truth to be learned, but there are some facts that cannot be disputed."

Henry made the arrangements for the trip along with the other officers of the JUSTICE club and Associate Campus Minister Cathy Seymour.

### Health (continued from page 2)

Popeck explained that today's society has a notion that a prescription exists to cure each specific malady.

But sometimes, Popeck said, an illness can be subdued without prescription drugs. This includes the controversial remedy, Gatorade.

"Gatorade could be the best thing for them," Popeck said. "Good medical care doesn't always entail medical prescriptions."

Andrea Lombardi, a senior from Rocklin County, N.Y., went

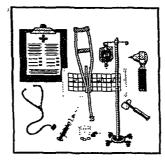
to Student Health Services three times last year.

"I had a sore throat and they gave me cough drops, salt, and Gatorade and told me to come back," Lombardi said. "I wanted a throat culture and they wouldn't do it."

Many students think that the Student Health Services staff is very helpful, but they offered some suggestions for improvement.

"They were nice, but I saw a nurse and not a doctor," O'Grady said. "I feel they made me more

nervous then they should have."
"Everyone has different opin-



ions," Popeck admitted. "We don't always tell students what they want to hear."

"I feel Student Health could improve their services by having a doctor available on call every day, and not just at specific times," Lombardi said. "Some people have busy schedules and are not always able to come back."

Health Services are staffed with two full-time registered nurses, and a nurse practitioner who works 20 hours a week. In addition to five staff physicians, physician clinics are available every day by appointment.

Student Health Services is

located at 1130 Mulberry St., and are open from 8:30 a.m to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday. They also have a Web site on the University Web site, runder Student Affairs.

The Center for Health Education and Wellness, not to be confused with Student Health Services, is located in the same building. Wellness' goals are to increase awareness and assist in the development of responsible decision-making to attain a higher level of health and well-being.

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### AIDS (from page 4)

sexual activity until they are in a mutually monogamous relationship with a great deal of communication between the partners about past risky behaviors.

Rounding out the week of events was a mass celebrated by the Rev. Ronald McKinney dedicated to the issue of compassion for those dealing with HIV/AIDS.

A special prayer was read reminding all present that AIDS is the only disease where people are hated for being sick and this needs to be changed.

Sister Ruth Nealey of the Scranton Temple Health Center spoke Thursday night about working with HIV/AIDS patients and their families. The most moving portion of the week came on Friday, World AIDS Day, in which thirty-five STOP signs with HIV/AIDS facts were placed all around campus.

All day long, people could be seen congregating around the signs learning new information. The peers "red ribbon goal" was deemed a huge success.

### Rugby (continued from page 1)

after the URB acquitted the club of hazing charges related to a party sponsored at 1216 Linden St. on Sept. 11, 1999.

"We were originally brought up for hazing charges, but then that was dropped," Hawk said. "So that meant that we didn't force anyone to drink. But by levying those charges against us, the URB kind of forced the players to admit that they were drinking on their own will. So, it's almost like the hazing charge was a smokescreen or set-up to charge us with underage drinking."

"Some people feel like we were sort of tricked into admitting we were drinking," Dugan said.

When the decision was made last December, some players thought that they were unfairly being made into an example.

"It was an unfortunate incident and we feel that we were made an example of what can happen to a whole team based on an individual's actions," Hawk said. "We sort of feel that the school let individual acts repre-

sent the team as a whole, and we know that we will have to be extremely cautious in the future. We will still be on probation for three more years."

Despite apparent disappointment with the URB decision, the rugby players admit that there is no reason to focus on the outcome of last year's hearings.

"We were disheartened by the 18-month suspension," Hawk said. "But right now we do not plan to focus on the past."

"Our sights are set on the future, and we are really looking forward to playing rugby again," Yarusso said.

The players clarified that the suspension, though set to last for a 12-month period, actually lasted 18 months, counting the time during the judicial review process.

The players believe that the year without practice has hurt their performance.

"It's gonna be shaky as we start up practices again," Dugan said.

"Before the suspension, EPRU [Eastern Pennsylvania

Rugby Union] thought we would be national contenders and play such teams as Navy, Penn State and other big names," Karabin said. "It will take us a while to get to the level we were at. But by the fall, we hope to have things going well again."

The suspension forbade the club members from any sort of organized interaction.

"We have not been practicing or doing anything organized as a team since the suspension," Hawk said. "We have been abiding completely by what The University wants. The last thing we want to do is something that would put us in danger of being disbanned."

They stressed that they will refrain from practice until they are sure they are allowed.

"It's too cold outside to practice now anyway," Dugan said.
"And we want to make sure we stay on the safe side and are absolutely sure we are not breaking any rules."

Although the rugby players have yet to be officially recognized by The University, they

have organized themselves since Tuesday.

"We have already started doing community service together as an unofficial team," Yarusso said. "We've adopted an angel through Collegiate Volunteers. Since our account is still frozen, we're raising the funds among ourselves."

"Also, on Friday we are working with Lackawanna Neighbors to clean up a house somewhere on Olive Street," Hawk added. "If anyone would like to help us with that, they can come to my house at 12:30 Friday afternoon. I live at 405 North Webster Ave."

"We had an excellent reputation as a team before the suspension," Dugan said. "We had been Club of the Year and were very active in the community. We want to rebuild that image of the team and put down any wrong impressions people might have of us."

"We're looking ahead, we're not looking behind us," Yarusso said. "We just want to play rugby."

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### LOST IN THE

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by Éamonn Kennedy Forum Editor

I am really starting to believe that students are only at this uni-

versity to provide comic relief for others. I am talking about the painting of the stairway in St. Thomas Hall. I am not an interior design aficionado, but as far as I know day-glo pastel yellow went out of fashion around the same time that people figured out that 100 percent polyester underpants were, in fact, not cool.



I went through a range of emotions when I first saw the face-lifted walls. At first, I projectile vomited, which only made a small improvement to the color. Next, I

ed, which only made a small improvement to the color. Next, I was simply angered by the fact that someone somewhere in cuckoo land decideed that the last few weeks of the semester would be
the best time to close the stairwell. It's like resurfacing a road during Monday's rush hour traffic. It's discourteous and shows a type
of carelessness that Firestone would be proud of. Finally, I grew
to love the new color and suddenly it all became clear. No, wait,
that was just the fumes from the paint.

So, as we pass through living-dead week and curse about homework, papers and illegitimate tests, we cannot but look back on the semester past. Students have grown, the leaves have turned, the fees increased and a lot has gone unsettled. We cannot let incidents like the injury to Justin Hull be swept under the carpet. Painting over the cracks will not help us figure out why that happened. What about a proper recreation facilities for students? If we let issues like these fade away, we as students are failing ourselves. We cannot just ignore what has happened. Even if we keep an open dialogue going among students eventually these topics will have to be addressed formally. Otherwise we will end up having Bush as the president of our college.

But, in closing our little dead week, I cannot help but feel the irony of the name. I hope that this dead week will be remembered because of the record-breaking "achievement" of Texas in executing 38 people in one year. This is the most executions in one year by any state since the beginning of death penalty records in 1930 and the year is not even finished yet. Who knows? Maybe they'll smash the record. I feel compelled to be flippant as the facts of the situation are a sour taste of cold reality soup. You would think that after 70 years of progress in every field from medicine to space travel, that we would have mastered that which is closest to home, our own humanity. When will people learn that in killing killers nothing is learned, understood or accomplished, apart from the passing feeling that something was done about it?

Finally, I would also like to address the reality blinkers that we college students like to put on when we get up in the morning. In the same ceremonious way that some of us brush our teeth (for those who don't, you're not fooling anyone), we also secure ourselves in the thought that our quiz, which is worth a mouse's fart of our grade, is the most important thing that is going to happen on this day. It is like an addiction. Not that caring about our school work is a bad thing. But if, in doing so, we get swallowed up by its importance, then we might as well drop out, put on a grey suit and get a rolling start for the rat race.

# Jingle Bells, sweat shops smell

By Susanna Puntel Short Editor in Chief

Before Gladys Manzanares was fired, she earned 23 cents an hour making blue jeans at the Chentex sweatshop in Nicaragua.

She and her fellow workers toiled from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. each day, with only one 30-minute break.

They worked with harsh chemicals, in dim lighting and with dangerous machinery.

Gladys' earnings were so little that her family often skipped meals. When they did eat, they had little more than a small serving of rice and some wilted vegetables.

Gladys and 700 of her fellow employees were fired because they wanted to organize a union.

Gladys' story is not uncommon, but stories like hers are not commonly heard.

Through a speaking tour with the Campaign for Labor Rights (CLR), Gladys was scheduled to speak at The University last week.

But her presentation was cancelled because Nicaragua rescinded her previously-approved visa at the last minute.

As sleigh bells ring and jingle bells jingle, it is easy for us to get caught up in the commercialism of the holiday season and not realize that we are contributing to some of the injustice in the world.

Almost all of the major retailers in the United States are responsible for some sort of unfair labor practice: sweatshops, child labor, union-busting, low wages.

The Gap / Banana Republic / Old Navy company has sweatshops in Saipan, where working conditions are among the worst in the world.

A former worker at a Gap sweatshop said, "We had poor ventilation inside the factory, no exhaust system. We drank rain water and we lived in unsanitary, overcrowded barracks, Most of the time, women are fired if they get pregnant."

J.C.Penney, Kohl's and Kmart are three of the stores supplied by the Chentex sweatshop in Nicaragua where Gladys worked. Although the CEOs of those stores are aware of conditions in the sweatshops, they have done little or nothing to improve life for their workers.

Wal-Mart, the largest retailer in the world, is notorious for its human rights abuses.

For many students at The University, Wal-Mart means inexpensive groceries, late-night procrastinating and convenient shopping.

For Wal-Mart factory workers in Bangladesh, Haita, Guatemala, Honduras, China and other countries, Wal-Mart means forced overtime, rice gruel dinners, employee beatings and lost childhood.

Wal-Mart's annual operating profit is over 8 billion dollars. Each member of Wal-Mart's Board of Directors is paid \$1,500 dollars a day.

Workers sewing for American companies in Haiti are asking to negotiate a 58-cent hourly wage; in Nicaragua, 80 cents; in China, 87 cents.

The horror and inhumanity of these sweatshop conditions take the jingle out of my jingle bells.

It seems that no humane, just store is around for me to do my Christmas shopping.

Labor rights activists realize the challenges facing consumers, and they suggest concrete actions to take, to work toward fair labor practices in the world.

They do not recommend boycotts as the only solution.

Labor rights activists also do not advocate that the companies close down their factories or move them out of underdeveloped countries.

People in Third World coun-

tries need jobs. In fact, they need them so desperately that companies can exploit the humanity of their workers and pay them less than they need to survive.

However, the fact that these people have no other opportunity for employment does not validate treating them as slaves. They are human, as we are, and deserve the basic rights and dignities inherent to every person.

Labor rights activists suggest organizing around key issues to put pressure on companies. College student groups have been among the most successful for raising awareness and sending companies the message that they need to clean up their act.

Among the issues targeted are full public disclosure of factory addresses, living wages, independent monitoring, safe working conditions, no forced labor, no child labor and women's rights.

The JUSTICE club plans to bring some of these issues to campus, and they count on the support of The University community.

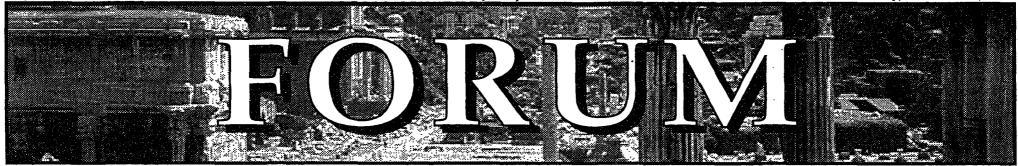
We need to let companies know that it is not okay to oppress and exploit their workers.

We live in a global economy and cannot escape the fact that our lives are connected to people in other countries.

An increase in pay and improved factory conditions for the workers would still mean billions of dollars of profit for the companies.

As our minds are set on buying the perfect Christmas present for our friend or getting a deal on the latest trends, perhaps we should consider the preoccupations of sweat-shop workers like Gladys.

They want to climb out of misery. They want to feed their families once or twice a day. They want to be human.



# Letters to the Editor....

# Gracias, Scranton

Dear Editor:

Gracias, Scranton.

I came to The University of Scranton as an exchange student to spend the first semester of my senior year here this fall.

Since I began college three years ago back in Mexico, I planned to study in an English speaking country and had many ideas about what my time abroad would be like.

It was not easy at first, many things were new to me, campus life, the city, the culture, etc..., but it was also part of the excitement.

I really did not have a formal introduction to The University, only some survival directions from my RA. Now I see myself in those days as a freshman but without the orientation and with nobody near me who shared what I was experiencing.

The fact that I had to learn a lot of things by myself pushed me to be even more open to meet people, so I got to make a lot of good friends.

I realize that it may be impossible for me to give back everything that I have received from all of you.

I would like to say thanks to everyone, from those who offered me a kind smile while walking The Commons to those who helped me discover new ideas and experiences inside and outside the classroom:

As my time here comes to an end I try to imagine how I will do without all the good things I found at Scranton. But I truly know that the best of it will stay with me.

Jose 1. Gutierrez is a senior from Mexico.

# Multiple majors not recorded

Dear Editor:

Many students with multiple majors are under the misconception that upon graduation they will receive a diploma inscribed with every area of study they have diligently completed. It was brought to our attention earlier this semester that this was actually not the case.

The Office of the Registrar forces students to choose a primary major, which will be the only one represented on their diploma.

The Office then attempts to compensate for this by placing the additional major or majors on the student's transcript. However, it is our opinion that such transcript recognition does not allow students to be fully acknowledged for their outstanding accomplishments.

We are not asking to be awarded multiple degrees, but only for multiple majors to be documented on the diploma. As a result, a petition is circulating campus, asking every student in

consensus with this idea to sign and show his or her support.

Finishing any college degree is not a simple task. By not recognizing those who choose to commit themselves to an education beyond standard university requirements, we are, in a sense, trivializing their achievements.

Jamie Adamski is a senior from Nanticoke.

Gretchen Shelesky is a senior from Olyphant.

# Peer pressure is just too passé

Dear Editor:

After being in college for a couple of years now I have witnessed countless situations in which peer pressure has been involved. It is different from high school when you picture peer pressure as someone in your face directly pressuring or tormenting you to do something. Instead students here at The University are often affected by

a more indirect form of peer pressure in which they make their own choice to do something but with the wrong intentions of fitting in and going along with the crowd. It baffles me that as young adults, who definitely have the ability to make our own decisions, we are still influenced by what others say and do and are completely dependant on our peer's opin-

By Tom Licisyn

ions. We are taught to be individuals, think as individuals and act as individuals, but we do not hesitate to conform to the majority.

If anything, I think college presents an atmosphere in which students are able to express themselves freely, and people really do accept you for who you

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# **DeRitter solves English Inquiry**

Dear Editor:

This is a response to the concerns raised by Tara Devers in Laura Petro's "Faculty Set Course Classifications" (The Aquinas, Nov. 9). Ms. Devers is unhappy because she apparently expected to receive Writing Intensive credit for taking English Inquiry (formerly ENGL 140; now ENLT 140) this past fall.

As part of her argument, Ms. Devers points out correctly that English Inquiry used to have a "W" designation, and she implies that The University ought to have some sort of "once a W, always a W" policy for its General Education courses.

English Inquiry is and has always been what we call a "gateway course" for The University's English majors. In other words, it is supposed to be the first course taken by students who are either committed to majoring in English or thinking about committing to English (sometimes as a second major or minor).

When the new General Education curriculum first came on line a few years ago, the English Department, with the consent of the administration, attached a "W" to English Inquiry. We did this partly because, as Ms. Devers indicated in your article, there is a significant writing component to the course.

Unfortunately, as soon as we did that, our sections of English Inquiry were flooded with stu-

dents who were taking the course solely for the purpose of getting their Writing Intensive requirement out of the way. By the 1998-99 school year, prospective English majors were actually having difficulty getting into the course. In the spring of 1999, I taught a section of English Inquiry with 24 students in it, and only two of them were English majors.

This meant that the course was no longer serving its primary purpose. When that happened, we decided to get rid of the "W" designation.

We did this not because we wished to inconvenience Ms. Devers, but rather because we believe that our own majors should not have to compete with the entire undergraduate student body for seats in a course that was supposed to be directed primarily at them.

As Mr. Fetterhoff pointed out in the Aquinas article, this does not mean that we are taking "W" credit away from anyone who has already received it. In addition, all students should be aware that the English Department has offered and continues to offer a variety of other Writing Intensive courses for both our majors and for students who are seeking General Education credits.

This coming spring, we expect to have four "W" courses available, and by next spring, we expect to have more than half a dozen such courses available on a regular basis.

Contrary to the impression created by Ms. Devers's complaint, the English Department and a few other departments in the College of Arts and Sciences are already carrying a disproportionate share of the burden for The University's Writing Intensive requirement. When the requirement was created, the Administration hoped and assumed that most students would take one "W" course as part of their General Education curriculum and one "W" course in their major.

The real problem here is that many departments (including almost every department in the College of Professional Studies and the School of Management) have failed to develop Writing Intensive courses in their own disciplines.

We're aware that many students are struggling to find courses to satisfy their "W" requirements, so we can sympathize with Ms. Devers, at least up to a point. At the same time, we don't believe that the English Department should be blamed for these difficulties. This is simply one of those occasions when our obligations to our own majors must take precedence over our obligations to our General Education students. Anyone with further questions on this matter is welcome to contact me directly.

Jody DeRitter is the Chair of the English Department.

# Students evicted by college's social judges

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seniors

residence, we are

Last Thursday, my roommate and I received letters from Lakita Smith (AD for Gavigan College) stating that we were not selected "to continue our tenure within this community." Ms. Smith explains that this decision was not made "lightly or easily," and cites that we "have yet to demonstrate a commitment to being an integral part of this community." She adds, "additionally, your past level of involvement within this community has not been satisfactory to date."

Although my "my roommate and I have had to roommate and I will have been completed all of our adjust to workliving in the program points same room for before the deadline credits, having two years and will he and received no complaints." meet and exceed Greg Gricoski Program. every requirement of Gavigan

not permitted to return to our room in Spring 2001. Instead, we must seek housing elsewhere. In other words, my roommate and I are not 'social' enough to live in

Let me point out that neither my roommate nor I have ever caused trouble on the floor, nor received any previous notice of an unsatisfactory participation in Gavigan. In addition to this, we are actually involved in the campus community. My roommate, Jim Miller assists Fr. Pantle on the Ignatian, pagan, study retreats and monthly Evenings of Recollection by offering spiritual reflections, organizing activities and cooking every meal. Also he works in Fr. Pantle's office for ten hours per week planning and organizing retreats.

I am involved in Campus Ministry also, serving frequently as a Lector and Eucharistic minister for Sunday and daily Masses. Also, I work 19 hours a week between the Help Desk and

Academic Technology Center (ATC). As a TechCon in the ATC I instruct and assist professors to put their courses on the Web on BlackBoard.

Last year in Gavigan both my roommate and I completed all of our program points before the deadline and received no complaints or warnings about our behavior or lack thereof.

This semester my roommate has continued and advanced in his level of involvement.

However, my level involvement has dropped this

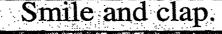
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Yet, by next **Junior** semester I will

have adjusted to my busier schedule, and therefore I expect to increase my level of involvement in the Gavigan community. Perhaps my lower level of involvement constitutes adequate grounds for eviction; however, there is no reason that my roommate should be denied the privilege of paying the school \$166 per week to live in Gavigan. Lakita Smith and the Gavigan system say otherwise.

I submit these facts to The University community and ask that the Gavigan College system be re-examined. I believe that my roommate and I have been valuable members of the Gavigan and University community. I agree with Lakita in her effort to improve the conditions in Gavigan. However, I believe she has made a mistake in rejecting my roommate and me.

Greg Gricoski is a junior from Frackville, PA.



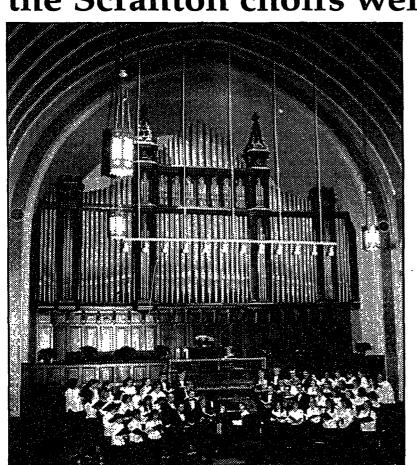


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On Campus Community

The Aquinas Arts and Features Section

# 'Ding, Dong Merrily on High,' the Scranton choirs were singing



The 33rd Annual Noel Night took place Sunday night.

**By Kate Brennan** Staff Writer

'Tis the season to be merry, Of giving, of cookies homemade.

Of decorations, and in-laws, And wrapping escapades.

Before Christmas frenzy overtakes vou

And you empty your bank account.

Let us take a beat to remember What Christmas is all about.

On Sunday, the 33rd annual Noel Night opened up the holiday season for all those faithful concert-goers of the Scranton area.

The tradition of Noel Night, an evening of seasonal music and biblical readings, began at The University 33 years ago, thanks to the Rev. Edward

Gannon, S.J. When he introduced the concert to The University, Gannon specifically outlined the program of the evening.

The Martyrology must be read by a vice-president of The University, the Nativity narrative must be read and the concert must always occur on the first weekend of December, (unless the first weekend of December is Thanksgiving weekend, in which case, the concert is moved to the following weekend).

Sunday night's concert featured The University Singers, The Chamber Choir and The Ladies Octet, with a prelude performed by the String Enemble.

The University Singers, which is open to anyone who wants to participate, boasts over 70 members.

The University Singers prac-

tice Mondays from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The Chamber Choir, a 12member group formed by audition, practices after the Singers' Thursday night practice.

The Ladies Octet, a new addition to this year's program, practices Mondays from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

"I don't ever feel like Christmas 'til Noel Night," conductor Cheryl Boga, admitted, This year marked Boga's twentieth Noel Night with The University.

An animated and intense conductor, Boga used football and Whoville analogies to engage her Singers during practices for the concert.

Boga, who can name any Singer in her group, and any alumni from her chorus and who they married, explained that it is traditional to incorporate "one piece that no one has heard around here" into Noel Night's program. The piece this year was the four movement Jesu Carols composed by Stephen Paulus.

The Singers performed this dissonant and revolutionary piece with guest harpist Andre Tarantiles, who has played at many renowned concert halls in New York City and has recorded with opera virtuosos and varied popular artists including Tony Bennett and Whitney Houston.

Although Boga works with the band as well as the choir, she commented on the unique nature of a concert through song.

"There is something about the text that instruments can't touch," Boga said.

Freshman Rachael Miller from Ashland, anxiously anticipated her first upcoming Noel

"I can't wait for my parents to see all the work I've been doing my first semester and have them start the tradition of Noel Night!," Miller said.

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# Rinaldi mixes fact and fiction in latest book

By Brendan Curry **Managing Editor** 

Novelist and poet Nicholas Rinaldi read from his latest book, The Jukebox Oueen of Malta Tuesday night to a sizeable crowd in the Studio Theater.

An entertaining speaker and conversationalist, Rinaldi was able to make the world of his novel come alive for the audience. To achieve this effect, he spent much of the reading providing background for both the fictional romance of the book and the historical situation of Malta during World War II.

Malta, a small island in the Mediterranean Ocean, is located about 60 miles south of the island of Sicily and was the focus of Axis bombing for two and a half years. According to Rinaldi, much of the bombing was related to the movements of General Rommel, who was commanding German forces in North Africa at the time.

The Jukebox Queen of Malta developed from a short story Rinaldi had begun to write about Malta. During his research, he realized that the story was enormous and decided to shape it into novel instead. The central

characters in the story are Rocco Raven and Melita Azzard.

Raven is an auto mechanic from Brooklyn assigned to the Royal Air Force who has landed on Malta by mistake when he meets Melita, a native Maltese, and falls for her.

The story centers on their relationship against the backdrop of the bombing campaign.

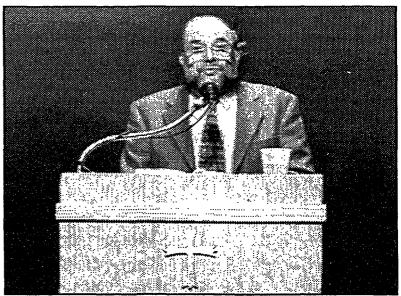
"This is a love story," Rinaldi said. The title of the novel derives from the fact that Melita gets a job helping her cousin Zammit make jukeboxes from scraps produced by the relentless bombing of the city.

Two passages Rinaldi read revealed two of the hallmarks of his work: black humor and surrealism. One excerpt included a pilot with a severed ear who complained about the brand of cigarette Rocco provided him with. Another likened the sound of bombs falling to singers of

Even when he read passages from the text, Rinaldi often stopped to delve into discussions of the facts that lay behind the events of the story.

Rinaldi spent a large amount

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Nicholas Rinaldi read selected passages from his book The Jukebox Queen of Malta Tuesday night.

# Royallife

# DJ shares dissatisfaction with WUSR

By John P. DiCosmo **Aquinas Staff Writer** 

WUSR once saved my soul.

This is true. As a maladiusted freshman at The University, my Friday nights consisted of broadcasting curious wavelengths of rock music into space.

Incidentally, sometimes peo-99.5 FM and listened. Once in a while, they called up.

landed, my two hours of broadcast time were the highlight of my week.

Not much has changed since

Being bred and spread in the densely populated suburbs in the Garden State, I have been amplified to rock by numerous supreme radio stations: from the best college radio station in the nation (WPRB Princeton), to premium jazz and hip hop stations, to the mind-blowing, free format stylings of listener supported radio station WFMU.

Northeastern Pennsylvania receives transmissions from "The Bear," country music stations and National Public Radio.

Many folks' aural preferences are not met by these options.

That is why WUSR should be a beacon for truly alternative, innovative music.

It's just too bad that it is not. Depending on the time of day one tunes in to WUSR, they are likely to hear R&B, bad rock, showtunes or just dead air.

This is not to say that there is

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> John P. DiCosmo WUSR DI

quality broadcasting on WUSR, but that good programming is few and far between.

Electric City should change WUSR's award in the reader's poll from "Best College Radio Station in NEPA" to "College Radio Station with the Strongest Signal."

Currently, there is no World Music broadcasted on WUSR, despite the large selection of World Music in the station library.

Not much jazz músic is played and don't tune in if you care to hear classical. And the lack of innovative rock music

just turns me off.

For those into Urban music, WUSR is probably the only station around there that plays R&B, Rap and Reggae. But this type of music is allotted only a few hours a week, and as popular as it is, it should not be why WUSR garnishes attention.

College Radio should be about breaking into new music, and giving the finger to Top 40

So when folks turn on WUSR and hear Matchbook 30, Mariah Carey, or Creed (yikes!), they should feel sad, like me.

However, there are some good radio shows on WUSR.

DJ Mike O'Hara is a staple on Saturday afternoons at WUSR, playing fine rock imports and alternative alternative. Will and Jose get into the groove Friday evenings.

Some weekday nights youcan meld into different types of rock, in addition to shows I may not be aware of myself.

Please help the state of our college radio station by sending suggestions and criticisms to WUSR management via the WUSR Web page.

Or better yet, if you are amplified to rock, get yourself a radio show on WUSR.

# On the Horizon

# Upcoming events on campus and in town

Esprit Reading Tonight

It's here! The Fall 2000 edition of Esprit is now available. Hear the writers read their work tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Gallery, room 117. Awards for best prose, poetry and art will also be presented.

### The Darker Side of Reindeer

The monthly student run Studio Series continues with The Eight: Reindeer Monologues Friday at 3 p.m. in the Studio Theater, McDade Center for Literary and Performing Arts.

### Braken Theater Company Presents...

As If I Were A Child, presented by the Braken Theater Company, will be performed at Kings College Dec. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$4 and all proceeds will be donated to local breast cancer assistance programs. For additional information call 822-7106.

### Performance of Handel's Messiah

The Northeastern Penn. Philharmonic, featuring conductor Hugh Keelan, performs Handel's Messiah at the Mellow Theater, Lackawanna Junior College on Dec. 8 and the F.M. Kirby Center on Dec. 9. Both performances begin at 8 p.m. To reserve tickets and for student discount information call 475-8301.

### **Marywood Graduate Art Exhibition**

The Contemporary Gallery at Marywood University is hosting a Graduate Exhibition through Dec. 10. Featured artists include Max Coston, Nancy Nally and Joshua Breslow. Gallery hours are: Monday through Friday 9 a.m to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Call 348-6278 for more details.

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### Rock-On!

Join WUSR's very own DJ Rock-On at the Homebase in Wilkes-Barre for his Mixtape release party with Soulviet Union on Dec. 15 at 10 p.m. Admission is free!

### Start Your Morning Off Right

The Jewish Community Center, 601 Jefferson Ave., holds Morning Yoga Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. All ages are welcome and no experience is necessary! Call 969-2590 for more details.

Happy Holidays!

### A response...

Dear Editor:

John DiCosmo, Aquinas staff writer, recently contacted me about several "problems" with our campus radio station, WUSR.

As Station Manger, I would like to formally respond to these

One issue raised by Mr. DiCosmo is the "lack of continuous broadcast days." WUSR has not been off the air for one day in over three years, includ-Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving.

However, it is true that we are not on the air 24 hours a day. This is due to the fact that 85 percent of our DJs are students, and it is very difficult to find people to fill the time slots between the hours of 4 a.m. and

WUSR is always in search of new DJs looking for real world communication experience. We would be more than happy to welcome any such persons to our staff. This time issue is the main reason for the decreasing number of World, Jazz, and Blues shows.

Our block schedule is as follows: World Music from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Jazz from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Blues from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Urban and Hip-Hop from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Alternative, Hardcore, Punk and Specialty shows from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m.

WUSR is working hard to make our presence on campus known.'

Ken Sandrowicz WUSR Station Manager

I am personally satisfied with our amount of time on the air. While I was attending the Intercollegiate Broadcasting Systems conference, I learned that many college stations do not start their broadcast days until around 5 p.m.

WUSR is working hard to make our presence on campus known. We have been doing many on-campus events such as Boo at the Zoo, Multi-Cultural Day, Battle of the Bands, Open House and the Freshman / Sophomore Formal. We will also be playing music for the upcoming Midnight Madness.

In addition, we have made many changes in the last year, such as playing music for oncampus events and distributing CDs, T-shirts, Frisbees, cups and key chains.

These changes are only a few of the reasons why we were voted the Number One College Radio Station in Electric City's Best of 2000 poll.

The people of Northeast Pennsylvania know what they like. I do believe that we have earned this award in spite of what Mr. DiCosmo writes.

If anybody is interested in becoming a DJ or a member of WUSR's management team, you can contact me at 941-7648.

Ken Sandrowicz is the Station Manager of WUSR

# ROYALLIFE.

# Student volunteers get into the Christmas spirit



Junior Slobhan Cleary helped brighten the holidays for these children during the annual Christmas Party for Underprivileged Children, co-sponsored by Student Government and Collegiate Volunteers.

By Katie Slattery Staff Writer

This time of year usually means finals and studying for University students, but on

Sunday, many student volunteers helped out at a Christmas party for underprivileged children in the Wolves' Den and the second floor cafeteria.

Co-organizers included the

Programming Board, Collegiate Volunteers and the Poverty, Hunger and Homelessness class.

The Irish Society made Christmas cookies with the children

Other activities included making reindeer ornaments, taking pictures with Santa, musical entertainment from local Danny McCarthy and decorating frames to give as gifts.

There were an estimated 50 student volunteers who spent time with 85 children and 15 adults from the community.

"It was good for both volunteers and families," said Rachel Henry, a sophomore from Huntington Station, N.Y.

"Volunteers get to see how much the little things make the kids happy. It was a wonderful humbling experience. It was great to see how grateful they were."

When Santa came out during the Danny McCarthy sing-along the kids were in awe. They were excited for the opportunity to talk to Santa.

The Christmas party was only

one of the many events that student volunteers have organized for the Christmas season.

Pat Vaccaro, director of Collegiate Volunteers, highlighted three programs that Collegiate volunteers are organizing.

The first program, Adopt an Angel focuses on bringing happiness to abused, neglected and needy children. The sponsor buys a gift that the child has requested in a letter to Santa.

The second program, Adopt a Family, is primarily for dorm students. Each floor adopts a family from the Scranton area. The sponsors purchase presents and food for their "family."

The third program, Giving Tree, is also sponsored by Volunteer CORE.

For more information, contact the Office of Collegiate Volunteers in the Gunster Center.

# ISS soccer video game keeps PlayStation owners happy

By Brian Lawler Aquinas Staff Writer

PlayStation 2 (PS 2) is out, leaving original PlayStation owners debating whether or not to fork out \$300 for the upgraded system. For everyone out there pondering this question, I believe I can offer some food for thought.

The original *PlayStation* actually still makes high quality games. Knowing that this may come as shocking news to the people who noticed the complete switchover in Sony's advertising campaigns, I feel that I must explain myself.

When the original Play-Station came out, it was the next big thing and, with time, Joe Public traded in his Super Nintendo for the pricier but more impressive system.

While the same thing is bound to happen again in time, games like "International Superstar Soccer Pro-Evolution" would lead me to encourage people to wait until the price drops and more PS2 games come out before they open their wallets this time around.

While the new machine may be more realistic than life itself, there is still far too much enjoyment to be gotten from the original machine to stow it in your attic as an antique yet.

Though there have been a multitude of soccer video games released in the past, it seems that only recently have they made any great impact on the United States market.

Computer and video soccer games had traditionally been designed for foreign markets and later released in the United States in the hope of making some additional sales.

However, thanks to vast improvements in graphics and options coupled with a general surge of interest in the sport, the niche once controlled by the EA Sports "FIFA" games has been blown wide open.

Games like "ISS" and Striker Pro 2000 showed that soccer video games could be equally enjoyable for non-fans of the game.

"International Superstar Soccer Pro-Evolution" is without a shadow of doubt the most realistic soccer simulation this critic has ever seen. Merely watching someone else play the game is surprisingly intriguing, as nothing comes closer to the real thing than this.

Whereas the FIFA games offer breakneck speed and arcade-like play, ISS shows the

value of mimicking players' movements on and off the ball in a game which is more difficult to control, but so much more rewarding when perfected.

Three different skill levels, a wide variety of teams and individual quirks for specific players hold the player's interest game after game.

And as much fun as the game is for one player, the head-to-head option could break many a long friendship. Expect much gloating, finger-pointing and swearing at your TV screen.

The bottom line is that this game makes the controller so easy to pick up and so difficult to put down.

So easy to learn and yet close to impossible to master, this is truly the cream of the crop, the reason video games were made.

To anyone considering buying the PlayStation 2, I would recommend waiting for the mammoth price to drop after Christmas.

To anyone considering the purchase of ISS Pro-Evolution, I would recommend waiting until finals are over. This one could seriously affect your GPA. Other side effects may include loss of sleep, friends and social skills. Yes, folks. It's that good.



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Olivier Bierhoof of Germany prepares to take a penalty against David Seaman of England in the PlayStation game 'International Superstar Soccer Pro-Evolution.'

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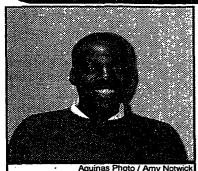
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# CAMPUS PROFILE: STUDENT HELPS AFRICAN ORPHANS



John Kiweewa Graduate Student of theology

By Susanna Puntel Short **Editor in Chief** 

"I myself am a living testimony of people's unfailing compassion," said graduate student of theology John Kiweewa.

Kiweewa came to The University from Uganda in late August, and has an inspiring vision of assisting hundreds of Ugandan children, as he himself has been helped.

In March of 1988, Kiweewa's father died of AIDS. Kiweewa had entered the diocesan seminary less than two months before his father died and had to drop out of school since he could no longer afford to pay for it.

If it were not for the assistance from a nun caring for AIDS patients in the area, Kiweewa would have been forced to end his education.

"Sr. Ursula wanted to sponsor the children of her patients, children who had lost their parents to AIDS," Kiweewa explained. "She accepted me and gave me fees to go back to school."

While Kiweewa was in the seminary, he met the Rev. Immanuel Katangole, who taught as a visiting professor to The University last year.

"Fr. Immanuel got me a scholarship to come to Scranton," Kiweewa explained. "Immanuel had been my teacher for two years in the major seminary. He is a good friend of mine. He likes people to go on to pursue a higher education."

Kiweewa's loss of a parent to AIDS is very common in his country, as it is in most of Africa.

"In 1999, the number of AIDS orphans in Uganda was about 1.1 million," Kiweewa said. "I read just a few days ago that there will be 2.7 million AIDS orphans in 2001. So, the rate is increasing significantly."

Although the clan system in Kiweewa's culture is designed to help children who have lost their parents, Kiweewa explained that the number of orphans has gone way beyond what the clans can manage.

"Almost every other day, children lose their parents," Kiweewa said. "So, the clan comes together and says, 'Who is going to look after this one?'

"Someone will volunteer, but then the next time, when somebody else dies, and the clan asks, 'Who is going to look after this one,' there is nobody. Sometimes you find yourself so overwhelmed."

Kiweewa's father is not the only family member he has lost to AIDS. In 1989, the year after his father's death, Kiweewa's second-born brother died from AIDS. A few months later, his brother's only daughter was lost to the virus. In 1990, the eldest brother died.

"My eldest brother had left the family in '89 to join the army," Kiweewa said. "There was a lot of mistreatment of the soldiers, so he was very sick and seriously suffering for a long time before we knew. We went for him in 1990 in the barracks. He didn't live for long."

Kiweewa said that everyone in his country has stories of relatives dying of AIDS.

"There's nobody who is not affected," Kiweewa said. "At first, AIDS was a secret because things concerning sex are usual-

ly not brought to the forefront of our cultures. But when many people died, AIDS came out of the background and the government put forth an effort to educate the people."

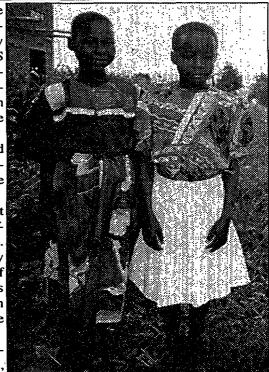
Kiweewa described the two main prevention programs in the country.

"The government teaches the use of condoms," Kiweewa said. "But, in a country where 70 percent of the population is Christian, the Church is teaching abstinence and faithfulness.

"Those two methods usually collide, but the government nication."

Kiweewa explained why condoms are ineffective as a method of prevention in his country.

"Condoms are sold, but most people cannot afford them," Kiweewa said. "Some people buy them privately in the city. In



These sisters were orphaned when their parhas the stronger hand ents died of AIDS. They live with their grandsince it has access to mother, who is going blind. They, along with all means of commu- 400 other children, have requested financial assistance from the Diocese of Masaka. Their village priest says that they are "very bright," and want to return to school.

the villages, people don't even have the money to buy the condoms. And there is a question of whether condoms are even effective in preventing AIDS."

see AIDS, page 14

A University student prepares for the Junior / Senior Christmas formal Friday afternoon at the Junior Class-sponsored Day of Beauty, which brought in students from The Empire Beauty School. 343 students attended the formal at The Scranton Cultural Center. Saturday, the reshman / Sophomore winter formal took place and 310 people were in attendance at the Byron.

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### AIDS (continued from page 13)

Kiweewa explained further that AIDS most intensely affects the poor.

"Even the rich are infected with AIDS, but they have the money to buy medicines, to have a balanced diet, to live a comfortable life," Kiweewa said. "The poor find themselves with nothing."

Kiweewa also talked about the challenges between Christianity and his culture.

"In my culture in the past, it was a value for men to have more than one sex partner," Kiweewa explained. "Now with Christianity, many of those values hold no more. But in the background men continue having many partners, even after they are married. It has been part of the culture."

With the increase of AIDS orphans, the number of "street children" has increased and many girls have resorted to prostitution for the money they need. The rise in prostitution also contributes to the spread of AIDS. There is a cycle.

"AIDS is part of life," Kiweewa explained. "And many people, especially the youth, have lost hope for finding any cure. When you are infected, you know you will die. Life continues as everyday for the others."

Kiweewa explained the history of AIDS in Uganda.

"In the beginning, people didn't know it was AIDS," Kiweewa said. "They thought it was a charm brought from Tanzania. People accused some Ugandans of stealing fish from traders in Tanzania and they thought that the other people had charmed them with the disease.

"So, as always, they turned to the traditional healer. But they saw people were not being cured. When people continued to die, that was when they knew that it was more than a charm."

Once AIDS had been recognized, the controversy continued different ethnic groups blamed others of being the source of the disease.

"Actually, most of the country blamed my people, the Badanda, for starting the disease," Kiweewa said. "I wrote three papers to argue against the different theories. Because the

issue was not who brought it, but the cure. We need to ask, 'How do we fight it?""

Kiweewa has an inspiring idea of how to fight the effects of AIDS in Uganda.

He explained that AIDS orphans inevitably drop out of school because they cannot pay for their education and must concern themselves with more basic needs. That was Kiweewa's situation, until he received support from Sr. Ursula and Katangole.

For Kiweewa, education is the key to rising out of despair.

'When I first came to Scranton, some people approached me about what they could do to help the situation in Africa," Kiweewa shared. "It is my strong belief that the most valuable thing that you an offer to these children is education."

With help from professors of theology Brian Benestad, Rev. Albert Liberatore and Charles Pinches, Kiweewa has drawn up a proposal outlining the situation in Uganda and asking individuals to sponsor the education of AIDS orphans.

"I have proposed 360 dollars

tion of one orphan," Kiweewa said. "This covers tuition and school books and supplies."

Kiweewa is working with the Education Office in his diocese to obtain photos and biographies of individual orphans requesting assistance.

"There's a priest in my diocese who is trying to coordinate this," Kiweewa said. "Their office has been sponsoring around 100 children, with help from individuals. He wrote to me and told me that this year over 400 children have already applied for help, and they cannot assist beyond 100 children. So, if there is anybody here who can help, that would be great."

Kiweewa's contact in Uganda has already sent pictures and biographies of some of the children. They hope to match individuals with sponsors.

"In my view, it is not only financial assistance that is needed, but also some kind of moral guidance for the children," Kiweewa said. "Because people seem to have no hope. I believe that the direct contact between

a year as the cost for the educa-, the sponsor and the child will give them some hope that it's not all over in life. That there is something more."

> Kiweewa said he is optimistic that his proposal will find support in the United States...

> "This is a fine country and I have met many fine people," Kiweewa said. "Scranton especially seems to be a community with a difference. Many people are welcoming."

Kiweewa expressed particular gratitude to the Pinches family, who he said gives him almost whatever he needs.

He also said that the family of Kevin Nordberg, professor of philosophy, has put him up for the semester.

"I am very grateful for having met so many nice people,' Kiweewa said. "With what I had heard about the United States, I thought that there were no more people here with faith. But when I came here, I was amazed at the faith of the people.

"I am very hopēful that people in this country have the will to help others."

# Campus Comment: The stairs in St. Thomas Hall were blocked off for over a week. What do you think The University was up to?



Matt Keefe **Junior** 

"They were trying to give us another reason to skip class.'



Amanda Loyden Freshman

"I'm sure they were painting. I just don't see why it took so



Keith Coleman Sophomore

"They were trying to make me more late for classes than I already am."



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Noel \_(continued from page 10)

Jen Donovan, graduate student from Gloversville, N.Y, savored her last Noel Night, marking the evening as a "bittersweet" experience.

Senior audience member Melissa Manganaro from Old Tappan, N.J. watched the event from the balcony.

"I loved the way the concert started out this year with the Ladies Octet positioned around the balcony," Manganaro said. "They've never done anything like that before."

Complete with remarks made by University President Rev. Joseph McShane, S.J., the concert was a success. The audience filled not only the first floor, but the entire balcony of the Houlihan-McLean Center as

When the program had finished, the audience applauded vigorously until Boga began an encore performance of "Rockin' Jerusalem" and the audience clapped to the syncopated rhythm.

The program described Noel Night as "a Christmas gift to the community from The University of Scranton."

Thank you, Singers, for an evening of song and celebration. What a priceless gift.

Twas December the third. From throughout the Scranton People came to Noel Night At Houlihan-McLean.

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The concert began In the utmost of class On the corner of Mulberry With the Angels of Brass.

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At eight o'clock p.m. The concert began promptly With eight ladies placed around The second floor balcony.

The musical ensembles

Prepared their program with care With harpist Andre Tarantiles And Cheryl Boga in conductor's chair.

"Angus Dei," "...St. Frances," "Carol of the Bells," And "Make a Joyful Noise" Arranged by Nelhybel.

"Ave Maria," "The Lamb," "Hallelujah," "Perfect Rose" "This Little Babe," accompanied by harp From "Ceremony of Carols."

On Chamber, on Singers, On Ladies' Octet. With a challenging Jesu Carols, and yet

Andre, the harpist Could not have been better. His musical phrasing Tickled every poinsettia.

That adorned the pipe organ Which did not sound a chord (Though we hear, in the future, It may be restored).

When the concert had ended The packed house demanded more

So Cheryl cued up the Singers For "Rockin' Jerusalem" as encore.

As the audience clapped along The instrumentalists went wild, And the singers belted the song In a bold and brassy style. And at the final note. The crowd erupted with Christmas cheer But if you missed it this time, You'll have to wait to see it next

In short, the 33rd Noel Night Will continue to reap praise. So, to all a Merry Christmas, And a Happy Holidays!

If you are dateless on New Year's Eve, call Paul at x7464. He's cute, intelligent, a great 🖁 listener and looks stellar in glasses!

### Pressure (from page 8)

are rather than the person that you pretend to be.

Thus, it is one's individual personality that touches the lives of others rather than if they give into the pressures of growing up in a world like this.

We are so caught up in what others think about us, that many times more important things in life are overlooked.

I guess that my frustration is based on the fact that so many students I know give off such a fake impression just to be "cool," and their actions are inspired by superficial motives.

I just wish that people would be themselves and not worry so much what others think about them.

As the New Year and new semester approaches, one of the resolutions that I think would be very promising to many students could be, "to be yourself, and to not give in to peer pressure so easily."

Christine Fontaine is a junior from Norristown.

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### Rinaldi (continued from page 10)

of time researching the historical setting for the novel, including traveling to Malta in order to get an idea of the lay of the capital city, Valletta.

"I find myself obsessively looking things up," Rinaldi said. His research also included primary sources from the war and memoirs written by RAF pilots.

Rinaldi also had access to actual RAF logs from Malta and incorporated the pilots he read about into part of his story.

"I memorialized them with a baseball game," Rinaldi said. "I used all their real names." The size of Rinaldi's original manuscript speaks to the amount of detail the novel contains.

"This manuscript was 1,000 pages long," Rinaldi said. "I had to cut it down to 600."

Now full of details, Rinaldi has a wealth of interesting anecdotes and stories about the people and culture of Malta. He related one such anecdote in reference to a chapter in his book about a conga line. The chapter was born from a story Rinaldi learned about a brass band that came out from the shelters and played in the street during the bombing. Rinaldi converted the band into a conga line and added surreal effects by including figures like Hitler in the line.

"I felt blessed in my

research," Rinaldi said.

Rinaldi has also encountered a variety of people who were alive during the time period of the novel and remember much about the bombing.

"I was really excited to meet up with the people," Rinaldi said.

In addition to the reading, Rinaldi spent time earlier in the day with The University's fiction writing workshop and critiqued two stories that students in the class had produced. When asked about the writing process, Rinaldi was quick to stress the importance of research and attention to detail.

"The details in the writing is the whole thing," Rinaldi said. "You can't just invent things out of the air." After a short question-and-answer session with most of the questions originating from professors in the English department, the reading ended.

"I really enjoyed my day," Rinaldi said. "It's been a charming time and a charming place."

An educator at Fairfield University for the past 35 years, Rinaldi received his masters and doctorate from Fordham University. He has published poems and short stories in a variety of well-known journals, including Southwest Review and American Fiction.

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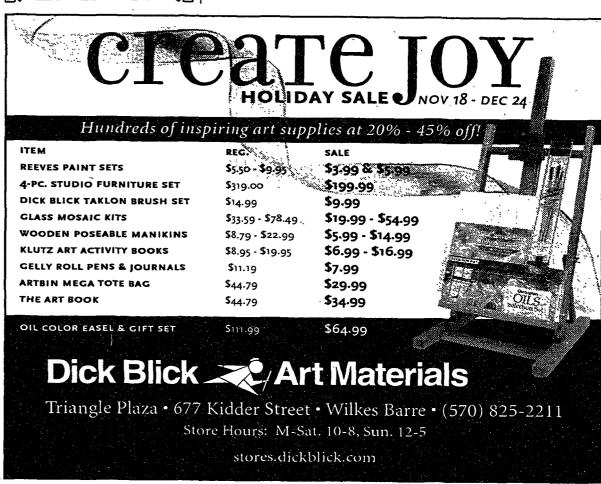
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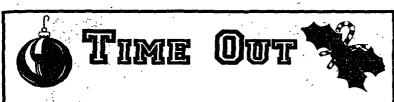
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Hoover Rubber went undefeated in league play and then defeated ACME Roofing, 19-9 in the play-off finals to win the Ultimate Frisbee league. The members of the winning team are Liz O'Connor, Valerie Ebert, Tim Gallen, Brian Wojciechowski, Frank Grisafi, CJ Rosemeyer, Amanda Witt, Marisa Funiciello, Ben Saks, Marco Funiciello, Ryan Kilker and Mark Holowka.

### Men's Flag Football

Saporito's capped off an undefeated season by shutting out Team Kuks 39-0 to capture the fall 2000 men's flag football championships. Members of the championship team were Anthony Saporito, Michael Sullivan, Steven Cerelli, Kris Grundy, Rob Urbanovich, Ryan McDevitt, Kevin Courtney, Pat Brooks, Adam Hawk, Mike Lancealotte, Mike Urbanovich and Tom Hughes.

### Co-Rec Basketball

5 Girls, 5 Guys and a Ball defeated Da Proshots, 51-35 to win the co-rec basketball league. Team members were Scott Weiss, Kevin McCabe, Emily Ehrhardt, Kelly Williams, Erin Dolan, Jackie Minerva, Kerry Horst, James Smith, Keith Regal, Jeremy Basedow, Jenn Cole and John Welsh.

### Co-Rec Volleyball

In the recreational league, Who's Your Daddy defeated IPG's Tomb Raiders, 7-15, 15-8, 15-7. Members of the winning team are Robert Abby, Brett Miller, Kristy Walsh, Lisa Stefanshik, Sam Keller, Lauryn Tiedmann and Lee Alvarez. In the competitive league, Last Hurrah defeated Balloon Notz in five games. Members of the winning team are Philip Oslin, Christie Shober, Katy Everson Katie Chambers, Melissa Hamson, Gavin Smith and Adrienne Hamson.

### Pre-Holiday Tournament Results

Winners in this year's Pre-Holiday Basketball Tournament are: Men's A. Sqan defeated I Don't Care by a score of 60-46. Men's B: WOS over The Assassins, 60-54. Men's C: Young Gunz over FSGS (the faculty / staff team), 52-34. Women's: Ruth's Royals defeated J's All Day 60-45. Team fees collected for this tournament were donated to a local Christmas charity. The rec staff would like to thank all the teams that participated in this year's tournament as well all of the officials and scorekeepers.

### Thanksgiving Racquetball Tournament Results

The annual Thanksgiving Raquetball Tournament took place the weekend before Thanksgiving break. This year's finalists were: Men's A, Mike Malos defeated Peter Lerninger in the final by a score of 17-15, 15-7; Men's B, Eric Simonds outlasted Phil Schaub 9-15, 15-9 and 11-10; Women's, Jane Steele beat Regina Welch, 15-1 and 15-4. Winners received turkeys and runner-ups received pumpkin pies.

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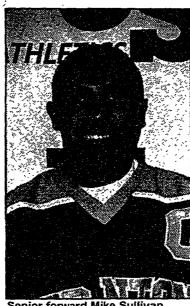
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# Sullivan and Montesani melt ice



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Erin James Sports Editor

The hockey team is on the rise and senior Mike Sullivan is passing the puck down to freshmen Dean Montesani.

A third-year captain, Sullivan also leads his team in scoring. Recently, the forward scored his 100th point, and has 44 more goals to break the school's record.

"It feels good, I guess," Sullivan said. "It is an accomplishment that I never thought that I would do. When I started school, it wasn't my goal and it wasn't something I thought I'd do in college."

Sullivan was on his way to this accomplishment after a successful 1999-2000 season, leading the team with 21 goals and 19 assists. Totaling 40 points, Sullivan held the highest point total for an Ice Royal since

Angelo Labuono at 65 points in 1997.

It is his fierce drive on the team that pushes Sullivan to shine as one of the team's top players, said Coach Fitzgerald.

"He played when he got here as a freshmen," Fitzgerald said. "He had to pay his dues like other freshmen and now he is one of our premium players. He's one of the toughest kids on the team. He's a hard-nosed player. If you were to go look up the definition of a hockey player, you would see Sullivan."

Sullivan tracks his aggressive style of playing back to Canada.

"I grew up in Canada and it is the way I've always played," he said. "In Canada, that is the way you are taught, to be aggressivethat is the way I was taught to play."

On University ice, Sullivan has seen the team improve. "When I came here we had about three good players, and now we have 8 to 9 solid players," he said. "The three lines are extremely solid."

One of these solid players is freshmen goal keeper Dean Montesani.

"It is a big thing for a freshmen to step up and be a goal tender on a college team," Fitzgerald said. "He's shared some time with Cliff Harrington, who is a junior. It is unfair to be putting pressure on a freshmen, but Dean is going to be a good player in college."

Montesani was a varsity player for three years for the championship winning ice hockey team at Monsignor Farrell in Staten

Island, N.Y.

"College is a lot faster paced," Sullivan said. "Now you can't make a mistake. Teams are big enough to capitalize on that. These teams don't screw up."

Unifying offensive and defensive forces on the team had thrust the Ice Royals to win the third Annual Scranton Shootout on Nov. 17, 18, and 19. The team went 4-0 in tournament play, defeating John Carroll 3 to .2, LeMoyne 12 to 5, Loyola College 9 to 0 and Saint Joseph's University 8 to 2.

"[Winning] brings the team together instead of just individuals playing," Sullivan said. "Loyola had tied with the team we played earlier this year, Wagner. We had lost to Wagner, but then blew out Loyola in the tournament. This shows how much we've improved. Everyone got to play and everyone was excited. I've never seen the team as ecstatic as they were."

Such excitement nurtures self-confidence, an element in which the team was previously deficient.

"In the John Carroll game, we beat them 3-2," Fitzgerald said. "We've had a lot of close games like this. Friday was a close game and to win it was a big boost. With four wins now, we're playing with confidence. The tournament was the hardest we've played all year."

Fitzgerald added that the rest of the season looks promising.

The Ice Royals will take on Rider University on Saturday, 5:15 at the Ice Box in Jenkins Township.

### High School B-ball teams play in Long Center

By Jennifer Martin Assistant Sports Editor

Expedition 2000 will take place this weekend in the John Long Center.

The Exhibition 2000 is a boys' high school basketball tournament, featuring schools from northeast Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Connecticut.

. The highlight of the weekend will be the rematch of the PIAA Class A final, pitting Kennedy Christian against local Bishop Hannan. Kennedy Christian is the two-time defending Class A champion in Pennsylvania and has beaten Bishop Hannan two

years in a row.

Bishop Hannan will seek redemption for the last two years. This is the last time the two schools will meet for at least two years, since Hannan was upgraded to a AA school this year.

The excitement will start Friday evening at 6 p.m.

### Friday

Bishop Hoban vs. St. Joseph's Prep, 6 p.m.

Georgetown Prep, Md. vs. Dunmore, 7:30 p.m.

Xavier Prep N.Y. vs. Bishop O'Hara, 9 p.m.

### Saturday

Nanticoke Area vs. Fordham Prep, N.Y., 2 p.m.

Xavier Prep vs. Georgetown Prep, Md. 3:30 p.m.

Fairfield Prep vs. Pittston Joseph's, 5:30 p.m. Area, 5 p.m.

St. Joseph's Prep vs. Regis

Prep, N.Y., 6:30 p.m. Bishop Hannan vs. Kennedy

### Christian, 8 p.m. Sunday

Regis Prep, N.Y. vs. Fairfield Prep, 1 p.m.

Georgetown Prep vs. Kennedy Christian, 2:30 p.m.

Fordham Prep vs. Bishop Hafey, 4 p.m.

Bishop O'Hara vs. St. Joseph's, 5:30 p.m.

### Harris (continued from page 20)

Strong emphasized that Harris worked on the fundamentals of the game while not play-

"She definitely improved her outside shooting," Strong said. "She was always good at driving and had outstanding defense, but now she has an added threat.'

Harris currently leads the team in points per game with 12.3 and assists (6) and is second in rebounds with 7.8 per game.

"I knew with such a young team that I would have to be a leader to them on and off the court," Harris said. "But I just try and play the point guard position and do whatever we need done.'

With the losses of scoring threats Kelly Halpin and Gillian McGovern, Strong is now looking to Harris to contribute more points.

"We didn't come into the season looking for Harris to lead the team in scoring," Strong said. "She knew that with the offensive losses that she would have to shoot a lot more. We have a lot of raw talent in the freshmen and while we are waiting for them to mature, Harris has picked up the slack."

Harris was the protégé of former Lady Royals like Halpin (three-time All-American), Heather Mohrman, Shannon Milder and McGovern, who were all part of the team that made consecutive Final Four appearances.

Everyone graduated except for McGovern, who elected to go to Spain over her junior second semester. With several underclassmen playing a significant role, Harris has now become the undisputed leader, according to Strong.

"She doesn't always come into practice or a game with the intention of leading the team," Strong said. "She's helpful to the players, but it is very low-key. She leads by example. She has a great personality that is very warm.'

Harris is the lone senior who starts and is surrounded with a. supporting cast of sophomores and freshmen. Mohrman, a recent graduate, works as an admissions councelor and is the assistant coach.

"That's the biggest adjustment that I had to make," Harris said. "I played with those people for four years. I got used to their style of play."

Harris Northeastern Pennsylvania player. She started her basketball career at Dunmore High School where she led her team to several playoff appearances.

'When I first recruited Lisa, I told her she might not start here," Strong said. "She was a good player, but she hadn't reached her full potential yet.

I always said that her coach was a master at winning games 42-40, so Lisa never got the opportunity to prove how good she really was.'

Losing a year may have affected any other player negatively. Feeling sorry for herself was not an option for Harris. She took the time to reflect on her game and improve her weaknesses.

Watching the Final Four from the sidelines gave Harris even more incentive to work harder to get there again this year.

"I don't want to be dramatic but losing a year of eligibility is like a near-death experience," Strong said. "It has a profound affect on someone. For Lisa she has become a better player because of it."

# Athlete of the Week



By Paul Williamson Sports Editor

"133" has proven to be a lucky number for sophomore wrassler Mike Letang.

LeTang had an impressive 5-4 victory against highly regarded Sam Lanigan Nov. 21 in the 133-pound weight class as the Royals opened their dual-match season with a 27-14 victory over Elizabethtown College. The win improved LeTang to 4-2 on the season and 14-9 in his career.

Letang went 3-2 in the tournament, including two wins by pins and helping the Royals finish third in the 10-team event. The sophomore opened the season by finishing fifth at 133 pounds at the Oneonta State University Invitational upstate New York.

At the Scranton Invitational on Saturday, LeTang finished in second place in the 133 lb weight class.

Between pins, Mike was able to answer a few of my questions. Q:What's your favorite

post game delicacy?

A: Well after a match me and a few guys usually go to Tom and Jerry's for pizza and wings. If you're talking about after weigh-ins I will eat anything I can get my hands on, then I like to fall asleep to a li'l bit of Yanni in the wrestling room.

### Q: You could beat Russian great Alexandre Kareline, right?

A: Once I hit my desired weight of 285 lbs. I feel I will toss Alex the Great the beating of his life. Just ask Jared Every. He knows what I'm talking about

### Q: Scenario: It's Thanksgiving but you have to make weight. Do you pass up on the candied yams and cranberry sauce?

A: Well to tell you the truth, missing meals is not my thing. But right after eating theres nothing better then running from rattle snakes in the deserts of Las Vegas (my home town if you didnt know). They keep me hard at work. For an easier workout, Mike Tyson and myself usually meet up for some sparring sessions.

### Q: What do you think, maybe some ladder or steel cage matches to spice things up a bit?

A: Our last steel cage match resulted in a few mishaps. My buddy Justice had to miss a few practices. Darren broke his finger, Cavey broke a hip, Slok hurt his shins. Then once Rakishi AKA Bill Hanni stepped in the cage our wrestling careers nearly came to a "CRUSHING" halt!

### Q: Is Gladiator the greatest movie ever or what?

A: Gladiator has nothing on Vision Quest. Louden Swain is my idol.

# **Sports Shorts**

Swimmers in action against Lycoming last night

### Men's basketball

The Royals snapped a two-game losing streak with back-to-back wins, totaling more than 90 points. The Royals dominated Lycoming College in the Freedom League Conference last night, 94-53. Senior point guard Al Callejas scored 25 points total, including 17 in the second half. Derek Elphick scored 18 points and had eight rebounds.

The Royals had opened their 2000-2001 Freedom Conference games last Wednesday against Allentown College. They won 71-68.

Al Callejas hit a milestone early in the second half of the game scoring his 1000th point of his career. He finished the game with 15 points. The Royals lost

to Wilkes University last Saturday, 77-50. Senior Kim Towle paced the Lady Royals to a 96-64 win Kevin Courtney was the lone Royal to score in double figures with 11 points.

### Women's Basketball

Lady Royals stay unbeaten after a 74-55 victory against Lycoming in Freedom Conference action last night. Forward Anne Marie Russo led the Lady Royals with 12 points. The Royals are now 7-0 overall and 3-0 in the Freedom Conference.

### Men's and women's swimming

The men's and women's swim teams extended their winning streaks with wins over Lycoming College last night and Lebanon Valley Saturday.

The men (4-0) defeated Lycoming 129-67. Juniors Michael Burns (1000 and 500 free) and Colin McGee (50 and 1000 free) won two events

each. Burns, McGee and Rob Steffenauer (200 IM) pushed the win over Lebanon Valley, 99-66.

The women (5-0)defeated Lycoming 130-75. Kristen Best (200 backstroke and 1000 free) and Jayme Smith (200 indiviual medley and 500 free) won two events each.

over Lebanon Valley, with wins in the 100 and 200

### Joe Fent

Senior Joe Fent earned all-America honors for the second time in his career at the NCAA Division III cross country championships Saturday afternoon at Whitworth College in Washington. Fent finished thirtieth overall.

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# Trustees make commitment to Division III status

'The decision gives The

University a good direc-

move forward."

**Sports Editor** 

The Board of Trustees decided yesterday to support the recommendations of various members of the community to remain at Division III NCAA status.

According to a letter written by Director of Public Relations Gerald Zaboski, the Board of Trustees reaffirmed the Division III status of The University's intercollegiate athletic (ICA) program and adopted several key recommendations that were initially outlined in a report from the Linhart group. The Linhart report was a comprehensive study and evaluation of The University's prospective NCAA Division status.

Community reactions seem to support the decision by the Board of Trustees. Toby Lovecchio, The University's Athletic Director, agrees whole-heartedly with the Trustees' decisions.

"I support enthusiastically the findings of the Linhart study and am very excited the Board of Trustees voted to support the recommendations," Lovecchio said.

Lovecchio also agrees with the specific points of concern the Board of Trustees outlined. "Each point is equally as important, and all will have a positive impact on student athletes, the campus community, and in the long term, the Alumni,' Lovecchio said. "The decision gives The University a good direction with the opportunity to move forward."

One of these recommendations was to "build solid ICA support through integrated ICA program efforts, including the accommodation of the need for students to balance academics and athletics."

Kevin Courtney, a senior on the men's basketball team, understands the importance of The University's athletic status on academics as well as athletics.

"At this level, basketball does not take over my entire life," Courtney said. "Division I athletics is a whole different level of commitment from the athlete's side. Students may not be ready to commit to that level, especially when we have to concentrate first on the educational aspect of school."

ideals of education first, then athletics." said Jay Murphy, Murphy, guard on the Lady Royals basketball team.

The Board of Trustees did place

emphasis on the crucial aspects of the Linhart report, which at times reads like a freshman student government "to-do" list, promising things that are obvious yet nothing that will truly make an impact.

However, the report raised some interesting questions, many of which were answered by the Trustees' specific vision.

One concern was the need for full time coaches and staff members and the inadequacy of athletic facilities required to support larger Division I teams in competi-

Addressing these concerns specifically, the Board of Trustees highlighted the need to develop a "comprehensive facilities vision and plan, and to increase funding for athletics, including the addition of fill-time coaches."

Fans of the Royals' sports programs also recognize these concerns.

"The facilities and finances afforded to The University are not sufficient for a Division I move," said RNN televison basketball announcer Brian Costello. "With more full-time -coaches and increased funding, we could continue to be a top-flight Division III school."

The questions surrounding the division "Division III stays more with the The University would compete in and the

likelihood of competing at a high level were not specifically addfather of Michelle tion with the opportunity to ressed. However, evidence supports the Trustees' decision.

> **Toby Lovecchio** At a Division I level Director of Athletics it would be imperative to compete in many

> > different sports, especially a high revenue sport such as football. Currently without a football program, The University would be hard-pressed to begin a high-level program at Division I.

> > Recently, Swarthmore College had to eliminate their football program after one of the longest losing streaks in Division III history. The team simply was not able to compete at that level. The University would undoubtedly face a similar situation if they played in Division I.

> > Also, universities who compete in Division I cannot compete at lower Divisions for sports in which they are not

as competitive. Schools who have highly successful athletic programs like Georgetown University were forced to drop athletic programs such as football because they were incapable of remaining competitive at Division I.

The Trustees also agreed that "the principles of Division III athletics were more supportive of the institution's mission and identity."

Women's head basketball coach Mike Strong has been privileged to coach one of the most successful athletic programs in The University's history, with much of the success being related to their Division III status.

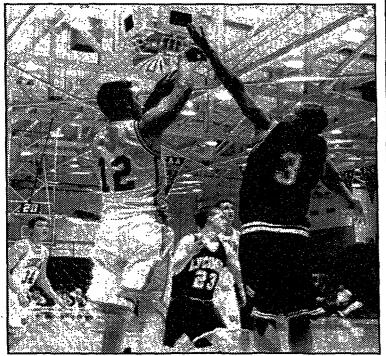
"The University is at the height of Division III," Strong said. "The strong Division III program draws players that are capable of playing on a higher level but might not play as pivotal of a role."

The Linhart report concluded that a major reason why students chose The University was because it allowed them to "play their sport as they had done in high school."

"Our status gives our kids a chance at national recognition individually and collectively," Strong said. "This is a major part of the success of the program."

The Board's decision has met with approval and The University must now decide how to proceed with its planned strengthening of its Division III status.

The Board, however, directed The University to proceed with "caution" and "in a measured and fiscally wise manner" as the new initiatives and plans are put in



The Royals Dan Loftus (12) takes a jumper in last night's game against Lycoming, 94-53. Loftus had 11 points and five assists helping the Royals continue their two-game win streak. Senior guard Al Callejas had a game-high 25 points and 8 assists. The Royals look to improve their 4-3 (2-1) record Dec. 20 at Division I

## UNIVERSITY SPORTS CALENDAR

# December 7 - Way after Xmas

### Friday

Ice Hockey at Towson, 8 p.m. Saturday

Ice Hockey vs Rider, 5:15 p.m.

### **Intersession Home Games:** Ice Hockey

Jan. 13 Alumni game, 5:15 p.m.

Jan. 20 vs Duquesne, 5:15 p.m.

Jan. 21 vs Duquesne, 5:15 p.m.

Feb. 3 vs Drexel, 5:15 p.m. Feb. 4 vs Rutgers, 5:15 p.m.

### Men's Basketball:

Jan. 6 UofS invitational, 6 / 8 p.m.

Jan. 7 UofS invitational, 1/3 p.m.

Jan. 13 vs Drew, 3 p.m.

Jan. 16 vs FDU-Madison, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 27 vs Wilkes, 3 p.m.

Jan. 23 vs Elizabethtown, 3 p.m.

Feb. 7 vs Delaware Valley, 7:30 p.m.

### **Swimming**

Jan. 27 vs Widener, 2 p.m. Feb. 3 vs Elizabethtown, 1 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

Jan. 4 vs Cabrini, 7 p.m.

Jan. 13 vs Drew, 1 p.m.

Jan. 17 vs FDU-Madison, 7 p.m.

Jan. 27 vs Wilkes, 1 p.m.

Feb. 3 vs Elizabethtown, 1 p.m.

Feb. 7 vs Delaware Valley, 5:30 p.m.

### Wrestling

Jan. 27 vs Delaware Valley 7 p.m.

Feb. 3 vs Messiah, 7 p.m.

Feb. 4 vs Wilkes, Lycoming, Co. of New Jersey, 12 p.m.

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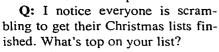
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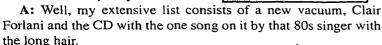
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# Sporting an opinion

**By Paul Williamson** Sports Editor

The holiday season seems to get people thinking, which is probably why suicide rates are so high. Nonethlessless, in the spirit of the season, I thought I would answer some of the questions that are on the minds of concerned sports fans.





Q: Having trouble with the girls, eh?

A: That's enough about me! Anyway, here are some of the things sports figures have put at the top of their lists.

Alex Rodriguez: A personal jet, move the Safeco Field fences in just behind the infield, a Laz-E-Boy in the dug-out and the changing of "Bat day" to "A-Rod Appreciation Day."

Royals men's basketball: A coach to fill the vacancy that will be left by Bob Bessoir after the year. The Royals may also need a swift kick in the butt after their uninspired defeat to Wilkes last weekend. I hear Bobby Knight is available.

Marty McSorley: A pardon and an interview with the Las Vegas franchise of the Extreme Fottball League (XFL) where

The Yankees: An extra \$20 million so they can buy Manny Ramirez, a new stadium, New Jersey and a spaceship so they can colonize Mars and begin their conquest of the next millennia's

Miami Hurricanes: The Al Gore legal team and a BCS recount, and recount, and....

Q: I've never read Time-Out. What do you discuss in there? A: Well, it seems like the usual intramural notes, but the staff likes to put subliminal messages among the text. If you combine every fourth letter in the Oct. 26 issue, there's a receipt for my mom's chicken soup and directions to the UFO museum in Roswell.

Q: I feel everyone's making New Year's resolutions. Any notable ones?

A: Daryl Strawberry: Resolves to quit drug use for the twenty-seventh time, sniff, sniff....

Dennis Miller: Resolves to desist wielding bombastic vernacular. Oh, and making Dan Foust seem like an idiot.

May's owner Mark Cuban: Resolves to no longer be fined for mouthing off to the bleepin' piece of bleepin' bleep of an NBA committee.

Q: Any advice for the holiday season?

A: Stay away from eggnog made with goat milk. It makes my stomach hurt.

### Inside:

ice Royals heat up: Page 17 What you may have missed over break: page 18 Trustees agree to stay at DIII: Page 19

# Court back in session for Harris

By Jennifer Martin Assistant Sports Editor

Lady Royal Lisa Harris saw plenty of varsity time her freshman year. By sophomore year she was the starting point guard for the women's team.

Then tragedy struck. The NCAA told Harris she could not play her junior year because she tested positive for a banned substance from a diet drug after the women's Final Four appearance.

"When I found out the news it was really hard," Harris said. "I knew that Kelly Halpin would have to take over as point guard. It was an adjustment for the team."

Head Women's Basketball Coach Mike Strong knew he was going to have an upward battle without Harris.

"Her role as a sophomore was substantial," Strong said. "I knew that I would need her the next year. She talked about her ignorance [on taking the diet

supplement] all season, but I blame myself a lot for not looking out for her.

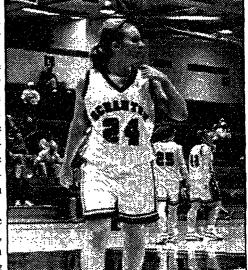
Harris lost her entire junior year of eligibility and watched her team again appear in the Final Four, this time from the sidelines. Although allowed to practice with the team, she could not compete at any level, even iunior varsity.

"She was there the entire year practicing, helping and cheering from the sidelines," Strong said. "She is not an outwardly emotional person, Lisa Harris surveys the court last night.

but you can tell that it was hurting her a lot not being out there.'

Harris says that she hadly ever missed a practice while suspended. She worked with cardio machines and weight training

Staying competitive not only



physically but also mentally while not playing was a necessity for Harris.

"Sitting there alone for the first couple games was really hard," Harris said. "But after that I got used to it."

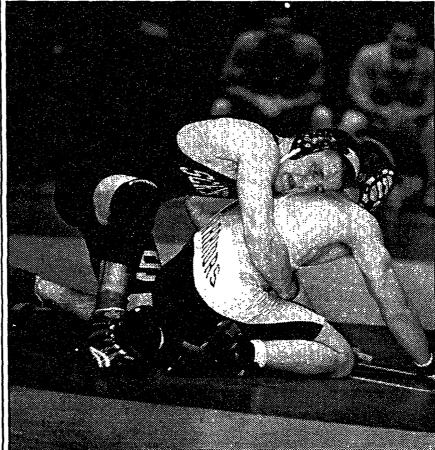
see Harris, page 18

The University's men's wrestling team hosted the Scranton Invitational last Saturday. The team finished fifth with 52 points. Olivet College stole the tournament with 122.5 points. King's College, Elizabethtown and Lycoming followed.

Mike LeTang garnered a second-place finish in the 133-pound weight class. Darren Buseman also lost in the championship match at 144-pounds to place second. Dan Gonzales placed third at the 174-pound class.

Last night, the Royals moved to 2-0 on the season with a 27-24 victory over Albright College in MAC wrestling action.

The Royals' Gribben recorded a decision over Brian McElrone, 2-0 in the 165 pound class, and Jose Valdez recorded a victory by pin in the 174pound classy of B



With last night's win, John Cavey and the Royals wrestle to a 2-0 record.