Evolution theory pitted against Intelligent Design

Lori Gallagher
News Editor

Intelligent Design is not science. Therefore, it does not belong in the science curriculum of any school. Although this statement may seem forceful, it was the argument presented by a panel of Cedar Crest professors and students on February 13, also known as Darwin Day.

The panelists gathered to discuss, “The Evolution of a Debate: Science vs. Pseudoscience,” science being the Theory of Evolution and pseudoscience being Intelligent Design.

The panel consisted of humanities, science, and education professors and students. Each speaker addressed the issue from a different perspective. However, they all agreed that, even though the media frames the Theory of Evolution versus Intelligent Design like a debate, there is no debate within the science community. Almost all scientists agree that the Theory of Evolution is science and Intelligent Design should not be compared to it. According to Elizabeth Ortiz, Instructor of Communication, most of the debate between the two topics occurs in the “court of public opinion.”

Intelligent Design is the idea that everything has been created by an intelligent agent. Although no specific name is attached to this agent, it is often thought of as a supernatural being. Intelligent Design has been considered a new form of creationism. Dr. Richard Kliman, Associate Professor of the Biological Sciences, explained that a court ruling compared Intelligent Design to Creationism when a text book author replaced the word Creationism with Intelligent Design and left the remainder of the context the same.

Intelligent Design attempts to understand the natural world through faith. Dr. John Cigliano, Assistant Professor of the Biological Sciences, explained that Science is a way to understand the world complimentary to religion. He said that science has a naturalistic explanation, and looks toward natural laws for explanations, while religion looks to the supernatural for answers.

Cigliano also discussed the science as a process. Developing a hypothesis is an important step in understanding the world and ultimately prevents a rape.

The female instructors go through almost the same process as the students. However, Fisher explained that male instructors must get away from five instructors after the longest day of training. “This was very intense. It makes you feel overpowered like a woman would feel in that situation, almost helpless. However, I switched to survival instinct mode and I was able to carry all five instructors across the safety line. This was quite exhausting,” said Fisher.

The actual class at Cedar Crest was only open to 18 students. According to Fisher there were an overwhelming response of 41 students. The class is 12 hours long and is broken into four days. The first night, which was February 12, was three hours of paperwork and classroom instruction.

The next two classes, which will be on February 19 and 26 will each be three hours of skill training. The final class, which will be on March 12, will consist of three hours of simulation, which will give students an opportunity to apply the skills to real life situations.

The main focus of RAD is to teach the survival instinct risk factors. These are

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Injustice of the Justice System

Amanda Rachel Goodman
A&E Editor

With the possibility of a criminal justice concentration coming to the Cedar Crest campus, I am truly hoping that there are drastic changes to the justice system.

On July 11, 2004, Brittany Gregory, a 16-year-old from Brick Township, New Jersey was attempting to get a ride to her boyfriend’s house. When family and friends came up short, she asked the help of Jack Fuller, a friend of her father’s. That was the last day she was ever heard from or seen alive. Gregory was a stunningly beautiful honor student who had wishes to be a forensic scientist. She forensics science students walking around campus and contemplate the fact that she could have been a student here at Cedar Crest College in the fall.

By doing my autopsy certification/competency for my job in the History and Pathology department in the hospital that I worked in when Gregory went missing. I followed every article and as the days went by and she was still missing, the fear hope that I would never see her autopsy was slowly fading.

According to The Asbury Park Press, Jack Fuller had been arrested for implicating himself in a tape-recorded conversation as having said that he “killed a white girl from Brick” and that he buried her body, but gave no clue as to where the body was. Sixteen days after she went missing, a body was found in a shallow grave about two miles from Gregory’s house in central New Jersey. The body was identified using fingerprints and dental records and an autopsy showed that Gregory was killed before she was buried.

Ness Johnson ’07
Fine Arts

“If you could change any law or rule (on Cedar Crest Campus and beyond) what would it be?”

“Having to follow your guest into the bathroom.”

Brianna Adam ’08
Psychology

“Why not?”

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Greetings all,
Life works in mysterious ways, and sometimes when you just let go, good things happen.
I had a dream a couple of weeks ago that led to the most interesting experience. There is a little novelty shop near my home that features a live alligator. I’ve watched him grow from a little baby to the big boy he is now at three years old. The shop owner has always been a really nice guy, full of cheer and a good word for everyone.
One day I named the alligator ate my cat. I wasn’t sure if the dream, but it stuck with me. The next time I saw the gator’s owner, I told him, “your gator ate my cat!”
He thought it was highly amusing and told me it was a sign that we should have dinner together. We did and talked for six hours about life and interests. He owns exotic animals besides the alligator, trained monkeys as helpers for paraplegics, and has a fascinating life.
We laugh at the fact that we are perfect foils for one another, each strong willed with a wicked sense of humor. We’ve known each other for eight years, but never became friends. Now that we are friends, we each agree that we’ve known each other for longer than we’ve been alive.
There are no rules for each other, looking for a place to share a connection with, we find ourselves stumbling. We find ourselves making eye connections with those who hurt and use us; we find connections that feel very unbalanced, where the balance is not based on the other in various ways, with no equality between them.
To find a connection with a complete equal is amazing. It does not have to be a romantic match to connect. Friendship should be the basis of all relationships, and friendships should offer growth opportunities to each person.
In America (at least), relationships tend to be based on “what’s in it for me?” People are looking for something they are missing in their lives. The male happens to be hanging around a keg. The guy (i.e. the type who spends more time on his hair than I do).
I’m used to being presented to by whatever the fairer sex, and in London metrosexuals are containing all sorts of exotic colourful plant life, the kind portrayed on, say, Sex and the City. I've never really been in an “adult relationship,” notably I've never been portrayed to be of the type who spends more time on his hair than I do.
The other thing that’s hard is the back-ground check, or lack thereof. If you really, really want to know the kind portrayed on, say, Sex and the City, it’s hard to find. I find it is easy, I am always honest and never unkind. Relationships are confusing at best, but people make the mistake of blaming the other for the failures of both. I don’t blame, nor do I take blame. I keep respect in the forefront of my mind.
Maybe that’s the missing ingredient in politics and public leadership, a complete lack of respect for others’ thoughts and cultures. Perhaps respect is the true key to peace; world peace and inner peace.
And that’s what I get from my new friendship; a sense of respect and a whole lot of inner peace.
Until next time,
Peace
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Injustice

nario makes me question the criminal justice system.

While I am no expert in any sense of the justice system, statistics show there must be a change. According to sansoffenderfinder.com, there are approximately 400 thousand registered sex offenders in the US alone, 46 of them being from the Allentown area. Eight out of ten rapists are released prior to trial and 61 percent of violent sex offenders have a prior record. According to the criminalists, six percent of the criminals in America commit 70 percent of the crimes.

Why are all these repeat offenders released only to commit the same type, or even harsher crime?

Drastic changes need to occur. I am quite tired of watching CNN and seeing innocent children being abused and killed by repeat offenders. When will any change occur in the world?
Sometimes it feels that the simplicity of love and being loved is easily forgotten. In the midst of cuddly teddy bears carrying messages, couples embracing alone on romantic getaways, and clumps of petals that will line trash cans in only a number of weeks, does anyone really remember what love means? After observing a Valentine’s Day or two, I have to admit that it appears that the true meaning of love is being buried and forgotten in this day and age. This day which should be about celebrating your love for that special person, your friends, family, humanity, etc. has turned into nothing more than a contest of who you can do it more extravagantly. One dozen roses is not enough, and spending $254.99 on three dozen says “I love you.” But what is wrong with simplicity?

Sure, “love” may have been the fuel which started this great battle of who can “prove” their love the best, but where are we going? Sometimes, it feels that the only reason many people do anything for Valentines Day is to prove to someone that they care more. This has started this great battle of who can “prove” their love the best, but where are we going? One dozen roses is not enough, and spending $254.99 on three dozen says “I love you.”

Because it is expected of them. There is nothing wrong with showing your love however you choose. It is the effort that you are doing it.

From so many corners, people are bombarded with the idea that it is necessary to spend money to show their love, something which should not cost anything at all. TV shows, magazines and the constant advertisements put out by various companies whose sales thrive on this event try to prove to you that everyone should be about celebrating your love for that special person, your friends, family, humanity, etc. has turned into nothing more than a contest of who you can do it more extravagantly. One dozen roses is not enough, and spending $254.99 on three dozen says “I love you.”

Brittany Carter Staff Writer

The idea of marketing such a beautiful and individual feeling, kind of makes me sick. The idea of marketing such a beautiful and individual feeling, kind of makes me sick. Sometimes, we forget how easy it can be to truly show love.

I have been dating the same wonderful man for the past year and a half. This year, I asked him to be my valentine. He replied back “does that entail loving you deeply?” That reply made me glad and I could not have thought of a better answer to that request. In fact, that is the only requirement for being my valentine. That is being Valentine’s Day is about. The flowers are pretty, the chocolate is delectable, but money does not need to be spent to show love. Affection does not need to be bought.

I am not asking for people to boycott. I am not asking. I love Valentine’s Day, what is better than a day designed for showing all how much they are loved? Yet, I fear that they have forgotten why we do it. From so many corners, people are bombarded with the idea that it is necessary to spend money to show their love, something which should not cost anything at all. TV shows, magazines and the constant advertisements put out by various companies whose sales thrive on this day all strive to convince people of who you can do it more extravagantly. One dozen roses is not enough, and spending $254.99 on three dozen says “I love you.”

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Professor Michael Donovan was accepted to teach at a university in Chisinau, Moldova.

Donovan accepted to Fulbright Scholar Program

Christa Hagan
Staff Writer

Many have said, “it takes a special kind of person to be a teacher.” But what about a teacher who strives to not only make a change in the country he or she is living in but to dare to cross country borders to make a difference somewhere else.

Cedar Crest hosts some professors who display and demonstrate this phenomenal desire. Associate professor of the Department of Business, Management, and Economics, W. Michael Donovan is one of these educators who dreams of making a difference not only in the United States, but in Chisinau, Moldova. This desire was demonstrated when he applied and was accepted to the Fulbright Scholar Program.

In 2004, Donovan began the application process for the Fulbright Scholar Program. “The traditional Fulbright Scholar Program sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals abroad each year. Grantees lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields” reads the description on the Fulbright Scholar website.

The application process consists of proposals and recommendations, but there is no interview process. Donovan has many students (some from other countries and some from the United States) who felt that he was the kind of person, the kind of teacher who had much more to offer than might have been expected.

An example of this (which was included in a statement he had to submit for application to the program) is a comment made by a student and refugee of Kosovo a few years ago. The student had said to him, “Mr. Donovan, you are the only teacher who looks at me eye to eye.” This is a compliment which touched Donovan and is very telling of this teacher, who strives to not only make a change in his own country but to travel the world to make a difference elsewhere.

At that point, Donovan had been teaching for ten years and was ready for a change. At one time, he had been able to go to the Far East for a month and that desire to travel appeared once again. Upon application, Donovan listed several places where he would wish to go, including: the Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova and Romania.

The program accepted Donovan to teach at a university in Chisinau, Moldova. Moldova is a country sandwiched between Ukraine and Romania. There were two courses he designed to teach in Moldova, “Developing Capitalist Fitness” and “Creating New Ventures.”

In March 2005, the program had accepted Donovan, but due to personal reasons, he had to decline at that point in time.

Getting accepted was a huge honor and Donovan said that it was “confirming of the efforts I have made to understand the economy. The program did, however, urge him to reapply at anytime in which he would be able. Though he knew that it was a necessity to give it up, he says that he would “hope to get there some- day.”

Donovan is not the only professor at Cedar Crest who has been accepted to the Fulbright program. Professor Bart Shaw is an alumna who in the late 1980s traveled to England through the Fulbright Scholar Program.
Forensic Science students can plan for extended stay

Kelly O’Donnell
Staff Writer

Blood, Sweat, Senn. Fibers. These are all things that some students at Cedar Crest College love to study on a day to day basis and now they will have the chance to do so for even longer. A new program will be offered.

At Cedar Crest, students can major in one of the sciences, including, chemistry, bio-chemistry, biology, forensic genetic engineering, and have a concentration in forensic science.

With the start of this new program students will be able to further their forensic science knowledge by staying an extra year to receive a masters degree.

The program will admit 16 students each year and will be a co-ed program open to students from all other colleges. Most forensic master’s programs have a 10% admission rate and this program will not be much different.

The Cedar Crest program is promising to be a competitive one.

This year alone 18 students are graduating with a forensics concentration. However, Dr. Lawrence Quarino, assistant professor of chemical and physical sciences, projects that there will be “upwards of 20-30” students graduating with the concentration in future years.

One of his hopes is that people will learn leadership skills from the master’s program. He also said he wants students to “be firmly rooted in Natural sciences.”

He wants students to understand that forensic science is more than just an application of the natural sciences.

It is unique because it is an individualized application of the natural sciences. The goals of the program are not only educational. Quarino hopes that students learn to be at a level that they can assume leadership positions anywhere from in the laboratory setting to the public setting.

Being one of a handful of accredited schools gives Cedar Crest an advantage at a master’s level. Across the nation there are only 11 schools that are accredited, Cedar Crest being one of them, which will really give students an advantage when getting their masters here.

It is also an advantage in general to have a masters degree, as Quarino explained that the field is becoming so competitive that in his own experiences in New York City, some of the jobs that were entry level required a Ph.D.

Quarino believes that students feel in favor of this and look at it as a golden opportunity.

Maxine Tam, a junior Genetic Engineering major, is looking forward to applying to the program. “It sounds very exciting, but very competitive.” Tam says that another one of the benefits of the program that stick out to her is that it is a one year program for current Cedar Crest student versus a two year program for other students just joining the Cedar Crest community.

Students who do enter the program from a college outside of Cedar Crest will spend two years in the program. This is still a very young program in the works but promises to be a fulfilling and education one.

Read the March 2 edition of the Crestiad for an in-depth explanation of another new program.

Evolution versus Intelligent Design

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the process because it allows scientists to directly test an idea. Scientists set up hypotheses in order to test and disprove them. He said, “science is about falsifying hypotheses.”

Kliman explained that this is one reason Intelligent Design is not science. Intelligent Design has not been set up to be tested. It begins with the conclusion and it stands until proven wrong.

Evolution has stood experimental tests for 150 years, thus making it a theory. In order to be a theory, a hypothesis must have been tested and never disproved. It must also explain a wide range of phenomenon and be well supported. Evolution meets all these criteria; therefore it is a theory.

According to Ciglano, the Theory of Evolution has no gaps. He explained that gaps only exist in the knowledge of the specific systems work because it is “difficult to understand and research.”

Since Intelligent Design is not science, it is often referred to as pseudoscience. Ciglano explained that this term is attached to ideas that use scientific language, such as hypothesis and theory, to present it as science.

Despite evidence that Intelligent Design is not science, some schools still argue that Intelligent Design should be included in the curriculum. A school board in Dover, Pennsylvania tried to have Intelligent Design incorporated into the school curriculum. Their argument was that evolution is just a theory and there are alternatives. Parents challenged this statement and argued that Intelligent Design should not be taught in the classroom. The decision was rendered before Christmas in favor of the parents.

Even though the courts have ruled against teaching Intelligent Design in science classes, some school boards still try to push for it. Nicole Hess, senior biology and education major, explained her personal experience with Intelligent Design. Hess, who is from Shickshinny, Pennsylvania said that the school board tried to force the teaching of Intelligent Design. After some discussion, the school board decided to create a social science class that focused on common controversies.

A large portion of the class was to be occupied by the teachings of Intelligent Design. All students would have to take this class during tenth grade in collaboration with biology. When the lesson plan was presented to the school board with other topics that would be discussed, “they realized how ridiculous it was and dropped the class,” said Hess. James Ealy, assistant professor and director of the masters programs for the education department said that schools should “teach science the way it is meant to be taught. Intelligent Design is a non-science explanation to something you can easily explain with science.”

Dr. Robert Wilson, assistant professor of English, offered some explanation as to why people would want Intelligent Design taught with evolution. He said that people should be exposed to all sides of an issue. Since people are curious, they want to know what Intelligent Design is, but it is not science.

Wilson said that people may believe that there is a creator of life for the same reason they know there is a creator of watches. A watch is a complex system and it has been created. Life is a complex system, so people sometimes believe that it must also have been created. Wilson said that one common property does not make things common.

The panel concluded with a question and answer section. When the panel was asked if this social debate will continue, Ciglano explained that he thinks it will eventually fade. However, he also believes that it will eventually come back in another form, just as Intelligent Design came back in place of creationism.
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awakeness, reduction, recognition, and avoidance. Students are taught to listen to their instincts. If something does not seem right, you should avoid it.

Students are also taught to stay in a survival mindset with escape as their primary goal. Fisher explained that if you think you will survive, you probably will. He also said that compliance in any situation that you do not feel comfortable in is okay.

The other component of the program is teaching students the different types of situations they may encounter and how to get out of them. However, Fisher stressed that everything that is taught is only a suggestion. Students should only do what they feel comfortable and safe doing.

The program that is being offered at Cedar Crest is the same program that is offered at all RAD teaching locations. Once you have taken the class you can go to any site and practice. Some places charge to take the class, but if you have already taken it, you do not have to pay to practice.

“I hope that this program continues and we make it the best program possible for our students,” said Fisher.

Alpha Psi Omega workshop increases theater knowledge

Chaquetta Wallace  
Staff Writer

On Sunday February 5, 2006, Alpha Psi Omega, the Theatre Honor Society, had several workshops that begin at 11:00 a.m. and ended at 5:00 p.m.

At 11:00 a.m. there was the “Opportunities in Theater” session. During this session, Junior Sarah Wawrisek and Senior Ellen Doyle explained the different technical positions available to students. They also explained when the theater is most in need of technical help.

There is always a need for help before, during, and after shows. At least seven technical positions are available per show with a wide range of duties and responsibilities.

A stage manager works with the director and has responsibility for the crew and actors in the show. Deck Crew members are responsible for building the set, maintaining it during the show’s run, and scraping it after the show is completed.

Wardrobe crew members maintain costumes and makeup for actors in the show. No experience is necessary because the crew will train you. All interested students should talk with Kevin Gallagher at least a month before the show, about any position for which you wish apply.

During lunch there was a panel at which Senior Elizabeth Bach and Junior Sarah “Dan” Farney answered questions about their summer Theatre internships. Both designed, built, painted, and screwed show sets.

When asked about the difference of working on deck crew with males, Farney said, “The guys are shocked to see a girl on deck crew especially one with experience, so they’ll either give up the easiest and lightest jobs, or they’ll expect that you know everything and give you the hardest jobs. But after they get to know you and the crew starts to bond it’s wonderful.”

Both students gained valuable experiences for their theatre résumé and made new friends, that they still keep in contact with. The Jazz Master Class was for any level of dancer, from novice to expert. Participants learned new stretches, dance moves, and even some dance terminology.

The class was taught by Junior Mary Jo Monninghoff. She began with some of the basics and worked her way up to more advanced moves. Jazz shoes were not required for this workshop, however, they was helpful for the more difficult moves.

The more advanced dancers had a freestyle choreography session, from which a very original piece was created in less than 20 minutes.

When asked about the difficulty to learn dance, Kristina Dennis said, “just keep trying, when you get it, you’ll love it.”

The workshop concluded with a session on improvisational games. This portion of the program was lead by junior Joanna Craig. The participants played acting games that were supposed to help them think outside of the box.

The games encouraged students to move beyond their comfort zone. However, noone was supposed to be uncomfortable because they explain that everyone else feels the same way so you should not feel awkward or alone.

“I think it is nice for the Alpha Psi sisters to get into the community and work with other students outside of the organization,” said senior Nicole Hess, an Alpha Psi Omega member.

Safety and Facilities Tips...

Contributed by: James Marsteller

From the Safety and Facilities Department (Safety & Security, Maintenance, Custodial, Grounds and General Services [Telecommunications, Transportation Services])

Safety & Security reminds everyone:
Keep your valuables in a safe and secure location to avoid theft.

Be mindful of campus traffic rules and regulations regarding parking lots, stop signs and campus speed.

Maintenance reminds everyone:
Work orders can be sent via email at the College website, click Faculty/Staff, click Plant Services, and then enter your request as prompted on the on-line form.

Grounds reminds everyone:
During inclement weather use caution on steps and brick sidewalks even if a de-icing agent has been applied. These hard surfaces are the first to freeze and be aware that slick spots can remain for a few days after the precipitation is over.

Telecommunications informs everyone:
The College voice mail system will soon have an employee name directory feature which will be accessible through the auto attendant by dialing *9 and entering the first few letters of the person’s last name. More information on this new directory feature will be sent in an email soon.

Custodial reminds faculty and staff:
If you would like your desk cleaned please clear it completely of your personal objects and leave a note on it “Please clean.”
Students benefit from all women's colleges

Liz Skotcholas
Staff Writer

If you have been at Cedar Crest for a while, you probably noticed that it is a women’s college. This is not always clear to prospective or first-year students. “I think that most people don’t even realize that it was a women’s college, but when they get here, it just feels comfortable,” said second year English major, Erin Purfanea.

This may very well be the case. It is not stated on the Cedar Crest website that it is a women’s college. However, if you look at the pictures and events, one may be able to draw their own conclusions.

As of 2004, there were 63 Women’s Colleges located within the United States, compared to only five colleges exclusively for men.

However, these numbers change often because many women’s colleges suffer financially by not admitting both sexes, and therefore become coed.

“I didn’t know (that Cedar Crest was a women’s college) until I was accepted, I just thought that it was mostly girls here,” said freshmen nursing student Kerri McGrath.

“It does bother me that it’s all girls. I have a boyfriend, but I wouldn’t be here if I didn’t. The nursing program has a good reputation, that’s the only reason I’m staying. I would like it to go coed though,” said McGrath.

Although Cedar Crest has not announced any plans to become coed, there are well known women’s colleges, such as Vassar, that have had to open their doors to both men and women.

Women’s colleges opened beginning in the mid to late 1800’s, when all male colleges refused to admit women, because they felt that women would get “brain fever” from over-study.

Not only has no woman ever gotten “brain fever” from over-studying, but studies show that graduates of women’s colleges achieve higher levels of success than women at coed schools.

For example, out of all of the women attending any college in the United States, 2.5 percent are attending women’s colleges.

Out of this 2.5 percent, the graduates from the women’s colleges account for 24 percent of the United States Congress members, and one third of the female board members of Fortune 1000 companies, according to a 2002 PageWise article.

“Women’s colleges graduate women in math and the sciences at 1.5 times the rate of coed schools.

Since these are typically male-dominated fields, after graduation women typically earn more money than those women that attended coed schools.

However, money-making after college is not the only benefit to attending a women’s college. According to the Women’s College Coalition, women are given more opportunities to participate, both in and out of class, due to smaller class sizes and more individual attention.

Also, women are likely to have higher levels of self-esteem, since they are not worried about sounding foolish in front of a potential crush.

Students are more likely to not graduate, but two times more likely to earn doctoral degrees and enter medical school than women at coed schools.

Freshmen Sam Atherholt thinks that attending a woman’s college helps her to stay focused on her major.

The beautiful island of Cyprus has long been divided due to a rift between its Turkish and Greek inhabitants. A reminder of Cyprus’s rocky past exists in its capital, Nicosia, located in the Greek side of Cyprus. As bbc.com reports, there “stands a white plastic Christmas tree” filled with black-and-white pictures of the Greek Cypriots who disappeared during the Turkish invasion. The event is still prevalent in people’s minds, although it occurred 36 years ago.

This rift became more apparent when the recent visit of UK Foreign Secretary Jack Straw to Cyprus resulted in a snub by the president of Cyprus, Tassos Papadopoulos. As a result, Straw was forced to meet with Cyprus’s Foreign Minister, George Iacoucos. Straw came with the intention to discuss the division between the two sides of the island, commenting on the bbc.com website that he intended to come “with friendship for both communities, not just one.”

The history of the division of Cyprus, according to lonelyplanet.com begins in the early 1960s, when Britain granted Cyprus its independence. The president at the time, Archbishop Makarios, had strong ties to Greece, and many feared he would try to unify Greece and Cyprus (a move which has been termed enosis). Then, when the Greek government became too aggressive, the idea of enosis was abandoned. The Greeks persisted, however, and staged a coup against Makarios. In response, Turkey invaded Cyprus and the Greeks left quickly. The Turks forced “180,000 Greek Cypriots to flee their homes” (lonelyplanet.com) as they settled into the northern part of Cyprus, thus creating the division Straw attempted to address in his visit to Cyprus. There is currently a green line that separates the separate states, and if an unwill- ing tourist crosses the line to the Turkish side and attempts to take pictures, he or she could get a nasty surprise, as pictures are not allowed and arrest usually ensues.

Different suggestions have been considered to solve the rift between the two sides of the island. A recent unification proposal in 2004 by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan caused Cypriots to speak their minds and argue for the unification of Cyprus or the continued strife. As bbc.com explains, “The idea was to reunite Cyprus formally, but run it as two separate Swiss-style cantons for most practical purposes. The deal would have meant the Turkish community giving up some of the land it held and many - but not all - Greek Cypriots returning to the homes they had to flee in the 1970s.” This plan allowed thousands of Greek Cypriots to return to their homes, but it also meant thousands more would still be homeless. While the Turkish Cypriots voted for the plan, the Greek Cypriots voted against it, keeping the island in disarray. As 16-year-old Katarina Christophi said, “It is not that we don’t want a solution, it is just that we don’t want this one.” (bbc.com).

“The only way to stay relevant is by providing stations run by music lovers as well as talk and comedy stations, Sirius offers more of a variety for listeners to choose from standard pop radio and unengaging talk programs.

The music offered on Sirius covers all tastes, accommodating some listeners who enjoy Top 40 hits and those who pride themselves on “being in the know.” “Every genre has a station that focuses on the new hits in the music industry and also has stations that focus on hits from the past”, said Dave Bartholomew a part time college student who works as a DJ.

Sirius separates itself from regular radio by offering a variety of themed stations for listeners with specific tastes. Some stations focus on a specific decade, such as Big 80’s which is hosted by MTV VJs from the eight- ies. Also offered are stations geared towards specific genres, like hip-hop stations which have DJs who search live on air, play popular and old school hits.

Soon enough, Sirius will become the standard that building DJ’s like Bartholomew will have to tap into in order to stay relevant. Moving away from the crusty and at times irrelevant talk found on the AM/FM dial, Sirius offers insight into the minds of such varying celebrities as Jim Breuer, Matthew Stewart, and Barron芒果.

Sirius further integrates itself with main stream media by providing stations run by Cosmos Magazine, E!, ESPN and CNN. Recently Sirius made waves with the addition of the self proclaimed King of All Media, Howard Stern, who has fought censor- ship for years, hit the radio uncensored at 6 a.m. on January 9, 2006.

The addition of his show alone caused Sirius Satellite radios to be swept off the shelves by new Sirius subscribers, boosting the number of subscribers to over 3 million.

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Unlawfully awful - crazy laws from around the world

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Some might think that odd and ridiculous laws are solely a trademark of The United States of America. Perhaps this thought is validated with the idea that the US is not as old as many countries in Europe, who have had time to weed through unnecessary laws. This assumption, however, is false. Though dogs are not permitted to back after 6:00 am in Little Rock, Arkansas and people who leave Christmas lights up past February 2 in San Diego may be fined up to $250, other countries have their share of interesting and unnecessary laws and regulations. Regardless of a nation’s location, age, or population, many countries still have laws (regardless to whether they still get attention) that don’t make sense to many.

In Scotland, all farmers, cow owners and admirers of bovine have to be aware. According to the website of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment, where they have a large collection of ludicrous laws, it is unlawful to drink and in possession of a cow. It does not matter how dry and dead a garden may be, there is one potion left out. “It’s our way,” it’s said. “We can’t keep illegal to water a garden any- where in Nova Scotia. If it’s ra- ining, it is against the law to water a garden.

The properly named website dumb- laws.com hosts many laws which confuse and perplex boards of site visitors. Its col- lection includes a per- plexing fact about Cambodia. Evidently it is illegal to use water guns in any New Year’s cele- brations anywhere in that nation. Though this is that the guns are sometimes filled with raw sewage and then aimed at people. The mere punishment for this crime is the confisca- tion of the guns.

Though many who try to escape prison in many places get into trouble, it is not as frowned upon in Denmark. “Attempt to escape from prison is not illegal, howev- er, if one is he is caught he is required to serve out the remainder of his term,” according to dumblaws.com. Stopping on the nation’s currency in Thailand is illegal. This law does provide a detailed reasoning though. “All the bills and coins in Thailand have a picture of the King printed on them. As the King is highly revered, stepping on his likeness can not only get you landed in jail, but can also lead to a serious beating.

While it may be perfectly fine for clergy- men to walk around the United States in their personal attire, this is not unheard of. Here in the United States, the law is against walking on the side of the road anytime, even to walk on the grass.

“Can’t get enough of interesting laws? Check out www.dumblaws.com for more information.”
LIFESTYLES

Fresh off the shelf: DuWop Venom Gloss

Amanda Rachel Goodman
A&E Editor

The claim:
"The original spicy gloss that plumps. A wicked blend of gongorous color and the finest softeners like avocado and jojoba oils gives lips bee stung fullness and dazzling shine."

Available in twelve different shades.

How to use it:
Apply to lips with or without lip liner. Within a few minutes, you will feel a slight tingle as the lip gloss increases the circulation and creates full, glossy lips.

The results:
If you are looking for collagen-full lips from a lip gloss, you are not going to achieve this result. All lip glosses seem to add fullness to lips by increasing the shine of the gloss, but DuWop Venom Gloss does seem to make my lips fuller than normal. The tingling is not bothersome, nor is the cinnamon taste and scent of the gloss. The gloss does seem to moisturize my lips as well as achieve amazing shine. The lackness of the gloss (my main complaint) however, makes Venom Gloss not the best lip gloss I have ever worn. I own a three pack of the most popular shades of Venom Gloss, which are Buttercup (a light shimmering champagne), and also my favorite), Lantana (a sheer hot pink) and Tulip (a sheer red).

DuWop has a collection of different lip plumping lip glosses such as Lip Venom and Venom Flash, which according to Nordstrom "contains the same tingly base as original Lip Venom and adds tiny particles of pure mica in silver and gold for a metallic shine with delicious spice."

Retail cost and where to get it:
Find DuWop Venom Gloss at Nordstrom, Sephora, and beauty.com. Expect to pay $18.00 for a 10.4 mL tube.

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Website review
Rent.com combines with Ebay

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Who said looking for an apartment has to be a chore? Rent.com is a new and innovative website that makes it easy to sign up and look for apartments. Ebay has really zoned into consumer needs with this website. They made sure that a site of this type has a whole range of criteria to search and options to make sure your job is easier than ever.

According to InformationWeek.com, this is a first for the online shopping giant. "Ebay is buying Rent.com for $415 million. It would be its first foray into online rental classifieds."

Jim Nash, a writer for InformationWeek.com brings up a good point when it comes to searching for rental properties.

"It's difficult for would-be renters to hook up with all potential landlords. Ebay excels because the market can be made more efficient through services like that of private-held Rent.com."

On Rent.com, there is space dedicated to those looking for roommates to split the cost of expenses, for those needing assistance with finding movers and supplies, and a list of availability in any geographical area. When you log onto the site, you can even personalize a section of the site called "My Rent.com."

Especially awesome for college students is the area of the site that allows you to set up a roommate profile. This tool allows you to specify what type of roommate you might be looking for to live with. The roommate profile allows you to specify things that identify you such as gender, lifestyle, age, occupation, and even level of cleanliness! You can also upload a photo from your computer to post on the site. Images must be in jpg, bnp, or gif format.

Once you have filled in all of the required fields including a headline and description about yourself, you can preview your profile before you set it up and then go through with the activation step. The site even tells potential renters filling out a profile that profiles with a photo appear first in searches. This service promises to be absolutely free and is currently the only roommate service online that is free. Rent.com service includes free registration, searching, listing and messaging.

The "My Search" area appears on the left hand side of the screen once you sign up for service on the site, and lets you plug in various criteria such as price range, bedrooms needed, bathroom desired, pet preference, movie in date, parking, property name if you have an idea of where you want to live, and amenities that you might like in a living space. They have also included a checklist to make sure that potential renters know what it is that they need to want it right then and there. But be patient and try to save.

Most people can't discern between what they really need and what they really want. Find out your necessities first. Get them taken care of and then you can start thinking about what you want. Keep your focus on your challenges and opportunities. Anticipate both and you won't be scared so easily.

Because you will hopefully have a job after graduation, you are actually going to have some money! This also means that you're going to be liable for what happens to it through your spending habits. My suggestion is to not go shopping crazy. You are going to want everything you see and you're going to want it right then and there. But be patient and learn to save.

Dear Louis,
I'm graduating this year and I am really starting to get scared about living life in the "real world" and off my own money. What can I do to prepare myself and reduce stress?

Petrelled Graduate

Dear Petrelled Graduate,
No doubt every counselor has told you to start planning and preparing for a major change in your "responsibility department" of life. LISTEN TO THEM! They actually know from experience. It is hard to believe, but they are living the one thing you're scared of - the real world.

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Remember, you're starting a new chapter in your life and you're going to meet some new characters, some who will play a major role and some a minimal one. Whatever the case may be, you need to make a good first impression. Focus on your work and things will get easier. And then that first impression will be able to launch your success in the "real world."

You asked for it... Advice from Gillian

Gillian welcomes Louis Mariani to The Crestiadi. He is here to give a male perspective on pressing issues!

Louis Mariani
Crestiadi Advice Columnist

Dear Gillian,
My two year anniversary is coming up and I want to do something original and fun that my man will have a blast between a skater, punk, and preppy. What kind of activity can I do to make our anniversary fun and enjoyable for him?

Date Dud

Dear Date Dud,
Skater, punk, and the preppy mix is my favorite type of guy! I'm glad to see that we have the same tastes here!

So your two year anniversary is coming up and you don't know what to do. Well, there are some different ideas you can choose from. You could always do the typical dinner and movie deal, but that is kind of tedious and you probably already did that for your first anniversary. But if you are thinking of that, you can always spice it up a little bit and take him to a worldly restaurant, such as Japanese, Mexican, or Indian place. Or take him to some funky new restaurant.

You could also consider going somewhere fun. If your boyfriend is a snowboarder, take him to the mountains and hit some trails. Or if he does other activities, take him somewhere and have a cute romantic date. You could even plan a trip to the city or something along those lines.

Another option is to see if there are any upcoming concerts where his favorite bands are playing. You can always also do the typical rent a movie and make a romantic dinner for him, and cuddle on the couch.

If you think of something different and creative he will remember it forever, so good luck and hope you have the best two year anniversary ever!

When is Facebook poking appropriate?

Facebook poking, in my opinion, is totally appropriate! I mean, unless some freaky stalker person keeps poking you I would remove him right off my friend list! I mean, unless some freaky stalker person keeps poking you I would remove him right off my friend list! I am not the type of person to send pokies out, but if you like some guy or girl on Facebook, give them a poke - it's only the internet. In the past I have poke my friends and some cute guys, so who cares, poke whenever you want!

Just don't keep poking the person everyday, because it will get annoying after awhile.
Healthy beginnings

An opinions piece by Stacey Solt
Crestiadi Lifestyle Editor

If you make one commitment this week, make it to yourself. Take a few minutes each day for you, to increase your self-esteem and well-being, lower your risk of cancer and other diseases, and maybe even lose a little weight. I’m talking of course about exercise - no matter what your age, weight or fitness level, we all need to be happy and healthy. The term “runner’s high” is a real phenomenon; it describes the surge of energy and endorphines that occurs during and after physical activity. It doesn’t take a huge time commitment or expensive equipment, either! Thirty minutes a day is all you need to start your journey to a healthier life.

Becoming more active can be fun, too. Snowshoeing and sledding are great ways to enjoy some fresh air during the winter. Shoveling snow and rediscovering your car in the wintry tundra that is Lot C might not be as much fun, but it still gets your body moving and burns plenty of calories.

Once the spring thaw occurs, take the time to venture behind Moore. Cedar Beach park is beautiful in the springtime, and the parking is almost always empty. You might even find a few other individuals enjoying the sunshine too. While a walk from Lot C to Curtis and back might not be considered a half-marathon, it could be a great way to have a little fun, get some exercise and burn plenty of calories.

During National Condom Week, students are encouraged to take advantage of the free condoms available in the Cedar Crest Health Services office, located in the first floor of Curtis. There are two dispensers, one in the front of the office and another near the entrance. It is very helpful for answering condom questions.

Information pertaining to condoms and other methods of birth control is also available. The brochure entitled "Condoms and Sexually Transmitted Diseases... Especially AIDS" is very helpful for anyone looking for information.

National condom week kicks off every year on February 1st. According to Planned Parenthood, 19 million new STD infections occur each year, almost half of them occurring among young adults ages 15 to 24. The CDC also estimates that approximately 40,000 people become infected with HIV every year. In addition, 40.3 million people are currently living with AIDS worldwide.

So who does this affect, and who should use a condom? According to brochures in Health Services, everyone that is taking part in “risky sexual behavior” should use a condom, in order to reduce the risk of STD’s and pregnancy.

There are different types of condoms to suit everyone’s needs. There are female condoms, as well as male condoms. While the female condom does not currently offer many varieties, the male condoms may be either latex, lambskin, or polyurethane and come in different colors, flavors, and textures.

Also offered in Health Services are free condoms in their waiting room, as well as information on contraception. Also known as "The Morning After Pill.”

Information about condoms and other forms of contraception can be found in the Cedar Crest Health Services office, located on the first floor of Curtis, as well as by contacting Planned Parenthood at 1-800-230-PLAN.

Lifestyles

Reapplying for financial aid

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Staff Writer

Reapplying for financial aid. Who ever knew that such a small little phrase could send a chill running down everyone’s back? Sometimes it can feel like filing your taxes all over again, but it doesn’t have to be that way, especially at Cedar Crest. At other schools students are required to fill out several forms and in some cases they even have to pay to have private financial aid forms (such as the College Board Profile application) sent out, but not here at Cedar Crest. At Cedar Crest only two forms are needed and one is pretty straightforward. They are the FAFSA and the Cedar Crest Financial Aid Application.

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a form that each student must fill out prior to applying for financial aid. The government is really pushing for applying online and trying to phase out paper applications. If you chose to file online, there is a helpful worksheet that can be picked up in front of the financial aid office, the FAFSA on the Web Worldsheet. If you complete this form, you can then go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and simply put all of the information into the online application.

Any online users should also remember that a pin number will be needed (for student and parents) and if lost a pin can be requested or applied for through the FAFSA website.

The Cedar Crest Financial Aid Application is submitted a student is automatically entered into financial aid for the fall semester. There are no additional forms that are needed to be filled out for scholarships (such as the named scholarship or the Trustee scholarship). If you are a Cedar Crest Financial Aid Application student is automatically entered into them if eligible. There is however a book located in the financial aid office that has outside local scholarships that students can look into.

If your feeling overwhelmed with all the paperwork or need help of any kind, always feel free to visit the Financial Aid office in the Admin building or email them at finaid@cedarcrest.edu; you’re always willing and happy to help. The biggest tip of all comes from director of financial aid, Lori Williams. “Give yourself enough time to file before May 1 and if you think you’re going to have trouble contact [our office] so we can help you.” For more information, help, or questions on things concerning financial aid visit www.fafsa.ed.gov or www.cedarcrest.edu.
It is the time where flower shops are brimming with roses, children are loading their bags with valentines for all their friends and couples remember their love for one another. A common thing many couples do is reminisce about how they first met. There is plenty of love abound on Cedar Crest campus, and there are many students who are eager to share their stories. Today, three students describe how they met their special someone along with the special quirks that accompany relationships.

Lauren Hetrick, a sophomore secondary education and history major, and her boyfriend, Brandon Adams, have a story of surprising discovery - showing that love definitely happens when you are not looking for it. They met each other while attending high school in Hershey, PA. They met when Hetrick was going to the prom with one of Adams’ friends. Adams said that she appeared to be “a nice girl… I was not looking for a girlfriend but she seemed really nice and easy going.” Hetrick said that there was something very familiar about him which she did not realize until he was called by his last name. That is when she realized that she had known both his brother and other members of his family for quite some time. Hetrick said “initially, he scared the crap out of me. I mean, he was a football player and while he was not fat, he was a big guy.”

Time went on and they each continued to see other people, until one day when Hetrick contacted Adams over instant messenger. “It was completely out of the blue,” he said. Hetrick said, “I was really bored and going through my whole IM list talking to all kinds of people.” That one conversation lead to many, which later lead to a conversation in which Adams mentioned he had an extra ticket to see a band they both enjoyed, “A Perfect Circle.” Which Adams mentioned he had an extra ticked to both see the band. “That is how it all got started,” he said. Hetrick said, “I was really excited.”

Sophomore psychology major Alyssa Bedard has a story that started off as young love. She met her boyfriend Jon Jenson in sixth grade when his best friend was dating her best friend. She admits that they “went on a date but I was so nervous I stopped talking to him. He tells me now that he was absolutely heartbroken.” They soon became very good friends and then Bedard’s family moved from Ohio to New Jersey. Though she left their school just before going to high school, she and Jenson stayed in touch throughout high school.

They both graduated high school, and “he signed up for the army right after graduation. Five years, 13,000 miles. That’s the last I heard,” said Bedard jokingly, who admires his desire to be in the army, something he had wanted to do for awhile. They continued to talk all through basic training when he informed her one day (while talking on the internet) that he needed to talk to her on the phone. While talking on the phone, he told her he was being sent to Iraq. It was then when he said, “I need to tell you something before I leave. I’ve loved you ever since the first time I saw you.” They decided not to become serious while he was overseas, but it ended up happening anyways. He has already been there a year and will return to the United States on February 15, 2006. Bedard admitted that she is “really, really, really excited.”

Senior Psychology major Missy Mae Sturtevant and her girlfriend Lauren Sanders, a sophomore English major, have been together for the past four months and are often seen on campus. Sturtevant readily admitted that “before I met Lauren, I thought she was very conceited because she is really pretty… I thought she was full of herself.” Sanders is quick to remark on her first impression of Sturtevant, “before I met Missy, I was scared to talk to her but I thought she was cute because she requested the Postal Service on the radio during jewelry and metal smithing.” Well, faulty first impressions faded and initial apprehensions disappeared as the two found themselves in each other’s arms at the local dance club, The Stonewall. “Lauren made out with me like crazy,” said Sturtevant. A flustered Sanders answered with “No! No! You made out with me too.” What started as dancing and flirting soon lead to constant cuddling and pet names such as “Hot Girlfriend,” “Baby Cakes,” and “Spoon.” Now, they are even working together on Sturtevant’s senior project a rewrite of Henrik Ibsen’s “Hedda Gabler.”

Here’s to love on Cedar Crest campus and everywhere else. May it also be happy for all. Happy belated Valentine’s Day!

**LIFESTYLES**

**Discovery of the Self:**

**Personalities in healthy relationships**

**Stacey Solt**
Lifestyles Editor

For many of us, relationships are a mystery. We either find that “perfect” someone or we bounce from one partner to another. Why do we find certain people attractive? And how can we accurately attract or help us?

During a recent Discovery of Self session, psychology professor Micah Sadigh encouraged students to examine this issue. “Think about the people that you have found attractive in the past,” he said. What personal traits do they have in common? Are there any differences?

Students came up with traits that they frequently look for in relationships. Intelligence, motivation and humor are all important for many women, in moderation. They stressed the fact that some people are over the top – too motivated (they might ignore responsibilities), too humorous (it really isn’t that funny), or just “too much” to handle!

“What is a good relationship?” asked Sadigh. “Am I growing in this relationship? That is the true test.” Growth cannot happen without conflict, we must be challenged, both in relationships and in life, in order to grow as individuals and partners.

While many couples are afraid of conflict and try to avoid it, conflict in relationships can be a positive thing. It forces the couple to examine their situation and work together to find solutions. This is the only way personal growth can happen - finding resolutions to conflicts.

Sadigh and the group discussed several topics that people tend to argue about, including religion and politics. In some cases, the best solution is to agree to disagree – there’s no future in arguing until you’re blue in the face.

“You’re a Republican? I’m a Democrat.” Sadigh said, offering an example of conflict resolution. Sometimes agreeing to disagree can be a resolution in itself.

In any relationship, there are bound to be similarities and differences, and both are important. “We need someone who can balance us,” said Sadigh. Life would be boring if everyone was the same! The differences that a couple brings to their life may just make you a better, more complete person. Learn to appreciate both similarities and differences.

When those differences cause the inevitable argument, fight fair. Screaming will get you nowhere, Sadigh said. “Why would you yell?” he asked. “Because you are afraid no one can hear you.” But screaming matches are not the solution to arguments. Louder is not always better, because people tend to block you out once you attack them verbally. “The louder you get, the only person who hears you is you,” he said. “People hear you much better when you whisper than when you scream.”

While this Discovery of Self session was about personalities, Sadigh stressed the importance of finding and maintaining healthy relationships. A healthy relationship is like a good mirror - we can see ourselves clearly in the reflection of our partner and their actions. We all need someone to love and to be loved; healthy relationships make us feel good. But like a fine-house maze, mirrors can distort our perceptions of ourselves. Unhealthy relationships can make us feel bad, and see ourselves in a negative way.

Even if a relationship is healthy and good for you, know that only you can decide who the perfect partner is - and it’s okay to doubt yourself and evaluate the situation. “Are there thoughts that enter your mind – what if?” he asked. What if this isn’t the right person, and I’ll never meet the perfect person? Does this relationship make me happy? Most important, he said, “Am I being true to myself?”
Falcons honor women and girls in sport, Dr. Blaney, seniors

Andrea Zajac | Sports Editor

Tuesday night’s home basketball game against St. Elizabeth was a night full of honors. President Dr. Dorothy Gilbukenian Blaney was credited for her achievements for women athletics as a part of the National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD). She follows Dr. Diane Moyer and Professor Jane Ziegler as the third Cedar Crest woman to receive this honor. Also honored were the Falcons’ senior basketball members for their final home game.

“The theme for this year’s 20th annual celebration of NGWSD was “Count Me In.” The organizations that jointly participate in this day are the American of University of Women, Girl Scouts of the USA, Girls Incorporated, the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport, National Women’s Law Center, the Women’s Sports Foundation, and the YWCA USA. All these groups have collectively been around for over 432 years and have membership reaching 5.5 million girls and women.

As this day is celebrated all over the country, young women and old alike are reminded of how important it is for equality in sports. To spread this message Cedar Crest invited girls from the Allen Town Girls Club to participate in the celebration. After receiving Cedar Crest Athletics apparel and an engraved plaque, Blaney had a simple motto to share with those present. “go girl go,” the official motto of the Women’s Sports Foundation.

Blaney has been an influential force in sports throughout her career. She played tennis at an early age and continued well into her life. She played tournament tennis and competed in nationals. While attending Shipley School in her high school years she was fortunate to be able to play field hockey, basketball, and tennis. At that time not many young women had that kind of chance.

After high school she attended Cornell University. Title IX hadn’t been passed yet which meant that Blaney wouldn’t be able to competitively play tennis. She practiced with the men’s team, but was never allowed to play a match. After Cornell she furthered her college career as a Woodrow Wilson fellow at the University of California at Berkeley and earned her Ph.D. from SUNY Albany.

Later when Title IX was in the works Blaney fully supported this as it became the essential ruling that would allow women to play sports. She later supported the founding of the Women’s Sports Foundation. She has acted as a board member of the Foundation for eight years and is currently the chair.

One of the most prominent women athletes that Blaney met was Billie Jean King. “An extraordinary athlete and leader for justice, an unbreakable combination,” Blaney said of King. It was King who invited Blaney to join the Women’s Sports Foundation Board.

Blaney was pleased to have received this honor for all her outstanding accomplishments from the Cedar Crest Athletic Department. “I’m thrilled. The best athletes known are the women at Cedar Crest, being able to be honored with them especially the seniors, it’s a great joy. It takes me back when I was able to play,” Blaney said.

NGWSD is not only a day to spread the message of equality, but it is to encourage young women. It is a time for girls to reflect on what they are capable of as well as what they are able to contribute as young athletes. Blaney felt that the most a woman can contribute to athletics is their “quest for excellence, always pushing themselves to excel, and establishing new records.” She also mentioned that the support that women have for each other as teammates is another thing that women need to have as athletes.

Falcons, Cougars raise funds for “Coaches vs. Cancer”

Jennifer Woytach | Sports Editor

“Coaches vs. Cancer is a nationwide collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. The initiative leverages the personal experiences, community leadership, and professional excellence of basketball coaches nationwide to increase cancer awareness and promote healthy living through year-round awareness efforts, fundraising activities, and advocacy programs,” according to the American Cancer Society’s website.

“I had heard of the program before but didn’t really know any details until this year when our conference, the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC), decided to get involved and encouraged all the member schools to do the same,” Dan Donohue, Assistant Basketball Coach and Assistant Athletic Director said.

“It was suggested that we donate the money we take in at the door from the game that day, but since we don’t charge admission that wasn’t practical. Instead, we came up with that day to serve as the “Coaches vs. Cancer” game. The Coaches vs Cancer National Awareness Weekend was last weekend, February 10-12.

Another campaign to raise awareness on campus was allowing Cedar Crest staff and faculty to wear sneakers to work on Friday. They received a sticker letting people know why they were wearing their sneakers. We also had students, faculty, and staff buy the orange bracelets with “real” basketball bumps. Some people just made donations to the cause.”

Donors were recognized in a program handed out prior to tip off at Saturday’s game and a half time announcement revealed the $302.04 total raised on behalf of the ACS. The Cougars defeated the Falcons, 55-34.
**SPORTS**

Sugarbush preview: ‘Protect the nest’

Andrea Zajac
Sports Editor

The Cedar Crest softball team has a lot to look forward to.

The team has a brand new field. They have not one, but four new pitchers. They also get to spend Spring Break in sunny Florida for a tournament.

That kind of excitement has the team working hard. They are already in the gym working a sweat pouring the floor with sprints and other aspects of physical conditioning. As her fourth season as head coach, Kristy Henritzy couldn’t have been more excited for her team.

“We have strong pitching, work ethic, and good drive,” Henritzy said.

The main thing that will help prepare the team for their season is their trip to Florida. The week in nice weather gives them the ability to get past any problems that they are unable to fix while practicing in the gym. The team feels it too. The team’s new slogan is “protect the nest,” in reference to their new field.

There is a definite positive vibe circulating among the players. Harrington “looks forward to win more games.” Meanwhile Devlin is sure of their chances.

“This season a playoff position is more in our grasp and a championship,” Devlin stated.

It is also in a big part due to the freshman that have joined the team. “We have a good core of freshmen developing their skills now. When they are seniors we’ll be able to set a new precedence,” Henritzy said. Ten new players join the returning four.

“We have a lot of talented players,” Harrington said. Devlin would agree with her teammate. “They all are extremely dedicated,” Devlin said. “We have a high energy that is going to take us places and is getting stronger every practice. It’s a young team, we can tell everyone feels comfortable. We read each other naturally and work well together.”

Another factor that is a big hit with the team is having 2005 Cedar Crest graduate and former softball player less Serfass return to the dugout. She joins the other assistants, Herman Gestl and Larry Quinio. For Serfass the transition from player to coach has been a little difficult. “It’s harder than I thought it would be,” Serfass said. “It’s weird not being a player.”

Despite the initial feeling of being a coach, Serfass hopes to contribute mostly to the freshmen players with her knowledge as a former student-athlete and making the transition easier.

As for the team Henritzy expects her captains to make an impact on the team. “Kim King is a vocal leader. Stif Harrington is a silent leader, she leads by example. Mel Devlin sets the pace for the team.” Some of the freshman she sees also making an impact on the team are Allison Holland, Sarah Campbell, and Tasha Breiner. “They come from good high school programs which is a perfect fit for the type of players we’re looking for,” Henritzy said.

The Falcons’ first game is on March 17, away against Neumann at 3:00 pm.

**LAX kicks starts season**

Linda Mistura
Managing Editor

With the weather cooperating until this past week, the lacrosse team made it out to the field in record time this season, putting some outdoor practices under their belt to chalk up experience and team unity. Too bad mother nature intervened…

The weather has also been really awesome for us. We’ve already had a couple of practices outside, which for this time of the year is unheard of,” Kristen Gustafson, junior, said. “It’s usually so cold that you don’t want to be outside to walk or practice let alone be outside for two hours holding a metal stick.”

New head coach Amy Martin, CCC also agreed with Gustafson, saying that the weather has been “very beneficial to practice ‘real situations’ on the field” which should help the team achieve their goal of making it to the PAC playoffs this season. This goal is especially important for senior Keri McDevitt. “Since this will be my last season at Cedar Crest College, I would like to see the team make the playoffs this year,” McDevitt said. “This will be my last season ever playing sports, so I want to make the most of it!”

Also new to the team this year is assistant coach Kyle Kaufmann who works in admissions, along with two promising freshmen Carrie Olson and Gwen Mayhew, who according to senior Keri McDevitt, “have shown great commitment and look like they have a lot to offer the team.” Kaufmann, who played lacrosse for Ursinus College, brings knowledge of the sport to the game. “Kyle also has shown great commitment and enthusiasm for the season as well,” McDevitt said. “I think they [Kaufmann and Martin] make a great team. I’m excited to see where they will lead us.” Helen Liu, junior, added that Martin “definitely fit right in and I felt comfortable with her from day one.”

The team is currently focusing on fundamentals of the game, catching, throwing, cradling, running and the like. “For those who haven’t really played before this is their learning time, so really fundamentals are key right now,” Gustafson said. For now, the snow has chased the team back inside, but they are still looking forward to the season. “I have a good feeling that we are going to do well,” McDevitt said. Liu agreed, and added an invitation to those who might be considering adopting the sport. “It’s so much fun and the girls on this team are the friendliest and most open-minded girls I know at Cedar Crest! We only have 2 subs this year (one of which is a goalie) and a few extra bodies would help out a great deal,” Liu said that even if you’ve never played, they still want you, so contact Amy Martin if you have any questions or would like to join the team.

The Cedar Crest Falcons Lacrosse team plays their first game on March 14 against Centenary at home. “Everyone should come out for the season opener!” McDevitt said.

**Congratulations to the Senior winter athletes**

Maria Stefani, Courtney Porzio, and Amanda Swartz

Riding to regionals

Amanda Rachel Goodman
A&E Editor

The Cedar Crest Equestrian Team had impressive shows last fall and can easily top or surpass what they have previously done with this upcoming season. With the team’s ability to now be Cedar Crest Athlete of the Week, the team can get the attention and support it rightfully deserves.

“Every rider currently on the team competes at a different level. So as far as an outstanding rider, that would be a hard call. Each rider has great qualities and competes well at the shows. We all have different characteristics and abilities that make us a great asset to the team,” Aileen Mahbuli, junior Genetic Engineering major and team captain, said.

“I think that is part of what makes this team unique. We provide each other with encouragement and reassurance, which always helps to calm jittery nerves before going into the ring. I think that we are all outstanding riders in one way or another,” Mahbuli said.

With seasoned riders and two new additions, the team has high hopes for this upcoming season. Freshman Sherry Parker and sophomore Brittany McMurren joined the team this semester.

“I think some big team goals for this semester are for our members to become more unified as a team and also to host a successful show in March. There are a couple of new members on the team, and it will be interesting to see how the team dynamic changes as they become more involved with the team,” Mahbuli said. “We have all been working hard at preparing and planning for our show and I think that it will be one of the best shows this season.”

Mahbuli also hopes to send riders to the Regional competition and the Zone competition in April. It’s been two years since a CCC rider has been to one of these contests.

The team’s next show is this Saturday, February 18 at Briarwood Farm in New Jersey. Mahbuli is riding in Walk Trot, sophomore Gillian Meffris is riding in open fences and open flat, and sophomore captain Lauren Forsyth is riding in novice fences. Freshman Cara Watkins and sophomore Davina Riddell are riding in Advance Walk Trot Canter, while Parker is going to compete in her first ISHA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) competition.

The Cedar Crest Falcons Lacrosse team poses with their sticks as they wait for other members of the team to arrive.

Amanda Rachel Goodman | A&E Editor

The 2006 lacrosse teams poses with their sticks as they wait for other members of the team to arrive.
Meet Marion McCorry: Assistant Professor of Performing Arts at Cedar Crest

Mary Ann Leone  Staff Writer

Marion McCorry was born and raised in the Bronx. She earned a B.A. degree from Hunter College and an M.F.A. from Brooklyn College. Her teaching experience includes the Herbert Berghof Studio, Manhattan Montessori College, Bennington College, the College of William and Mary, and the American Repertory Company. She joined the staff at CCC in 2001 as Assistant Professor of Performing Arts. She has appeared in six motion pictures, most recently The Grummon with Ed Burns, slated for release in 2006. She’s also appeared in numerous New York and regional theatre productions, and the T.V. series including “Sex in the City,” and “Law and Order.”

The Crestiad: When asked to comment about a play that had been panned, Oscar Wilde said, “The play was a great success, but the audience was a disaster.” Any truth in that?

Marion McCorry: Wilde’s remark was a joke, of course. You can tamme the audience, but, like all good jokes, there is some truth there. People are afraid to do plays that really look at things that happened another time. Broadway doesn’t accept it, they want entertainment.

TC: But don’t you think there are a lot of movies out there today that are directed to social change?

MM: Well, now, that’s true. You might think that some of these movies like Good Night and Good Luck and Brokeback Mountain are about things that happened “back then”, but the truth is, these movies are about us, now.

TC: Do you ever turn down a role because the script is poorly written?

MM: For The Door in the Floor, I didn’t know much about it, but my manager Vic Ramos knew the casting director, and they’re very interested in quality. I went for the audition, and they said I was playing a fan, so I did the reading and asked, “Is that what you’re looking for?” He said, “Well, you’re talking to Jeff Bridges, and I think I got a hot flush or something! He just came to read it again, and all I had to do was think of Jeff Bridges – he’s such a beautiful man – and then they hired me.

TC: Walk me through your first day on the set.

MM: That was hilarious. I found out I was going to be in a scene where I try to pick up Jeff Bridges, and I adore him. So, I go to this costume fitting, and these guys are trying on all this stuff – long skirt and long sweater, and I start to think, Yeah, I can pull this off. Then they said at the end, “We might go a different way.” Oh! And they bring out this outfit – all I can say is, you know when you see someone on the beach in a mumu with the hat, and you think, “What happened to that poor soul?” That was the outfit, and they roared when I tried it on. And I thought, I’ll change my name! But they decided against that approach, thank God! Now, my scene is at the end of the movie, and the day I drove out there was the first day of shooting. You never do that with a play.

TC: Do you get to meet all the actors or only the ones who are in your scenes?

MM: You meet the people who are there the day you shoot. In The Grummon with Ed Burns and John Mahoney – it’s the story of a bunch of high school boys, and they reunite at a wedding. I play Ed Burns’ wife, and they want me to have a scene with him and John Mahoney.

I just did Stephanie D’Ialy [shown at 2006 Sundance Film Festival] and met Tilda Swinton, who’s in Nanny.

T.C.: It sounds as if your life is a series of memorable moments, but does one stand out in your mind?

MM: “Extremities” [Off-Broadway production] was another turning point because I understood all three parts [played by Susan Sarandon, Karen Allen, and Farrah Fawcett]. I went to the box office for a rehearsal one Sunday afternoon, and the guy at the box office said to me, “Susan Sarandon hurt her neck and she’s in a brace, so you’ll be going on for her today.” I had never even been walked through the second act of the play, so I said, “How can that be?” I told the stage manager who was there to rehearse us, and he said, “What’s your, insurance? You couldn’t possibly go on!” It was three in the afternoon, and there were two shows that night, at 7 and 9 p.m. He goes down to the box office and comes back up and says, “We just have to get through this, don’t worry about it.”

So, we’re backstage and everyone gets into a rage because Susan Sarandon isn’t there. I’m sitting back with a cigarette as a prop, and I think, What could happen? Some people leave, some people stay. I go on stage. I’m walking around, everything seems to be working. Suddenly, I forget my lines, I forget where to go. The audience is outraged. They start screaming. They stand up, they throw things. They’re furious. They leave the theatre. I’m a disgrace. I have to leave the country. I have to change my name. I have to assume a foreign identity. I have to move to Paris. I have to change my hair and call myself Colette. And when I get to that point, I thought, Let it happen. Come on, baby, the bags are packed – let it happen now, and get it over with! It was a real turning point for me.

So we rehearsed, and I went on that night in the lead. And I wasn’t so bad. That’s when I thought I should teach acting. If I think that I’ve got the real value of what I’d learned from Uta Hagen [acclaimed actress and co-owner of Herbert Berghof Studio]. Before I got “Extremities”, it was very hard, I didn’t get much work. I made sounds and I was good, but I couldn’t get arrested. And I remember thinking, I never did this for the money. This is the freest part of my soul. This is who I am. And of course then I could get the parts: the minute you really go there, you’re free, and whatever should be, comes.

I have to admit, I miss that. I don’t live out of that now. A lot of the plays I did were so meaningful to me. I wanted to be an actress, and I thought, I am exactly what I want to be. I didn’t make any money – I worked at Actor’s Theatre in Louisville, I played Van Helsing in “Dracula,” I played Gertrude Stein -- but the work itself was so fulfilling.

TC: It sounds like acting is your essence, rather than teaching or directing.

MM: Yes, I really have to admit, and this is so surprising to me, the older I get, how much I really love acting. I like finding yourself in these other realities – I love it. And I love having a part, and I think that’s why I can teach. I know why they like it, they Why do they do it?

TC: What are you the most proud of?

MM: I’m the most proud of I’ve kept going. I’ve tried in my way to be true to something inside myself. I did a play called “Somebody’s Son” at Manhattan Theatre Source – God, it was the best part. That’s how I met my manager. It’s about a very religious Catholic woman with two sons. One son is dead, and the other’s in jail, and she gets the husband to hire two men to play her sons, and so she lives in this world and she becomes the kind of mother she wishes she had been. It’s immersed in Catholicism, murder mystery, and this illusion she lives in, I would love to do that part again.

Lauren Sand  Staff Writer

Were you are the traditional Olive Garden on the corner of Genesee Street, you are sure to find a large selection of Italian dishes? Do you want something to tantalize your taste buds and remind them of what real Italian food is all about?

LoBaido’s Italian Restaurant in Allentown is one of the few places in the neighborhood areas that still provide its guests with authentic Italian cuisine. This quaint little restaurant is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Sunday, and can be found on the corner of 8th and Liberty streets in Allentown.

Its owner and chef Bernie opened the eatery in 1993. Since that time he has successfully operated one of the best Italian restaurants that this town has ever experienced. From the home-like environment, to the friendly faces that greet everyone that enters their door, dining at LoBaido’s is an experience like no other.

Over the course of your meal, there are many highlights that set this restaurant apart from all the others. Each plate is garnished as if it were on the front page of a gourmet magazine. Not only does the food preparation stand out, but the serving staff always looks prepared to serve you.

Any meal that is offered is served through courses. After the house salad, which comes complimentary with every entree, you are served with a flavored sorbet to cleanse your pallets before moving on to the main course of your meal. The sorbet is homemade and the flavors change daily.

After your mouth is cleansed, you can kick things back into gear with a little garlic. You are provided with delicious garlic rolls that are served with tasty garlic butter. This small treat accents every meal to perfection.

The main entree is my favorite part of the entire meal, and the choices are endless. Not only do they offer a full variety of food that is on their traditional menu, they also have mouth-watering house creations that run on special throughout the week.

Although I enjoy many of the dishes on the menu, my absolute favorite is Gambier alla Parmigiana (shrimp parmagiana). This tasty choice includes succulent plump shrimp mixed together with pasta, mozzarella cheese and Bernie’s delicious homemade sauce.

Just when you think your stay at LoBaido’s cannot get any better, you can end your wonderful evening by treating yourself to some homemade ice cream. There is always an assortment of flavors being offered that range from the traditional chocolate, vanilla and strawberry to the house creations such as peanut butter mess or bing cherry. No matter what your choice may be, you will surely agree that Breyer’s has some close competitors.

If you are looking for a phenomenal place to eat without spending a lot of money, make sure you swing by LoBaido’s Italian restaurant in Allentown. There’s always room at the table for some new family, and you will experience what is guaranteed to be a fantastic time.

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Bernie’s daughters Angela (left) and Marina (right) inside LoBaido’s Italian Restaurant.

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LoBaido’s Best Kept Secret - LoBaido’s Italian Restaurant

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Bernie’s daughters Angela (left) and Marina (right) inside LoBaido’s Italian Restaurant.
Megan Ammons  
Staff Writer

There is a strong sense of passion, as one walks into the new exhibit at the Tenants Gallery. John Greco’s “Forces In Nature,” shows his passion, for art, in each work.

According to Greco, the theme of his work is “life and art is life,” and his hope is that his work “teaches seeing and feeling.” The new exhibit features all types of the art medium, such as photography, drawing, painting, and his main focus, printmaking.

Each work was created in a different way. Colors in his work vary from black and white, to beautiful vibrant colors. He uses a lot of symbolism and symmetry in his pieces. Greco said, “I have chosen to center my work around the human figure because the figure, as an image, can function as a symbol and expression of any combination of emotional, psychological, physical, intellectual and spiritual aspects of the human condition.”

Greco’s technique is half traditional and half digital, where he uses traditional art, along with the Photoshop computer program. Another technique that Greco, who is right handed, experiments with is using his left hand (for drawing and painting) and doing touch ups with his right hand.

Greco is committed to his art. He is always creating and searching for new techniques and ways to express himself. Greco said that his work is “path by chance, and open to multiple perceptions of its meaning.”

If you visit his new exhibit, make sure to get close to the works, to decrease the glare from the lights in the gallery. Other than the over-abundance of work, the work was very intriguing and worth your time to take a look.

John Greco’s “Forces In Nature” is on display January 30, 2006 through February 26, 2006 and is free and open to the public. The gallery is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Justin Williams  
Staff Writer

I know what you’re thinking, and I’m here to tell you that you won’t find “thieves” in any Oxford or Webster’s dictionary. If you’re up to date on your obscure American literature, you might realize (or research to discover) that it’s an allusion to American novelist Thomas Pynchon’s work, called “F.” This is an example of the intellectual attributes of the band that allow them to take their music and lyrics to an entirely new level of identity.

Vheissu, released in October of last year by Island Records, is an experimental temp- 

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The Sound Booth

Thrice explores and mixes new and original sound with Vheissu

Megan Ammons  
Staff Writer

Underworld: Evolution, the sequel to the 2003 film Underworld, does a good job of keeping up the true spirit of the first film and makes the film worth seeing. It integrates much of the plot from the first film with many new plot elements that help to create a web of intricately spun story lines. This sequel is very intriguing and worth your time to take a look at.

Marcus has already been awakened, not by another vampire, but by a Lycan whose blood now runs through Marcus’s veins. Because of being awakened by a Lycan, Marcus becomes a hybrid himself. Once Marcus runs into Selene and Michael, viewers are left to unravel a mystery with intricately laid out details. It includes flashbacks from the first film that help not only Marcus but the viewers to understand what has previously happened and flashbacks from even further back in the past which thickens the plot. And the ending of course, just as the first film did, leaves it wide open for a third movie.

Director Danny McBride, who also directed Underworld: returns and helps to keep the gothic horror feeling constant. Kate Beckinsale (married to McBride) and Scott Speedman also return to their roles as Selene and Michael who are romantically involved. They have amazing chemistry on the screen together and really do well in their acting. In more than one scene Beckinsale and Speedman come close to dying, and through their acting viewers can really feel their panic, concern, and heartache. Not only do these two actors do a great job but so do the returning actors Bill Nighy (Victor), Shane Brolly (Kraven), and Zita Gorg (Amelia), as well as the newbie Tony Curran (Marcus). The acting between all cast members is well done and at times you feel right in the midst of their war.

The only slight drawback is the amount of blood and gore. The first film did have a lot of blood and gore, however this film in it’s trying to do something new some one head is being ripped off or blood being sucked and thrown all over the place. There is also a sex scene that takes place in the middle of the film which seems out of place and awkward.

Vampire and werewolf movies can easily be made wrong creating a horrible movie in its wake, however Underworld: Evolution follows the lead of the first film and creates a horror gothic movie that is well worth seeing. It is worth sitting through a little extra blood, gore and graphic sex in order to follow the story line that is well mapped out. B+
DeMulder, was particularly fun. DeMulder did names that people have for their vaginas, out the table of a woman selling sex toys. Lollipops, t-shirts and buttons, as well as check several vagina-inspired products, including "Vagina Happy," demonstrating the different types of moans. My personal favorite was "The college moan" - "moan, moan, we should get off swimming!" as Johnson read the way that no one else could. Another standout performance in the first half was done by Craig, in "The Angry Vagina." She was able to become the young lady in the monologue, getting loud and excited in the appropriate parts, and showing expressions through her face as well.

At this point, the show once again became light, with monologues including "My Short Skirt" where Bach exclaimed, "My skirt and everything underneath it is mine, mine!" As well as the monologue "Reclaiming Cunt" read by Johnson, which made me laugh. As Johnson read the way that no one else would have been able to. DeMulder once again wowed the crowd as she read "The Woman Who Loved To Make Vaginas Happy," demonstrating the different types of moans. My personal favorite was "the college moan" - "moan, moan, we should get off swimming!"

Overall, the show was excellent, and definitely kept the audience's attention. A

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**Leisurely Reading**

LaLonnie Moore

Staff Writer

The Interruption of Everything is a poignant tale about a housewife going through the blues. She finds herself in the middle of the empty nest syndrome and the change of life. From the critically acclaimed author of Mating to Exhale, a movie that grossed millions of dollars, Terry McMillan uses her talent and ability to weave a plot that any mother, housewife or struggling woman can relate to.

As Marilyn says in the book, “For a long time I have felt like I inadvertently got my master’s in ‘How to Take Care of Everybody Except Yourself’ and then a Ph.D. in How To Pretend Like You Don’t Mind. But I do mind.”

Marilyn is the main character and it is her life that has suddenly become interrupted. She is attempting to pick up the pieces after experiencing a bevy of hormonal imbalances, mood swings, and disappo...
Johnny Knoxville is at it again, creating trouble in his newest film, The Ringer. This black comedy film may be a shock to some viewers. The movie begins with Steve Barker (Johnny Knoxville), a quiet guy who just wants to move up in his company but never had the nerve to ask his boss. When he finally gets the courage, his boss agrees to his request. However his first job is to fire the long time janitor, Stavi. Being the nice guy that Steve is, he doesn’t have the heart to fire Stavi. Instead he offers to match Stavi’s pay in exchange for his gardening services. In a freak accident Stavi was injured while working for Steve. The surgery that Stavi needs is very expensive and since he no longer has health insurance, Steve decides to come up with a get-rich-quick plan. Along with his sly uncle Gary (Brian Cox), Steve pretends to have a mental illness in order to win the Special Olympics. To his surprise he realizes that winning the competition is not as easy as he expected. A heartwarming friendship grows between Steve and the other competitors in the Special Olympics. Along the way, a love interest grows between Steve and one of the Special Olympics volunteers. Needless to say, it will be difficult for Steve to get himself out of the heap of trouble that he caused.

The film stars such actors as Johnny Knoxville (The Dukes of Hazzard), Brian Cox (The Bourne Supremacy), Katherine Heigl (Grey’s Anatomy), Jed Rees (Elizabeth Town), Bill Chott (Dad’s Place), and Leo Howard (Barbershop 1 and 2). Geoffrey Arend (Super Troopers), John Taylor (The Seventh Sign), and Luis Avalos (Jungle to Jungle). Leonard Flowers and Edward Barbanell also make their motion picture debut in the film. Leonard Flowers is one of the top athletes in the Special Olympics. He has been competing in the Special Olympics for 16 years and has won several medals. Edward Barbanell is also a Special Olympics athlete and has been participating in the events for fifteen years. Although this is his first film, Barbanell is not new to the acting scene. He has been an aspiring actor for some time and has appeared in several plays. According to Bruce Kirkland of the Toronto Sun, “The Special Olympics are involved, the official organization in the U.S. co-operated on the movie.”

Despite the stories of love and friendship that grow as the plot unravels, the movie could still be offensive to some. The Ringer attempts to create good reasoning for Steve and Uncle Gary to “fix” the Special Olympics, however their intentions aren’t debatable. Although not number one on my list, The Ringer is good for a few chuckles.

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32. Stephen Peevy
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34. Concerts & Events:
35. Visit www.ticketmaster.com
36. Off-Campus:
37. On-Campus:
38. Visit www.deales.edu; www.lafayette.edu; www.bu.edu; www.merian.edu,
39. www.muhlenberg.edu; for more information on events through the LVMAE Institution
40. www.muhlenberg.edu; www.muhlenberg.edu
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44. "Big Love"
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54. The Electric Factory Philadelphia, PA
55. The Sneeze Tour featuring Sothier, Shinedown, Flyleaf & Halestorm
56. Support the Philadelphia 76ers at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia, PA on
57. Wednesday, February 22, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
58. 2006 Lehigh Valley Collegiate Career Expo
59. Thursday, February 23-Sunday, February 26, 8.00 p.m.
60. Theatre: “House of Bernards Alba”
61. Sunday, February 26, 6:50 p.m.
62. Fididos Show
63. Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.
64. Student Activities: Coffee House
65. Visit www.cedarcrest.edu
66. Friday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.
67. Crocodile Rock Allentown, PA
68. Overkill
69. Wednesday, February 22, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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71. Thursday, February 23, 8:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m. (2/26), 9.45 a.m. (2/28)
72. The Crucible
73. Muhlenberg College
74. Thursday, February 23 - Sunday, February 26
76. Crocodile Rock Allentown, PA
77. Stephen Peevy
78. "Big Love"
79. Thursday, February 23, 8:00 p.m.
80. The Free Philadelphia, PA
81. EMERGENZA Festival: Battle of the Bands featuring End of an Era
82. Friday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.
83. Crocodile Rock Allentown, PA
84. Vanilla Ice
85. "Big Love"
87. website; www.muhlenberg.edu; www.muhlenberg.edu
88. www.lehigh.edu; www.moravian.edu; www.muhlenberg.edu;
89. Visit www.cedarcrest.edu
90. Friday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.
Chitter Chat

Kelly O'Donnell | Crestdian Columnist

Oops she did it again. Brittany Spears is once again in the news and not for being Girl Scout of the year. Spears was driving in a car with her born, son, Sean Preston, on her lap. She said that the paparazzi were being aggressive and she was trying to get away. The paparazzi then screamed at her and said that the pictures were taken in a very peaceful manner and although usually surrounded by paparazzi, on this day there were no other photographers in sight. “I made a mistake and so it is what it is. I guess,” she said in an interview with Access Hollywood. Let’s hope that Preston doesn’t grow up to have his mother’s IQ.

The Grammys aired to a small crowd this year with more people turning their channels to Fox’s American Idol. About 34 million people tuned in to watch American Idol whereas only 17 million people watched the Grammy’s during that time slot. Kelly Clarkson, former American Idol, contest won two awards and performed at the Grammys. Other performers included Madonna, Coldplay, U2 (who took home five awards) and John Legend. Seems Ameri... who cares where he wins from those who can.

For a change, ABC has some wholesome news to report instead of code black, affairs, and striptease scandal. Elizabeth Vargas, co-host of ABC’s World News Tonight announced Friday that she would be expecting a new addition to her family. Vargas is expecting her second child with her husband, Marc Cohn. ABC’s President is happy that good news could be delivered in such troubled times, as Vargas’s other Co-host, Bob Woodruff, was injured when reporting on the war in Iraq.

Why wait for controversy to arrive during the Olympics when you can get your fan fare before it happens? Wayne Gretzky, famous Canadian hockey player, is the middle of a gambling scandal which he desires having an affair with a married woman. But during an interview with Yahoo Sports, Gretzky is part owner and coach of the Olympic hockey team, the Phoenix Coyotes. His best friend, Rick Tochett, however, is fac...ing the phone calls. Janet Jones, Gretzky’s wife, is said to have wagered $500,000. Now that’s one high maintenance woman.

Whether you hate her or love her, you’ve got to admit she has got a good head on her shoul...der...In truth? Well, pick a song on the 500 satellite radio stations already available, starting this fall you can now listen to Oprah rip into the newest fraud writer on Oprah and friends. Oprah Winfrey has signed a three year, $5-million deal to host XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. I know I’ll be kicking off the days until fall on my cal...endar.

Sadly, I have to report some more Jen and Brad style breakups. Lance Armstrong and Sheryl Crow, the adorable couple that had been engaged in September 2005, has called it quits. The bicycling champion and singer had been dating for more than a year when they announced the engagement. On a similar note, Heather Locklear has also split from her husband of eleven years rock star, Richie Sambora, and has filed for a divorce. Oh goodness, what is the world coming to?

And in a final train of thought has anyone heard a good song about unrequited love? Recent releases include Curious George, Big Momma’s House 2, When A Stranger Calls, and The Pink Panther which are all sequels or remake of originals. Will there ever be a time when remakes and sequels are not commonplace and instead originality is the norm? Soon it will be Final Destination 74 where death is killing the people who were affected by the people in the last movie, who were affected by... another great song filled with powerful vocals and amazing electronic, drum, and guitar talent. Dan Decensare of RAWK Magazine describes their live shows as "...A mix of manic, chaotic energy and theatrical flair that recall bands Classic, Marilyn Manson, and Downward Spiral-era Nine Inch Nails... All while playing this beautifully brutal music that sparks the skin up like a fiery Inflatable Incredible.”

Another standout of the album is the general theme and the lyrics, which are full of passion, rawness, and emotion. My favorite lyrics are seen in “Waste of Life.”

Touch me With your lies It makes you taller But in the eyes Of those desiring truth You seem so small You’ve got your desperate measures and old excursions Get to change yourself to please every person Get your wasted nights with scenes forgotten Get you days of drama, but you don’t stop them.

With help from their album, MySpace, purevolume, and word of mouth, End of an Era has dramatically grown. End of an Era is sponsored by Sam Ash – The Musical Instrument Megastore and Halo Custom Nutcases. The band has three important shows coming up, one being a worldwide batt...le of the bands. The Emergenza Festival on Thursday, February 23. The Fire in Philadelphia is the first round of battle of the bands, where the winning band eventually goes on to round 2 in Germany. Any support fans can give the band helps them progress in the battle of the bands contest. On Sunday, March 5, End of an Era reeks havoc on the Starland Ballroom in Sayreville, New Jersey once again, this time opening for Powerman 5000 and on Saturday, March 11; End of an Era will be tearing up the stage and wowing the crowd for the Nine Inch Nails After Party at the House of Blues in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Their live shows are a definite must see! For more information on the band and ticket information, visit their purevolume site, MySpace site, or their website www.endofanera.org.

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REEL REVIEW WHEN A STRANGER CALLS

Tiffany Waniec Staff Writer

Baby-sitters beware: “the call is coming from inside the house.” If you have ever been a baby-sitter, this movie is your worst night...m. A 1979 remake by Susan roast, (Cash Air, The General’s Daughter), When A Stranger Calls re-creates the fear of being alone on a stormy night in an unfamiliar house with two sleeping children upstairs. What appeared to be a quiet evening of junk food and movie watching, instead turned into harassing phone calls and a race for one’s life.

The beginning is slow, introducing the background of Jill Johnson (Camilla Belle) who is present...nt while playing this beautifully brutal music that sparks the skin up like a fiery Inflatable Incredible.”

I think that some people will find this movie to be entertaining, but I don’t suggest to those who can’t sit through bad acting. Belle fails miserably at attempting to portray fear in a life threatening situation. Stronger proves once again that good acting is hard to come by in the horror genre.

Like any other horror movie, the protagonist creates slip-ups that are just plain ridiculous. With the rating of PG-13 the director insinu...ates that horrible events have occurred, but opts out to show them. West substitutes sound effects in an attempt to keep the audience in total suspense; this was the only thing that kept me on the edge of my seat.

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