Students fail to recognize First Amendment freedoms

Fifty-seven percent of Cedar Crest students polled believe the phrase “separation of church and state” is used in the First Amendment, which is false. “Although the words ‘separation of church and state’ do not appear in the First Amendment, the establishment clause was intended to separate church from state,” according to the FAC. Freedom of speech is the most well known of all five freedoms. In the FAC’s survey, 58% of interviewees, far more than could name any other right guaranteed under the First Amendment. Close to the same ratio, 60%, thought that America’s freedom of speech is “about right.” Eleven percent said that we have too much freedom of speech, and 28% said we have too little.

Students polled here on campus, 100% named freedom of speech as a First Amendment right. Eighty-one percent agreed with the statement, “people should be allowed to express offensive views,” yet over 95% agreed with the same statement when unpopular was replaced with the same statement when unpopular was substituted for offensive.

In the 2004 FAC survey, 59% of those students polled knew that the First Amendment guarantees five freedoms, yet over 90% said they thought that the First Amendment gives about the right amount of freedom. In the FAC study of 2004, only 17% of those surveyed could name religion as one of the five freedoms guaranteed under the First Amendment. This statistic has dropped from 21% since FAC’s 2002 survey. Here on campus, we conduct a survey of our own in which 21 students were polled. Only 19% of students polled knew that the First Amendment guaranteed five freedoms, yet over 90% said they thought that the First Amendment gives about the right amount of freedom. Researchers are curious to know if flag burning is considered to be one of the freedoms. In the FAC’s survey, 58% of those polled agreed with the statement, “musicians should be allowed to sing songs with lyrics that others might find offensive.” 70% of high school students surveyed in the Knight Foundation study agreed to the same statement, while only 43% of school principals agreed. On campus, 76% of students agreed with the statement, “artists should be allowed to express offensive views through songs and lyrics.”

SEVEN-FIFTY-FIVE percent of high school students interviewed in the Knight Foundation study said that flag burning is illegal. In reality, flag burning is protected under the First Amendment as a freedom of speech, a fact which 29% of Cedar Crest students polled knew.

“Burning the flag is a means of protected speech as surely as picketing, printing leaflets or shouting on a street corner,” according to the FAC. "Cultural and social change would be strained if protest were limited to issues with which the majority agrees. This principle is not dependent on the medium of expression.”

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Should the government have any degree of censorship regarding the press?

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“If you have a significant other, you feel obligated to celebrate it. If you don’t, you feel pressure to find one, or an overwhelming feeling of unease when it arrives because you are single. You know what I’m talking about: Valentine’s Day.

The holiday itself stems from an ancient legend of a man who defied a king’s law banning soldiers from marrying. Valentine supposedly married soldiers to their lovers anyway, and was put in prison for it. As the legend goes, Valentine fell in love while he was in prison, and wrote the first “valentine” to this mystery woman from prison.

How did we get from this quaint little legend to where we are today? Most people don’t even know the legend of St. Valentine. The holiday has degraded into yet another day for businesses to prey on the people of our nation by tempting us with pretty colors and candy.

Why do I need a day marked to celebrate love? Isn’t love something we should celebrate every day? Valentine’s Day doesn’t celebrate any great event. It’s a holiday that celebrates a concept, a feeling.

I hate walking through Wal-Mart or the mall and being bombarded by little red hearts, pink envelopes, and more chocolate than I consumed during every bout of PMS I’ve ever suffered. I helped my four-year-old daughter get ready for her Valentine’s Day party at school last week. We bought cards and candy, and even a special card for her “boyfriend.” The good people of Target got about fifteen of my hard earned dollars because our nation wants to celebrate an emotion. I ended up with a half hyper, half sick child because she ate too much candy and brownies.

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**Question of the Week:**

**“Valentine’s Day conformity”**

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Staff Writer

“How does it cheapen love to a certain extent to say that we have to celebrate it on one particular day of the year?”

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Did I tell you I met local gay guy celeb, Carson Kressley? In an assignment for a local publication, I was able to cover an event during the filming of the Greater Lehigh Valley’s GLBT Film Festival. What a coup for a new freelance writer, and right up my queue of topics to write about.

Kressley, a Lehigh Valley native was in town to do a book signing of his new tome, Off the Cuff: The Essential Style Guide for Men and the Women Who Love Them. He stopped by the Philadelphia Film Festival for a Q & A session about a film he appeared in prior to becoming better known as the fashion guru on Bravo’s Queer Eye for the Straight Guy. The documentary film When Ocean Meets Sky directed by Crayton Robey was going to be shown with a director’s talk after the screening. The movie documents the history of Fire Island from its beginnings in the 1950s as a gay resort through the sexual revolution and hedonistic times in the 60s and 70s and on through the AIDS epidemic to the new millennium.

This was my first real celebrity interview and what a fun time it was. It was pretty much a week. I wasn’t in the least worried about the questions I’d ask or if the man was required to take it. I was worried about what I was wearing. Can you believe that? My friends told me to wear my SpongeBob Hawaiian shirt. Like that would get me inside the gun? I didn’t think so. I kept on the nominal makeovers of homophobic cummudges who live in cesspools and wear clothes from their junior high school days. In light of recent media accounts, maybe they were onto something, huh?

Kressley walked in to the lobby of the Whitaker Auditorium on Bethlehem’s Lehigh University campus with open arms and yelling, “Hellooooooooo, hello, hello everyone. It’s so great to see you all!”

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“I thought you were going to be too personal. But, it would be nice there! I’m not offended because that would officially recognize me, I mean, hello, I went to high school. The school doesn’t officially recognize Kressley and I asked him about that.

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“Hi, do you want to talk to me?” I said. “Oh, by the way, he also gave me a hug and told me I looked fantastic!”

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However, there is a side to him that people don’t really see. A thoughtful, caring person who feels strongly about convictions of his own politics and humanity.

Speaking about Fire Island and sections of New York, he said, “I think any place has a sense of community where you’re with people you like, it galvanizes you. When people come together for social events, there soon begins exchanges of ideas for other things...What started in Fire Island as socializing events evolved into events that are more of a social movement to create change in our daily lives.

There is no taste of the possibility of a Fire Island or a safe haven where people say, ‘hey, we can dance, we can hold hands, we can create and we can do it in the daylight and people aren’t going to arrest us...or we won’t lose our jobs...or nobody will beat us up,’ is a possibility. Whether it’s Fire Island, San Francisco or Key West or Omaha, Nebraska, the possibilities are endless and every time you get a glimpse of the future, we can all look forward to,” he said.

It was a short visit, but long enough to see that Carson Kressley is more than just a pretty face, fashion guru and funny guy. There is much more to him than what one sees on the TV show. He’s a hometown person who comes home and is still the guy next door, only with better shoes.

Oh, by the way, he also gave me a hug and told me I looked fantastic! All options are open, but you can follow your dream anywhere and maybe we won’t have to put the clause on the end “even though you’re gay.” ‘Cause I’m not sure if you’re black, Jewish or you have ugly shoes,” said Kressley.

The Q & A session, Kressley explained how he had moved onto college right from high school and graduated from Gettysburg College. He graduated with a Phi Beta Kappa and Magna cum Laude in finance and fine arts and moved to an apartment in New Jersey after acquiring a job in New York City.

Kressley explained he had a progressive coming-out going to moving to NYC.

“I started working for Ralph Lauren for about seven years and I came out. There was no definitive moment like ‘here’s my Rainbow Flag and I’m queer!” but it was an evolution. My friends at home didn’t really talk about my sexuality. There was that thing in the paper that said someone was gay, we just assumed he was gay,” well hellowww!”

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Hometown guy from Queer Eye: Carson Kressley
When a tragic situation occurs to abruptly ruin your normal life, what do you do? How do you cope? Where do you turn for help? Is it fair to give up? What becomes of your motivation?

Coping with sudden death

Lakena Outlaw  Staff Writer

Any member of the human race should have to handle. Her mother felt the blaze and ran after her son, with intentions of graduating this year. She is on edge. She is ready to give it all row. She will bring her brother home from the hospital.

It is hard for me to ever understand how such tragic events could happen to good people. I firmly believe in the oneness of God, and that everything happens by the will of God. Spirituality is an important part of life that everyone should have. You should live life knowing and understanding your purpose here on earth. There are situations that happen that can never be explained. It is important to have a centered focus, so you are able to pull through these hard times. Having family and friends around for support definitely helps with hard times. Grieving is a process. You do not get over such tragic events, but you learn to cope with them.

Jennifer Kunnets  Staff Writer

A healthy relationship usually consists of equal parts of love, compromism, commitment, compatibility, and trust. Although appearance offers an initial like or lust for your partner, it does not signal a healthy or lasting relationship. However, people today still make judg- ments about relationships based on the physical appearance of interracial couples. Couples of the same race do not choose to marry other based solely on their hair or eye color, just as individuals do not choose their sex or skin color.

In 1967, the last of the anti-miscegenation laws, which outlawed interracial marriage was overruled in the US. The Supreme Court case Loving v. Virginia, went to court when Richard and Mildred Loving were caught together in the middle of the night in Virginia, where they had been living together as a married couple. They had gone to Washington, D.C., in 1958 to get married in order to evade the anti-miscegenation laws in their home state. In 1963, the Lovings began to look for ways to overturn their conviction, which had sentenced them to a year in prison that was suspended for 25 years on the condition that they leave the state of Virginia and did not return with each other.

The Civil Rights Act, which abolished segregation in public facilities, was passed in 1964. However, in 1994, the principal of Randolph County High School in Alabama threatened call off the school’s prom if any student chose to bring a date of a different race. A situation, with a black mother and a white father, that whom she should go out on a date. The principal responded to her question by saying, “That’s out of the question. mom and dad made a mis- take, giving you as a mixed race child.”

Success stories of mixed marriage have been spreading in recent years. However, in 1990, intermarried couples do not display the image of a black and white family. Instead, they are more accepting of relationships that may have been considered as taboo or frowned upon in the past. As a society, we have changed in response to the lessening of taboos and restrictions, people begin to

All shades of love

Cara Nicholl  Staff Writer

January 25 marked a victory in a fight for the Tibetan Buddhist monk. Rinpoche has been resettled and replaced with a life sentence. Rinpoche was sentenced to death for a bombing in Chengdu and his attendant, Lobang Dhondup, was already executed on Jan. 26, 2003 for the same crime.

Rinpoche’s revoked sentence is a victory for a long, worn out battle in search for a free Tibet. The formerly independent country of Tibet was invaded by China in 1949 and since the invasion, over 1.2 million Tibetans have died as a result of the occupation, and over 6,000 monasteries have been destroyed, along with valuable artifacts that are elements of Tibetan history that can never be replaced. Worst of all, according to human rights groups, there are hundreds of political prison- ers being held in Tibet, all prisoners subject to torture. It is not all prisoners are guilty, since the successor of the Dalai Lama (who left Tibet was invaded and is now in political exil), known as the Panchen Lama, was just six when he was taken in as a politi- cal prisoner, and is believed to be under house arrest (China has appointed a Panchen Lama, but most Tibetans won’t accept him as the true Panchen Lama). The Dalai Lama, a

man who has suffered immensely only to achieve marvels, has won the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to win Tibet back peaceful- ly, however none of his advice has been taken.

So a revoked death sentence for a Tibetan Buddhist monk accused of bombing seems like a sweet victory indeed.

One must wonder, though, is this a true victory? Because as Lobsang Thetong, executive director of Students for a Free Tibet said in Asianweek.com, “Life imprisonment in a Chinese jail is a death sentence of a different kind…” Is there ever a real victory? Or do we just hope from one stepping stone to the next and call those stones our goals? Is there ever a riverbank that we can happily plant our feet on forever? The Students for a Free Tibet organization is now rallying for China to set Rinpoche free, complaining he didn’t get a fair trial. Is there even a fair trial in China? Even if the Chinese drop their occupation tomorrow, there will be broken pieces of a shattered country to pick up. They will never have their country back to what it was, partly because the Chinese authorities saw nothing sacred within the country, from human life to Tibet’s history and religion. It could be a good thing that for our whole lives we will hop along from stone to stone, looking for the next goal and never settling on a stone. Maybe then someday, we will find a way to piece all the stones togeth- er to construct a bridge and finally “bridge the gap” between China and Tibet forever.
Both state workers and local private companies have been working around the clock to clean up the mess from the early February explosion. All of the men and women had to wear gas masks for the duration of the cleanup.

Photo by Lori Gallagher

Pipeline explosion temporarily displaces area residents

Lori Gallagher  Staff Writer

The morning of February 1, the sky was cloudy, the black, mushroom shaped cloud was slowly creeping over the Lehigh Valley. Many who saw the cloud wondered if it was safe to be outside, while others blamed it on rain or smoke from a factory.

The smoke was actually the result of a gas pipeline that had exploded in Whitehall Township. The explosion occurred at 6:30 AM at mile marker 230 between Lehigh and West Mill Roads.

The 480-mile pipeline is owned by Mobil Pipe Line Co. of Houston. It is one of three major pipelines that cross the Lehigh Valley and it carries refined gasoline through Pennsylvania from a refinery in Paulsboro, New Jersey, to the Philadelphia market.

Mark Szmagiel, an area resident who was home at the time of the blast said, “I heard a loud explosion at 6:30 and a smaller one about 10 seconds later.”

He also said that some people from Japan and S.P.C & truck, he went outside to look about the blast and saw a fireball.

Due to some minor problems, he shares this concern with his neighbors and the Department of Environmental Protection, DEP.

Upon learning of the explosion, DEP inspected possible groundwater contamination. Several tests were conducted, but they did not reveal any immediate problems. The DEP is urging all area residents to use bottled water, because they are worried about the long-term effects this will have on the well water supply. In the meantime tests will continue.

The DEP also tested for air pollution, but the tests did not expose any immediate air-quality problems. Homes were also tested for explosive vapors and volatile organic compounds before anyone was allowed to return.

There were no injuries as a result of the blast. The only damage reported was melted siding on the house closest to the blaze.

To vote or not to vote: a choice for political freedom

Jessica Smith  Staff Writer

Imagine making a life altering decision, one in which you may lose your life. Now imagine that the decision is whether to vote or not.

The people of Iraq were given this choice on January 31 for the first time in 50 years. Many people do not support the elections and even petitioned against the rights people who did vote.

Why is this election so controversial? There is a chance for every person in Iraq to have a say in their government. So why is there such a conflict against it?

Elections are not exactly the same as we have here in the United States. For example, the election was held for the positions in the National Assembly. There are 275 seats available and these people have a number of important duties.

Once they are elected, it is their job to write up a constitution. They also have the job of selecting a president and vice presidents.

Some Sunni religious leaders announced a boycott of the elections. They fear the elections because they know that the Shia make up a larger portion of the population. Therefore, they feel that the Shia will have more control over governmental issues.

According to John F. Burns and Dexter Filkins of the New York Times, “Twenty-five percent of the 1.6 million votes counted so far from Sunday’s election went to an alliance of Shia parties...”

Although not all the potential votes have been tallied and reported, most of the vote is in. The Shia have a definite lead. There is also a relatively strong vote behind the Kurds, who are mostly Sunni.

Many Sunni and Shia Muslims ignored their fear and voted despite some 50 people becoming victims to the terrorists against the election.

Due to some minor problems, such as not enough ballots and the boycott, it may be a few weeks until the total vote is known. Fortunately, there are some important numbers available now.

“According to The Pennsylvania Department of Health, 14.2 million people voted in the 2004 election. This means that approximately 75 feet high. Others, who were not as close to the blast, estimate the height of the four-alarm blaze at 30 feet.

After seeing the shooting flames, Ramzigel and his family left for his brother’s house, which is 12 miles away. Authorities proceeded to evacuate more than 40 other homes in the area. Some people went to a shelter that was set up at Parkland School District’s Truett Administration Building.

ExxonMobil paid for others to stay at the Holiday Inn in Fogelsville.

The valves to the underground pipeline were turned off immediately following the explosion. However, according to The Morning Call, the two closest valves were 10 miles away. It is believed that the pipeline served West Penn Township, so gasoline continued to fuel the flames until Wednesday morning.

By Wednesday morning, news that the pipeline had exploded made its way across the country. News stations in Philadelphia to news stations in Chicago were reporting.

Authorities think the explosion was caused when a passing car ignited the gas that had leaked from the pipeline. John DuPre, the operations manager for Mobil Pipe Line Company, told The Morning Call, “There’s no reason to think that it’s anything other than an accident.”

Although the pipeline dates back to 1950, the Office of Pipeline Safety inspected it last November. DuPre said that the inspection revealed no major problems.

Ramzigel, who returned home with his family the night of Monday, February 4, said that there was no odor in his home, but he was slightly worried about his well water. He shares this concern with his neighbors and the Department of Environmental Protection, DEP.

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Yet 45% of Americans polled by the FAC were supportive of a constitutional amendment to ban flag-burning.

In the FAC’s 2004 survey, only 15% of the people polled could name freedom of the press as one of the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. 40% of people polled thought that the press has too much freedom, 49% thought that the media have too much freedom, yet 10% only thought that media has too much freedom of speech.

DuPre said that inspections are designed as a safeguard against the First Amendment. The FAC, is “the right of people to meet and assemble as a First Amendment, and 36% said they take it for granted. Sixty-two percent of Cedar Crest students disagreed with the statement, “I feel that I have a complete and accurate understanding of the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment.”

To find out more about the rights guaranteed Americans through the First Amendment, visit http://www.firstamendment-center.org, or http://firstamendment-future.org.

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UN Ambassador Sumaidaie: “Give Iraq time to adjust”

A member of the graduating class of 1976, Pulham returned to the college in 1985 to teach and now she will serve as chief academic officer.

On a historic Friday morning of January 31, a historic event destined to change many lives took place in Iraq. For the first time in fifty years, Iraqis had the freedom to vote. There are many views on how the vote will shape the future of Iraq politically and religiously. Iraq is a country that is divided among many religions and political groups. The goal of many in Iraq voting is to shape a democracy and have one political power.

When asked how she felt about the violence surrounding the Iraqi elections, sophomore political science major Terey Renninger said, “I believe it is expected because we are forcing our way of government on the Iraqis. There is always going to be someone or some group opposing an election. It happens when a government is trying to be established.”

In the thought of a government being established in Iraq, one must take into consideration that Iraq is a country that is torn politically and religiously. Iraq’s voting took place at a time when the country was being fought on their own home. Maybe this war will end the violence. It is a part of history for Iraq and a step to a positive change for Iraq.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said, “Although there is still a long road ahead in achieving peace in the Middle East, the new Palestinian elections and Iraq’s decision to withdraw from Gaza provide new opportunities.”

In a very的事情, the issue of Iraq being a divided country. Having the voting may favor one group or another. The majority Shiite religion has a good opportunity to gain political power in Iraq. Renninger made up sixty percent of Iraq’s 26 million people, and they turned up in large numbers to vote, potentially in the future having the political power of Iraq under their belt to govern Iraq.

Renninger said, “I believe they will hold a lot of power but not complete power over the country. I believe the United States has to keep watch over the new government.” With that in mind, could the voting in Iraq hold our soldiers there long beyond their time, or is it safe to say Iraq may be able to hold its own?”

Iraq is known for its violence toward its own people and others. In current news in Iraq, there has been some effort to be the voice of the people and continue the war. How much longer can the opponents continue to fight? How much more violence may erupt, but I believe once the country is stabilized and the United States is out of the country, the violence will die down.”

With hopes high for the results, Iraq hopes to maintain and keep balance among themselves without America’s aid.

UN Ambassador Sumaidaie: “Give Iraq time to adjust”

On the morning of Friday February 4, Dr. Jim Schneider passed away due to complications of lung cancer. He was 66 years old. Since 1998, Schneider had been a professor at Muhlenberg College.

Though Schneider was not a part of the Communication program at Cedar Crest in recent years, he was a major player when he taught here from 1993-1998, and his work is still present here on campus. “Jim was an enthusiastic and important member of the college community who helped shape the Communication program in its earliest years, said Dr. Allen Richardson, Chaplain. “After he left the college he continued to play basketball here and maintained strong friendships with many of us.”

Schneider was one of the major organizers of last fall’s Film Up Festival which gave students a chance to view political films like Michael Moore’s now infamous documentary and then discuss them. According to Dr. Jim Brancato of the Communication department, Schneider was always making connections in the community like this one. “His greatest contributions outside of his classes were a number of film series and guest speakers he brought to campus,” Brancato said. “He always saw the possibilities of video to be used to raise consciousness and expose injustice.”

Schneider’s organizing skills are still present in the local community through the Exploratory Cinema Series, an event in which he helped to plan. But what will be missed more is Schneider’s passion for making people understand things about the world.

“He had one of the most brilliant minds that I ever came across in my life,” said Brancato. “I sought him out all the time to find out what his take on anything, especially politics.”

Helping out in the community was another one of Schneider’s specialties. He founded the Lehighton Valley Media Arts Center which brought together media professionals across the Valley to volunteer their services at non-profit agencies to film promotional videos or just enhance public awareness. His classes also involved helping out the community.

“He always encouraged his students to lend their talents to the less fortunate in our community,” Brancato said. “He had the ability to talk to anyone, and most often took advantage of this. “He was a great listener and rarely judged others,” said Brancato. “He even made a point of talking to people who disagreed with him politically, in order to spur conversation and improve understanding.”

For those who knew him, Schneider was a well spoken man who dedicated his life to teaching and helping others, regardless of age, race, or creed. He “focused on the commonalities between people, not their differences,” and he had “a wicked sense of humor,” according to Brancato. “Jim was a man of principle and courage. He was my mentor and my friend, and I will miss him.”
The quirky ways they met and fell in love

LIFESTYLES

The Cedar Crest in LOVE

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Iva Tchomakova
Lifestyles co-editor

Rebekah McClure, 21 years old
Jason Howitt, 24 years old
Been together: 2 years
Chatting up someone in a bar or a club is as easy as snapping your fingers, but finding love at the bus stop takes a bit more luck and most importantly magic and chemistry. In the case of Ian and Rebekah it took a few smiles, compliments and a pin to make these strangers lovers.

While waiting for the bus Rebekah noticed Ian’s shoes and became intrigued by them enough so as to talk to him. Upon standing there for a while, both discovered more than just a shoe admiration. A few sparks later, Rebekah and Ian are very much into each other. Rebekah’s “I love Nerds” pin is something that quickly caught Ian’s eye and made him like her quirky sense of humor all that much more. When asked how they met Ian likes to keep the story short and sweet, “We met at a bus stop. She asked about my shoes, and I saw her “I love Nerds” pin. The rest is history.”

While your mother taught you better than to chit chat with strangers sometimes it’s beneficial to bend mom’s rules. After all nice, funny, single people are all around you, you never know where you might make a connection!

Christa Hagan
Crestiad Special

Has the luster of being in love worn off? One of the most recognizable holidays that we celebrated several days ago is aimed at making one think about love, being in love and the purpose of Valentine’s day in general.

Perhaps you found yourself asking why we celebrate this day and how it came about. After all, what is Valentine’s day really? To some retailers and companies, it is a money trap set up by card companies, which preys on the hopeless romantics to fall in and spend ridiculous amounts of money buying gifts for their sweethearts. For others, it might be that every year where one comes time to cue up on the couch, gorge oneself with too much food, mope and watch whatever sappy sitcoms have set up from the keyboard to the phone line.

While most internet friendships turned “mutual” bais the relationships do not work out, this is a good example of how a good idea could turn into an incredible relationship. So, if you meet someone in a chat room be open minded you never know where you might find love.

International Corner: Valentine’s Day

There are different kinds of chocolate designated for this day. Kit-choco is given to friends or acquaintances and lacks any romantic notation. A gift that is inspired by romance and given to the boy or man of her choice is known as hon-mei. It is on White Day (March 14th) where the reverse is observed. Men give chocolates, often white, to the ladies who remembered them on Valentine’s Day.

Endearing customs once practiced centuries ago in Japan, but is no longer observed are the spring festivals, which were held around Valentine’s Day in the gardens and fields of Italy. Music would be playing in the gardens and poetry would be read. Couples would gather and sit and listen to the music and poetry and enjoy one another’s company.

Now that you know a little bit about the different takes and ways this holiday has been celebrated perhaps you would like to know about some of the symbols which bombarded cards, windows and chocolate boxes. Why choose the rose for example? It seems like every Florist shop in the world is advertising tokens of affection. Some of the most extravagant tokens of love, were made of satin cushions, perfumed and decorated with flowers and colored shells. Often the valentines would then be adorned with a dead stuffed bird of paradise or hummingbird placed elegantly on the valentine. The gift was then placed in a gorgeous box, the more extravagant the better.

In Japan, there is little to no emphasis on men doing anything for women on this holiday. It is the women who do things specifically for men. It is a day when women buy chocolate and give it as gifts.

Photo by Linda Misura

Kisses and sweet messages are a staple of Valentine’s Day

Jen Stone, 19 years old
Bryan Ansahb, 18 years old
Been together: 2 years

Jen and Bryan’s story is one, which many couples can relate to. They are two high school sweethearts. What makes this love story entertaining is the fact that Jen and Bryan knew each other since they were kids and Jen was definitely not Bryan’s greatest fan. As they rode daily on the school bus together in middle school, Jen recalls that while Bryan was “cute, he was definitely a bit annoying so I never really talked to him at all.”

But old people do say that absence makes the heart grow fonder. A few years later their daily bus routine was changed and they were placed on different school buses. It was only then that Jen and Bryan began developing a crush for one another that would grow into a two year relationship.

Now that Jen is a freshman here at Cedar Crest, they make the most out of their time and see each other as often as possible. Unfortunately enough, the name “Ashley” instead of her own. The caller was her would-be boyfriend Gabe. “Yeah, so I heard someone call Ashley behind me, I got curious so I turned around and talked to him,” says Christa of her first encounter with Gabe.

It was not long before Gabe and Christa discussed their love for unique bands and coffee shops and established a friendship that quickly grew into so much more. Now six months later both look fondly upon that walk in the park as they are practically inseparable, and are even cast in the same show. And believe it or not they continue to share the same unique views on books and coffee shops. This time around- together. Hey, sometimes it pays to turn around when someone you don’t know calls after you!

Christa Hagan, 19 years old
Gabe Cruz, 21 years old
Been together: 6 months

Cedar Crest and Gabe’s story is a sweet one. A story of mistaken identities you might say. First semester of her freshman year Christa ventured beyond the borders of the campus and took a contemplation walk down the park only to hear someone call her name. Interestingly enough, she heard the name “Ashley” instead of her own. The caller was her would-be boyfriend Gabe. “Yeah, so I heard someone call Ashley behind me, I got curious so I turned around and talked to him,” says Christa of her first encounter with Gabe.

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Ten quick ways to get ready for the formal
surefire tips to look formal-tastic!

Glam necessities that will make you look radiant.

Four: Makeup. Remember, to make your
look flawless-less make up is more.
Don’t ever overload it! If you’re going
to your prom, your best bet is camou-
flage colors and jade colored
eyeliner. For those with beige skin,
light to dark brown/smoke eye
colors will go well with a bright coral eye
liner. Golden shimmered girls will look
good with light to dark pink and brown
with a plum colored liner. Those with
copper colored skin can wear spring
colors like greens, purples,
and pink with black. Lastly
depth skin goes well with an aqua or
eye shadow with a deep colored eyeliner.
Just make sure that your makeup matches
the trend! Don’t mix colors or apply any
of these colors to your eye, try to
try to find a happy medium. Mascara is
a must in making your look hot. Colored
mascara is in right now, but I recommend
using black or black brown depending on
your natural eye color. The last makeup tip
is to add some life to your face by brushing
some blush or bronzer on your cheeks.

Five: Lips. Don’t leave your lips
naked. If you’re not into lipstick or lip gloss,
simply use Chap Stick. Nude colored lip
is as well as pink colored lips. Cover
Girl has an excellent selection of glosses
called “Wet Sticks.” They are cheap and
come in mostly every color that will match
your look.

Six: Tan. No one can have that
unbelievable sun kissed tan, but you can
quickly achieve one out of a bottle. If you
haven’t had the time to look those tanning
sessions, make a quick stop at a drug store
and pick up a self-tanner. You can find them
for under ten dollars and sometimes even
cheaper if they are on sale. The best to use are L’Oreal brands. Neutrogena also works
well. Make sure that you take a shower and
exfoliate first, then after your shower apply
the self-tanner. In order for you to have a

Formal fixer-upper: pampering your palms

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Two: Hair. If you’re rushing and want
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If you have long hair, blow dry it, then put
in some soft lucious curls to complete your
look. Don’t forget to get long lasting hair-
spray that will not ruin your hair or give you
a stiff look. A good hairspray under ten
dollars is John Frieda: not only is it long
lasting but it has disco shimmer particles that
give you a special look. If curls are out of
the question, blow dry your straight and
add a side part. Natural waves or curls
will also do if you’re tight for time. Another
quick and pretty hair style for those of you
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can add a fluffy hair pin or hair clip to the
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Organizing many events to bring welfare and rights. The club is working to give in to responsibility and get fighting the moment when you have to present our papers.” All members of the Together Rx Access Card will be in a state of relative sleep deprivation if they do not get eight hours of sleep. The human body is a complex system that needs a lot of rest. It is important to set a routine that includes sleeping and waking up at the same time each night.

To find out more about the Together Rx Access Card, you can visit www.togetheraccess.com. You can apply online or call 1-800-444-4106. The only information required to apply are your house address, Social Security Number, date of birth, and dependents. You can apply online or call 1-800-444-4106. The only information required to apply are your house address, Social Security Number, date of birth, and dependents.

Today, eight out of ten Americans who are uninsured are employed at full-time jobs or a series of retail jobs that do not offer them health insurance. And even with some type of health insurance, they still may not be able to afford their prescriptions without a prescription plan. "For many families, prescription medication, while often necessary, is simply not affordable without insurance coverage. It is wonderful to see a new program that can provide coverage to eligible people," said Kavey in a January press release.

Together Rx Access will start offering coverage with a narrower menu of the most commonly prescribed medications. The organization has so much passion for animal rights, then consider visiting your local animal shelter or rescue group. You can also volunteer at an animal rescue group or attend a meeting of the English Honor Society at Cedar Crest College. If you know anyone that is a member of the English Honor Society, then consider joining the Two or Four: Rights for All organization and allow your voice to be heard. The club meets bi-weekly at 8 pm on Thursdays in the Cedar Crest community. One event will be a vegetarian information session. There will be plenty of information on how to be a safe vegetarian. They will talk about foods that are supplementing to ensure proper nutrient intake.

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Ziegler honored for athletic achievements

Andrea Zajac
Staff Writer

What better way to celebrate the 19th annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day than by honoring Professor Jane Ziegler for her athletic excellence.

At the Falcons home basketball game on February 9, Ziegler, Assistant Professor and Director of the Allen Center for Nutrition, was awarded a lifetime achievement award.

The National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) first appeared in 1987 to remember Flo Hyman, an Olympic volleyball player. Since that day, NGWSD has become an outlet to celebrate athletic achievements and continue to educate the younger generation on how important it is for women to be in sports. Some of the organizations that sponsor NGWSD are American Association of University Women, Girl Scouts, Girls Incorporated, Association of University Women, and the YWCA. This year’s theme was “More Than a Game.”

The Cedar Crest Athletic Department became aware of this event last year and put a lot of work into this year’s celebration. Dan Donohue, Assistant Director of Athletics, helped coordinate the event and helped choose this year’s honoree. “Four of us in the department talked about who would embody what we were looking for and who had an impressive athletic career,” Donohue said. Last year Diane Moyer, Associate Professor and Chair of the Psychology Department, embodied what they were looking for and this year it was Ziegler.

Ziegler, who has been a member of Cedar Crest faculty since 1997, was officially honored just before the start of last Wednesday night’s game. Some of her outstanding achievements include holding a school record at Ohio State University in both the 100m backstroke and 100m freestyle, and being named All-American in the 100m and 200m backstroke in ’96, ’97, ’99, and 2000.

Being honored was something of a shock for Ziegler. “I can’t be more surprised with the honor that was awarded to me. I was very surprised and honored to be recognized for doing something that I love to do,” Ziegler said. “Swimming is part of my life; I can’t imagine starting the day without swimming with my friends in the morning.”

Ziegler’s love of sports doesn’t end with swimming. “I love almost all sports, of course swimming, but I love volleyball, soccer, field hockey, truck and cross country, lacrosse, basketball, tennis, football, gymnastics, you name it, I love to watch it or play it,” Ziegler said. “I am so happy that women are now able to participate in varsity sports and enjoy the fun of competition and teamwork.”

Not only was Ziegler being honored, but some members of the Altenwomen Girl’s Club were invited to come out and enjoy this event. The girls were treated to pizza, soda, and t-shirts. They also got to party with the Falcon and have their picture taken with the basketball team.

The excitement of the evening continued onto the court. The Falcons played an especially tough game against the College Misericordia Cougars. In the beginning of the first half both teams were equal at the net. By the time the buzzer signaled the end of the period, Cedar Crest was only behind a few points. In the second half of the game the Falcons played aggressively, but fell behind. They regained their momentum, but not soon enough to win the game.

However, they still came out on top playing one of their best games this season.

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Where are the women in athletic media?

A whistle shrills signaling the beginning of the ultimate adrenaline rush. Athletic competition has been around since the first stone was thrown. Today, we find ourselves in front of the television watching the modern sweat-dripping-muscle-flexing-contest. There is just one thing missing: women. Women have belted brass in this modern age for their athletic ability. Yet that credit seems to be in short supply on the media circuit. It has gotten better over the years, but coverage of females still hasn’t caught up to men’s coverage.

Everyone comes out to watch the tradition of American football. What most people probably don’t even know is that there is a Women’s Professional Football League. The TV network advertises Monday Night Football as this wonderfully amazing event that everyone just has to watch. Some networks support the women’s teams, just not on a regular basis. Just think, if the network spent half as much time selling women’s football as they do men’s football, the women’s teams would be watched just as much, or maybe even more.

Then there is the incident at the 1996 Summer Olympics women’s soccer finals in Atlanta. The competition was between China and the U.S.A. It was a heated match as both teams fought back and forth for that winning goal. The United States won the gold that day. Most people were watching the men’s basketball game though, because the soccer game was cut into by the TV network.

To make up for the 1996 incident, so to speak, there was national coverage of the 1999 Women’s Soccer World Cup. According to the official FIFA World Cup webpage, “all 32 games were broadcast live on national television, and an estimated 40 million viewers in the U.S. alone watched the American hosts capture their second World Cup title.” The women’s team was up against China again for this match, but this time around they had everyone’s attention.

Media Missing. CEO of the U.S. organizing committee, was quoted on the official FIFA World Cup webpage, “This World Cup was a world-class, world-wide, class, world-wide event for women like none other. In a similar way, we were all a part of history.”

When Brandi Chastain ripped her jersey off sporting a black Nike sports bra the day indeed went down in history, but so did coverage of women’s athletic events. There is coverage of huge events in the sporting world, so women often get covered within these events. The TV networks do cover Wimbledon, the Soccer World Cup, Olympics, Championship games, and other events of high status. The coverage is going to be covered. Even Olympic coverage has been known to be unequally balanced. A study done by professors from the University of North Texas and Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania analyzed the balance of the coverage.

According to the University of North Texas News Service webpage, “Dr. Karen Weiller, UN’s associate professor of kinesiology, health promotion, and recreation, Dr. Christy Greenleaf, UN’s assistant professor of kinesiology, health promotion, and recreation, and Dr. Catriona Higgins, professor of physical education at Slippery Rock University, taped television broadcasts of the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, and the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.”

The researchers studied sports that had both men and women contestants. Weiller is quoted on the UNT News Service webpage, “In track and field, audiences were reminded 57 times that they were watching the U.S. Women’s Track Team. They were reminded only 12 times that they were watching the U.S. Men’s Track Team,” she says. “Similarly, during the rowing competition, there were 27 instances of gender marking for female athletes during the one hour and 45-minute time frame televised. Little gender marking occurred for male athletes in rowing.”

Also according to the study, “Weiller says she was most dismayed to see comparisons of female athletes to male athletes during competition. The researchers noted 31 instances, with 23 of them comparing females to their male counterparts in the same sports.”

Media coverage of athletics has changed much over the years, but there are still cases where women aren’t being covered or they are being marked for their gender. Weiller quoted on the webpage, “It’s obvious that media coverage of an event like the Olympic Games is critical in setting the tone as to how women are represented in the sports media,” Weiller says. “But as Olympics coverage shows, men’s sports continue to enjoy a level of focus and sophistication that women’s sports are missing.”

Indefinitely women are missing out on the television screen.

Sports

LVAIC Women’s Sports Schedule

Thursday, February 17
Cedar Crest Basketball vs. Immaculata, 7 p.m.

Friday, February 18
Patriot League Track and Field Championships @ Lehigh, Time TBA

Saturday, February 19
Cedar Crest Basketball vs. Gwynedd Mercy, 1 p.m.
Lehigh Tennis vs. Albany, 2 p.m.
Lehigh Basketball vs. Navy, 1 p.m.

Sunday, February 20
Lehigh Tennis vs. Stony Brook, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, February 23
Lafayette Basketball vs. Navy, 7 p.m.
Lehigh Basketball vs. American, 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 26
Lehigh Tennis vs. Delaware, 10 a.m.
Lehigh Lacrosse vs. Binghamton, 1 p.m.
Lehigh Basketball vs. Lafayette, 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 27
Lehigh Tennis vs. Drexel, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2
Cedar Crest Lacrosse vs. Muhlenberg, 4 p.m.
Lehigh Lacrosse vs. Manhattan, 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 3
Patriot League Tournament @ Lehigh (TBA)

LVAIC Men’s Sports Schedule

Friday, February 18
Patriot League Track and Field Championships @ Lehigh, Time TBA

Saturday, February 19
Lehigh Tennis vs. Boston, 10 a.m.
Lafayette Basketball vs. American, 1 p.m.
Lehigh Basketball vs. Navy, 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 20
Lehigh Tennis vs. Stony Brook, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 23
Lehigh Basketball vs. American, 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 26
Lafayette Basketball vs. Lehigh, 1 p.m.
Lehigh Tennis vs. Delaware, 2 p.m.

Sunday, February 27
Lehigh Tennis vs. Drexel, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 1
Lehigh Lacrosse vs. Wagner, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2
Lafayette Baseball vs. East Stroudsburg, 3 p.m.
DeSales Lacrosse vs. Muhlenberg, 3 p.m.

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Meet Dr. Richard Kliman, Biology professor here at Cedar Crest!

Amanda Goodman
Staff Writer

The Crestiad: From what school did you graduate?
Richard Kliman: For undergraduate, I went to Colby College, where I received my B.A. in Biology and Music. For graduate school, I went to Wesleyan University where I received my Ph.D. in Biology. I then was a postdoctoral fellow (which is full time research) with Rutgers University for 3 years and Harvard University for just over a year.

TC: What classes do you teach here at Cedar Crest?
RK: I teach Genetics, Intro to Bioinformatics, Advanced Bioinformatics, an elective in Medical Genetics, Science, Ethics and Society, and I have also taught labs for BIO 123, 122 and 336. I don’t have a favorite to teach, but it is nice to teach more in-depth with students that are farther along in their studies.

TC: What is your favorite aspect about Cedar Crest College?
RK: The fact that you have a lot of interaction with people outside of your discipline. There is also more interaction with students. This correlates mostly with having residential students, since you can often hear them outside of the classroom. I also do not mind the fact that the fitness center and pool are next to us.

TC: What is your best memory of when you were in college?
RK: There were a lot but what stands out most is when my big band/jazz band played with a saxophonist named Paquito D’Rivera. He sent us sheet music ahead and we practiced it for weeks. After a trip running out near him earlier in the day, he played his first set with our band and that was pretty cool.

TC: How do you feel about teaching a mostly female population here at Cedar Crest College?
RK: It’s great! I don’t think about it. My wife is a research scientist at Johnson & Johnson, and I know that women can do science and math as well as men. Even at public schools that I taught at previously, there were more women in biolo-

TC: If you could be anyone for a day, who would it be?
RK: I might be Charles Darwin when the idea of natural selection came to him. There have been articles published and documentaries of what they think occurred but you know they had to be a moment when he just went “A-Ha.”

TC: What song or album can’t you get enough of at the moment?
RK: For about a week in my car was Elvis Costello’s Live at the El Mocambo.

TC: Do you have any words of advice to offer the students of Cedar Crest?
RK: Never view a class as an obstacle to a final goal, because if they do, they’re missing the point. And read a lot.

Dr. Richard Kliman has been teaching at CCC for three years now!

Photo by Amanda Goodman

A dose of the Daily Show in downtown Easton

Stewart began by poking fun at Easton, calling it “the gateway to Lehigh (University).” He also claimed to have eaten three crayons for dinner, referring to Easton’s Crayola factory.

From Easton he moved on to Canada saying that while he likes Canada he doesn’t know much about it, adding, “I know they live in our attic.” He said of Canadians, “It’s like an entire country of people who ordered the steak, got the fish, and ate it anyway.”

But most of the show focused on society and politics in the U.S. Stewart spoke briefly about the 2004 presidential debates, making jabs at both Kerry and Bush. “We couldn’t listen to (Kerry) because he had no tact,” and “Bush looked insane most of the time.”

Stewart also spoke about Bush’s handling of the Iraq war and the absence of weapons of mass destruction. “It must be nice to be able to walk out in the middle of a raid,” he said, saying that he was a nicerAlternate line to the quote: “Yeah, the Chameleon did things a little differently. Under-agers like us had to stand upstairs, and there were no more spots anywhere near the ceiling. It seemed that we would not be seeing much of the show at all. Jared Campbell played five or six songs. He actually sounded great with the backup band, and it was a nice change from his all-acoustic coffee house performances. However, we could not even catch a glimpse of him or his backup band. Trying to walk downstairs to see if we could sneak in with the 21 and over crowd, we noticed a familiar face hanging out near the back of the babies’ balcony. Mr. Gavin DeGraw had... well, shall I say “squeezed” some time out of his busy schedule to snap some photos with all of the young (and willing) tomatoes... art, teenage girls. However, it seemed that he could not squeeze enough time out of his schedule to actually appear on stage or time. We waited for two hours after Jared had finished before Gavin graced the audience with his presence. Gavin played many of the tracks from his 2003 album Charcoal, as well as a few other surprise tunes. The crowd went

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Stewart spoke about other current hot issues such as “gayness” and homosexuals being buried by the army, boy scouts and the St. Patrick’s Day parade in Manhattan, saying, “You don’t want a guy gay checking out your ass while you’re peering behind a dumpster.”

He also spoke about America’s dependence on technology. He said of the technological priorities in this country, “It’s like AIDS versus cloning sheep.”

Stewart is best known as the host of the Emmy award winning The Daily Show with Jon Stewart. He also had a role on The Larry Sanders Show, and has appeared in films such as The Faculty, Playing by Heart, Half Baked, Big Daddy, and Death to Smoochy.

The Daily Show can be seen on Comedy Central, Monday through Thursday, at 11:00 PM.

Concert Review

Gavin DeGraw doesn’t squeeze enough time in for fans

Sarah Magner
Lead Copy Editor

If you are ever on the guest list for a concert, don’t go thinking that means you’ll have a guaranteed front row seat. Gavin DeGraw didn’t squeeze enough time out of his schedule to snap some photos with all of the young (and willing) tomatoes... art, teenage girls. However, it seemed that he could not squeeze enough time out of his schedule to actually appear on stage or time. We waited for two hours after Jared had finished before Gavin graced the audience with his presence. Gavin played many of the tracks from his 2003 album Charcoal, as well as a few other surprise tunes. The crowd went

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This one is appropriately entitled A Few Drinks to Fall in Love.

From what we could hear, everyone seemed to really enjoy Gavin’s set. Once we heard the first few chords of his recent top-40 hit, I Don’t Want To Be, we knew that the audience would start to riot. My roommate and I decided at this point that we just “didn’t want to be” at the show any longer. Gavin’s performance wasn’t enough to hold our inter-

est. We hit the road before the parking deck became crowded with exiting fans. Overall, Jared and Gavin’s set for January 12 was a little disappointing, yet solid sets, but the Chameleon is a terrible venue for anyone who’s not “legal.” The only perk of being underage at this show was the photo op with the headline.

Matthew’s visit, engagements and marriages, the latest television shows, Martha and Donald, and much, much more!

Even though Valentine’s Day has passed, it’s never too soon to start planning for next year! Consider getting your special someone a Barbie. No, not just any Barbie, but a Lindsay Lohan one! Mattel has announced that Mattel’s new DVD for Thursday star in that latest addition of their new collection of plastic My Scene dolls. She’ll be decked out in Hollywood red carpet style, so check it out next time you’re cruisin’ through the toy section.

Matthew Perry was hospitalized this month after suffering from a negative reaction to prescribed medication. Sources say the actor, who’s had addiction problems with pain medication in the past, is doing just fine.

Model Lindsay Evangelista is engaged to marry former Italian race-car driver Paolo Barilla. He’s also part of the Barilla Pasta family.

In other engagement news, Vanessa Sky announced her engagement to boyfrind Matthew McConaughey might be tying the knot. The Wedding Planner star met Cruz on the set of their movie Sahara.

As most of us know Prince Charles and his girlfriend Camilla Parker Bowles are set to marry. The ceremony will take place today at Windsor Castle on April 8. She will be tied with grandness Diana to marry Charles. However, Parker Bowles will not be addressed ‘Queen’ once Charles takes the throne.

It’s been rumoured before, but now it’s official. Christina Aguilera and boyfriend of two years, Jordon Bratman, are engaged. Christina’s rep confirmed to People online over Valentine’s weekend while on vaca-

ger. Guess he knows what a girl wants!

Angie Harmon from NBC’s Law & Order is expecting a baby! This will be her second child with husband Jason Schorn, a former New York Giant.

New ideas for television shows seem to be coming out of the woodwork around this season. Here are a few to look out for!

ABC is snatching Freddie Prince Jr. for a new comedy series. The show is about a successful bachelor who was raised by a household of women. Now, they’re all moving back in with him... what’s Freddie up to now?

What’s in store for reality television? How about searching for Justin Joplin. The singer’s estate announced a talent search titled Search for the Pearl. The winner will headline a world tour featuring bands Joplin has played with in the past.

Marth Stewart will have a job once she gets out of the slammer. She’ll be tak-

ing on Donald Trump’s position as the new host of The Apprentice. I wonder what her catch phrase will be...
Allison Capik  Staff Writer

Ani DiFranco has always been known for her eclectic sound, which varies from jazz, folk, punk and the occasional spoken word track. In 1990, Ani founded her own label Righteous Babe Records, which has allowed her to expand her musical horizons even further. Her latest release, Knock Down, is no exception.

Be prepared for her effective mix of quick-witted lyrics, simple yet haunting melodies and intelligent attitude. Giving a nod to older albums such as 1995’s Not A Pretty Girl, she gives insight to lost relationships, self-discovery and underlying advice. Her sound is not for those offended by sexuality, taking offense offensively. Her turn off by political viewpoints. She’s not afraid to give it to you straight and be brutally honest in her lyrics. Each of her albums is a delicious blend of acoustic indie and mesmerizing feminist appeal. Her love songs are not really ballads, but more of a, “this is what I went through and this is how I am” way to keep you wondering what she could possibly do next. Her harder driven songs seem to have limitless ability to get under your skin, right up in your face and sometimes make you uncomfortable with their too good to be true lyrics.

Though shorter than most of her albums, Knock Down’s 12 track set gives nothing less than her usual stellar performance. The title track opens the album with an almost metaphoric set of metaphors and unusual situations. Her four “love songs” are conveniently heard in the middle of the album, right after you feel really good about yourself, now that you’ve considered using her advice.

Overall, it is another amazing album from someone still not very well known in the mainstream music scene. Her 2004 release Educated Guests is nominated this year at the Grammys, but it seems that the general public has not opened its arms and embraced the musical genius that is Ani. In an industry that has consistently grown more commercial, she holds her own and is what every artist should be—a real musician, a thoughtful lyricist and be a real musician, a thoughtful lyricist and someone who sells her music, not her body, her image or her dignity. A

Nicole Rabbertelli  Staff Writer

I remember when Buca di Beppo’s was first being built on Gripe Street in Whitthall. My family and I all wondered why they were putting up another Italian restaurant right across the street from Olive Garden. Was it just for competition, or was there something special about this new restaurant? After dinner there, it is easy to see that Buca di Beppo’s is a special place, the kind of place that you tell your friends about.

From the moment one enters the door the ambiance takes over. The walls are adorned with memorabilia featuring Italian-American actors, singers, and performers. The air is peppered with the festive sound of classic Italian music. A kind host or hostess is there to greet guests with a smile. First time visitors are given a tour through the restaurant. Guests are invited into the kitchen to see the food being prepared by the chefs. One of the main attractions in this area is what is referred to as the “kitchen table.” Although it is sometimes necessary to reserve, this is one of the best seats in the restaurant, positioning patrons directly across from the kitchen in which the meals are prepared. Guests can even talk to the chefs! The tour concludes with a visit to a few of the various themed rooms of the restaurant before guests are seated.

When my party was seated, our server, with a bright smile and a warm welcome promptly greeted us. She was quick to let us know that the size of the portions was quite large, and that the idea of the restaurant is that of a home-style atmosphere. We were comfortably seated and waiting for our meal to begin. Our server was very cheerful, and very personable. She brought our meal out to us, and it was clear that she was happy to be there. After a few minutes of conversation, she asked us if we were ready to eat. She was very kind and very personable. We ordered our meals, and the server brought them out to us. The food was very delicious, and very well done. We thoroughly enjoyed our meal, and we would definitely recommend Buca di Beppo’s to anyone looking for a good Italian restaurant.

Nicole Rabbertelli

Buca di Beppo’s: Come Join Their Family For Dinner

The film opens at a nursing home with a series of vignettes about various people and their relationships. As the credits roll, the film begins to tell the story of Allie Calhoun. Allie grows up in a rich family and her new love comes from the other side of the tracks, to speak. It is definitely hilarious when her new love tries to get her attention. When he first sees her he is struck by her unimaginable beauty and he knows he has to win her over. Allie’s family disapproves of Noah’s dating Allie, they take her away and move. Could Noah and Allie’s love survive this distance? They probably could have and probably would if they had been allowed to commu- nicate with Noah’s parents and let them in after some time, she forgets about Noah. About seven years later she has met a new man. This man is everything she could have asked for and more. He is everything her parents have ever wanted for her. This young soldier is named Jon, and later they become engaged. Yet, something is empty in Allie’s heart, and she cannot figure out what it is. But, when she sees Noah’s picture in the newspaper, old feelings that have been numb for so long, begin pulsating with great desire. Then after they meet several times, Allie is faced with a very tough decision. She knows there is nothing wrong with Jon, but she is not sure if their love will make her truly happy. She must choose between the two men in her life. The one that was her first love or the one that will please her parents by marrying the man they love. What Nicholas Sparks had to say about his novel being made into a film to Bookreporter.com, “Whenever I see a film based on one of my novels, my primary ques- tion is whether or not it is an enjoyable film. At first, did it retain the spirit of the book and when you see the film, you’ll be—what’s the spirit of the film.” This movie was just an excellent example of beautiful cinematography. A+

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Coach Carter scores with audiences

Starring: Samuel L. Jackson, Ashanti, Robert R'Chard, Rick Gonzalez, Adrienne Bailon
Rated: PG-13
Duration: 136 minutes

I came to coach basketball players and you became students. I came to teach boys and you became men. —Coach Carter

Tears like the end of our meal at the end of a dramatic film and in this case, they are well deserved. Coach Carter, the film, is based on Kent Carter, a former high school basketball team.

Carter received national attention for being his team, locking the gym and not allowing games until his team upheld the contracts they had signed upon playing for his team. Everyone joined in as the undefeated when Carter put their season on hold because of unsatisfactory grades.

The community was stunned at such a move and Carter's authority was questioned.

Carter, played by Samuel L. Jackson, emphasized that “these are student athletes... student comes first.” Jackson gives a great performance as Carter, a positive role model for the downward spiraling world of athletics and education.

Carter’s team replaced their coach and in turn, his team was defeated by a team of high schoolers. Ri’chard plays Carter’s son, Damon, and singer Ashanti makes her acting debut as Kya, Kenyon Snow’s (Brown) girlfriend.

Ken Carter continues to coach and is currently Slam Ball’s Rumble’s head coach.

The film was directed by Thomas Carter—no relation to Coach Carter– best known for Save the Last Dance fame

The soundtrack, available on Capitol Records, features Kanye West, St. Lunatics, Red Café, and Chingy, and is sure to get you moving.

If you are looking for a quick read that requires no brain function, don’t pick up this book. If you are looking for an action-packed, heart-pounding thriller—again, this is not the book for you. But if you are looking for a book based on real facts that twist them in such a way to stimulate your brain into thinking, “what if this really happened?” State of Fear will satisfy that part of your brain that loves to be a scientist and save the world.

As a plus, you might be slightly scared at the similarity between an actual event that occurred in the world around the time State of Fear was published and the startling events in the novel that will lead anyone with a slight case of paranoia to wonder about the state of the world, or even enter in the state of fear.

The excitement factor within this novel is only mediocre at best, though it does draw the reader into the plot after a few slow chapters. Man made lightening, mudslides, and flash floods, along with the dangers of cannibals on a small island in the South Pacific engage the reader in slight periods of heart racing nervousness, but still leave you wanting more and slightly unsatisfied. Through effecting a plot based around the threat of global warming and ultimately dispelling the theory by displaying only a thin layer of evidence for it, Crichton gives his readers more to think about than just a good time.

After a few letdowns, and just when you don’t think Crichton will go through with the seemingly gory scene forecasted to happen in the near future, he steps up to the plate to deliver one man’s consequence.

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Unwritten Law releases latest CD and takes time out for CCC

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After jumping from various record labels, including Interscope, Unwritten Law has finally settled down after signing a major deal with Lava Records in 2003. Their much anticipated album, Here’s the Meaning, is ready to pump up mainstream radio with the release of it earlier this month.

The Crestiad was able to talk with bass player Pat Kim the day of their CD release party on February 1! Check out what he has to say:

The Crestiad: Congratulations on releasing your new CD. What response do you anticipate from you solid fans? Pat Kim: I think we have pretty hard core and loyal fans. They have been there since the beginning so we’re not worried. They followed us and loved our stuff through the years. We all have different influences and have changed so our sound is going to change too. Our fans will just roll with it. Who likes it like it, who doesn’t just doesn’t.

TC: What song on this album would you say represents the current stage of Unwritten Law?
PK: I couldn’t just pick one, every song represents us at a different time. With five different guys and we are changing everyday. We do different things, sometimes wacky; we are guys and we are changing everyday. We made some upbeat songs and on bad days we made songs like Save Me.

TC: Opposed to working on an independent label, what has working with a commercial label done for this album?
PK: Probably just the fact that there is more money to help push the album, that’s really the only advantage. We get our music to more people and more promotion.

TC: You still have the freedom that you had on an independent label?
PK: Ya we still have our freedom. If they didn’t want to go with what we wanted, we would leave. We’ve been doing this for ten years. We know what we want and how we want it so sound.

TC: If you could perform for any legend, like on one of those tribute shows, who would it be and what song?
PK: Wow, that’s a hard one because we love so many bands. Our tastes are constantly changing… maybe Prince. We would love to cover the Rolling Stone’s song Give Me Shelter, or something from Bon Scott.

TC: Other than your hometown, what is your second favorite city to perform in?
PK: Our fans are so die hard that everyplace we go is great. Australia is our favorite. They have our fans are so die hard that everyplace we go is great. Australia is our favorite. They have great people, weather, and just a good vibe.

TC: Now that you’re with a big label, if you could pick any outrageous request for your dressing room, what would it be?
PK: We are simple people, a bottle of whisky or some beer. Give us some Jameson, Crown Royale, or simple old Jack Daniels.

TC: We’ve always wondered where artists do some of their phone interviews. Where are you right now?
PK: In Best Buy at the movie section, picking up Ray and the first season of The Shield.

TC: Well, so you can get back to your shopping, one last question. What member of your band would get kicked off of the real show Survivor first?
PK: Ha, um Scott (vocalist), he would definitely be the first to go. He is the first in everything.

From bottom center: Scott Raasen (vocalist), Steve Morris (guitar), Wad Youman (drums), Biff Brown (guitar), and Pat Kim (bass). Check out www.unwrittenlaw.com to learn more about this Southern California band!

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Week of February 21, 2005

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
There could be some negative reaction to your tough stance when making a recent decision. But overall, your efforts result in well-earned recognition and all that can follow from that.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Your financial situation seems confusing, even for the fiscal savvy Bovine. Maybe it’s the conflicting advice you’re getting. Check it out beforehand get too tangled into unknot.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A relaxed attitude goes a long way in helping you deal with any of life’s irritants that might be popping up this week. You’re also a reassuring role model for others in the same situation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Your aspect favors creativity, which should persuade you to work on your artistic projects. If time is a problem, prioritize your commitments so that your work isn’t compromised.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Scrutinize all the job offers that interest you. Most are honest and worth considering. But a few might not be completely forthcoming about what the job and what the salary and benefits are.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
An unexpected snafu could delay the completion of a project you’re eager to finish. Find out what’s causing it, fix it and if you need help, don’t be shy about asking for it. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
An idea that could be helpful to you comes from an unlikely source. Listen to it. Discuss it. If necessary, adjust it. If it looks as if it might work out quite well, go ahead and use it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Be careful about allowing someone to share a very personal secret with you. This could cause problems down the line with others who are involved in that person’s private life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
A cooling down of a relationship could be the result of neglect, unintended or not. To save it from icing over, you need to warm it up with a large dose of hot Sagittarian passion.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
This is a good time to get involved with a number of family matters that involve money and other issues that might jeopardize the closeness between and among family members.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Cheer up. That difficult person who appears to be deliberately stalling your project might just need to be reassured of the value she or he brings to it. Project might just need to be reassured of the value she or he brings to...