Dr. Kimberly Owens recently appointed to head campus position

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Coming to Cedar Crest College from Douglass College at Rutgers University is Dr. Kimberly Owens, appointed by President Ambar to the office of Senior Executive Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs.

Cedar Crest College’s president, Carmen Ambar, also came to the College from Douglass, where she served as Dean of the College.

Owens’s new office bridges enrollment management, traditional student admissions, Lifelong Learning, Financial Services, Residence Life, Career Planning, Community Service, Health and Counseling services, Athletics, Student Activities and religious services.

Owens explains that creating one office to head these departments will forge deeper connections, provide optimum communications, develop procedures to increase collaboration, and develop mechanisms to decrease duplication of services.

For example, rather than Residence Life contacting Financial Services to gather data, there will be a central data storage warehouse that can be directly accessed by the various departments.

This will cut down on unnecessary phone calls and e-mails leaving departments more time to work with students.

Owens holds a B.A. in Psychology and English and earned her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Rutgers University.

She became Assistant Dean and Director of Recruitment and Student Programs, then promoted to Acting Dean of Students.

Speaking about her position at Cedar Crest College Owens says it “encompasses what I did at Douglass for several years and a few new items which is exciting.”

Owens said she had not planned to become a dean or an executive vice president. “Who goes to school to be an executive VP,” Douglass presented me with an opportunity and I took it,” said Owens.

She advises students not to stress out about their majors but rather to do what they enjoy.

One of Dr. Owens’s missions will be to define the image of the College and then summarize it for the public in a few phrases.

Owens says this will be a collective process that occurs among several departments working together.

In the past six weeks since she started, Owens has been talking to students and various clubs and organizations to “flush out” that image.

Through student feedback, Owens has found that students are well connected to departments and she found a strong community within the residence halls.

However, when students were asked about the college wide community, there seemed to be much concern about the absence of “school spirit.”

Owens agrees that this includes increased attendance at campus events and in general an increase in students bustling on campus.

Owens says, one student summed it up by telling her that in some ways we could use more school spirit.

Ally Walker ‘09 helped Costa Rican children over break

Leann Pettit
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Allyson Walker, senior Social Work major and Spanish minor, spent six weeks of her winter break in Costa Rica helping children at a children’s rights organization and at an orphanage.

She found out about this opportunity while reading an MSN article about Gap Year, a company that specializes in backpacking and service trips for the year that many students take off between high school and college.

Her first three weeks she spent at Alianza Por Tus Sueños, which translates to Alliance for Youth Rights, a children’s rights organization that fights child abuse.

She helped plan their annual Christmas party for over 100 children. She was one of ten volunteers helping at Alianza Por Tus Sueños.

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High winds cause power outage, damage campus

High winds Thursday, Feb. 12, caused broken tree limbs, like the one above, and other minor wind damage to campus. Problems in other parts of the state caused the power to go out on all of campus and several thousand other Pennsylvanians, varying news reports said.

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Pearson holds focus group on campus

Liz Skoczylas
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For a second consecutive year, Pearson Business Publishing has called upon Cedar Crest Marketing students for a focus group involving Prentice Hall textbooks.

Last year, two focus groups were held in which representatives from Prentice Hall looked to gain perspective about how students use their marketing textbooks, and the things that students found to be either helpful or irrelevant in those textbooks. They asked students about how and when they used their textbooks, if they used them at all.

Last year, it was found that several students did not use their textbooks after taking their first Marketing test, and therefore did not purchase the books for other marketing classes, or, if they did purchase textbooks, that they hardly used them.

Armed with this knowledge, Pearson Business Publishing called upon Marketing students on Feb. 9, to compare a new Principles of Marketing book, entitled “I Believe in a Marketing Revolution,” to other books that are currently on the market to see whether publishing which book they liked more, as well as what it was that they liked about the book.

“I Believe in a Marketing Revolution” is designed and written around the way that students want to use a textbook, as opposed to the way that they have to use them.

In the focus group, Melissa Sabella and Anne Fahlgren, representatives of Pearson Publishing brought out textbooks from other companies to have students compare to that of Pearson. They asked the students for their likes and dislikes about each of the books, as well as what they would like to see more of.

Sabella and Fahlgren also showed the students their Facebook link.

“It wasn’t a very attractive website. I wouldn’t take the time to read it, it was too formal,” said Kate Shue, Senior Business and Management student.

Shue went on to say that Sabella and Fahlgren listened to what each of the students had to say and allowed them to express their opinions. The session was both video and voice recorded for Pearson records.

“It was nice to see that they really cared about what we had to say, even though there were only four of us in the focus group,” Shue said. “They really enjoyed that we were able to talk one-on-one.”

The book that Sabella and Fahlgren showed the students included a lot of the points that were discussed during last year’s focus group.

According to Shue, the book was roughly the size of Vogue Magazine. Each of the students in the group agreed that they would not only buy the book, but that they would actually use it.

“This is the second time Pearson has called on us, and I think it is a testament to our students and program that a publisher of this magnitude is looking to us for assistance in marketing their texts. They are happy to allow us to use our partnership with them in promoting our program to prospective students,” said Professor Gaetan Giannini, Assistant Professor of Business, Management and Economics.

The high price of education

Nicole Magloire
STAFF WRITER

The price of tuition is rising year by year as is the price of housing, but one thing that is becoming cheaper for students is the price of textbooks.

A new law was just passed that requires a publisher to not only allow a professor to know how much a textbook cost before it is ordered, but also before they retire an old edition there must be a 20 to 30 percent difference between the new and old edition.

Upon hearing about the new textbook law students were more than ecstatic.

“I think that’s a great law because it’s pointless to buy a new book if the old edition hasn’t changed,” stated Samantha Ni- grelli freshman Nursing student.

Some students weren’t only happy about the fact that they can buy used books, but that they would no longer have to worry about whether or not they can sell back their old books. “It sucks when you can’t sell the old edition back,” declared frustrated Saman-
tha D’Arrigo junior Elementary Education major.

Students are fed up with the fact that every year publishers are back their old books. “It sucks about whether or not they can sell the old edition there must be a 20 to 30 percent difference between the new and old edition as is the price of hous-
ing,” said Bill Madel, textbook manager at the Jayhawk Bookstore on the bookstore website.

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McDonough to exhibit site-specific work

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Upon entering Cedar Crest’s professor of art, Casey McDonough’s office in the ceramic studio, it was striking to see the creativity of the artwork that is there.

There were also large clay pots and bits on clay arranged on desks. McDonough was questioned about the inspiration behind his piece, and one begins to realize that there is universal feeling that all artists share.

McDonough said that his inspiration can be formed from many different sources. “My background in science, particularly biology, and a love of investigation inspire me the most,” McDonough stated.

He also finds “that going out into nature and working outside” is a useful tool for creativity.

McDonough will be featured in a ceramic art conference entitled, New Experimental Work, which will run from April 6 to 12. This conference will feature mostly large scale pieces of artwork that consist of unfired and fired clay, steel-fiber, and sound instruments which integrate the whole experience of the show and give individuals a feeling of coherence.

The National Council of Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) discusses this exhibit in great detail on their website. This is an exhibit for the 2009 Phoenix Conference.

The Exhibition will feature three different types of artists that will all be given equal recognition, only at different times.

1. McDonough featured first, where individuals who have already displayed their work receive the opportunity to show new exhibits that they have created in the past year.

2. The second exhibits to be featured will be the Emerging Talent and New Work. Individuals with promising talent who are new to this field will have an opportunity to convince others of the merit of their work.

3. The third exhibits to be featured will be the Projects SpaceWorks in Progress. This exhibit will show upcoming pieces that aren’t necessarily completed, but have enough validity to be examined in greater detail.

When McDonough was questioned about what he wants individuals to take from his pieces, he said, “There should definitely be an element of surprise upon an individual’s first encounter with my piece.

I want individuals to form their own investigations based on ideas, viewing this exhibit as a meditative, building process.”

McDonough also stated, “What inspires me the most are things around us that are worthwhile examining. I am always hoping to see the world in new ways.

McDonough has a BS in Marine Biology and Studio Art. He has a MFA in Ceramics.

As the Jonathon Ferrara Gallery website states, “He uses his background and education in science to inform his studio practice of complicated concepts such as the Human Genome Project and complex molecular chemistry.”

McDonough also achieved success with his “Everything” exhibit that ran in the spring of 2008. This exhibit was also made of ceramic and steel.

Many of McDonough’s other exhibits can be found on the Jonathon Ferrara Gallery website.

Many of these pieces are still in the process of being created today. The level of creativity is impressive as one examines the wires, clay and pots that surrounds them.

All of these pieces show excellent creativity and imagination.

Governor Ed Rendell proposes merging school districts

Dannah Hartman
STAFF WRITER

Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell recently proposed a massive consolidation of Pennsylvania school districts, eliminating 400 of the state’s current 501 school districts.

In his budget address before a joint session of the state House and Senate on Wednesday, Feb. 4 he stated, “We just don’t need that many school districts, and more importantly, in today’s economy we cannot afford them.”

Rendell believes that consolidating Pennsylvania school districts would save money on local property taxes and also lessen administrative costs. In addition, he proposed increasing funding for basic education by 5.7 percent, an estimated $5.9 billion.

In order to move his proposal into effect, Rendell said he would save money in the 2009-2010 budget so the General Assembly could form a legislative commission.

According to Rendell’s website, the proposed commission would have 12 voting members: three members from the Senate of Pennsylvania appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, three members from the Senate of Pennsylvania appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, three members from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House and three members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house.

The commission would also have two non-voting members: the Secretary of Education and the chairman of the State Board of Education.

The commission would then have one year to develop their plan for the consolidation of the districts, this includes determining the optimal enrollment size, new statewide boundaries and an implementation plan.

Then, the commission would create two separate consolidation plans.

If the General Assembly rejects both plans, the law would give authority to the State Board of Education to move forward with the merger plans.

The Pennsylvania teachers union, the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) was apparently unaware of the plans.

PSEA spokesman Wytche Keever told The Morning Call, “We have many questions regarding the governor’s proposal, not the least of which is how the goal of creating 500 districts from 500 was established.” The Morning Call also quoted the assistant executive director.

Israeli elections bring political impasse

Elizabeth Saleh
STAFF WRITER

General elections in Israel last week gave the center-left Kadima party 28 seats out 120 seats in the Knesset, or parliament.

The right wing party Likud won 27 seats and Israel Beitenu came in third with 15 seats.

Israeli law says that the leader of the party with the most votes is given the chance to form the next government.

On Election night both leaders were quick to claim victory. Although Kadima leads in a narrow win, Likud is in a better position to form a majority coalition.

Israeli President Shimon Peres must choose either Kadima’s leader Tzipi Livni or Likud’s leader Benjamin Netanyahu to become the next prime minister.

The leader chosen is given 42 days to form a coalition, if the leader fails the president can ask another leader to form the government.

A coalition leader needs to obtain 61 Knesset seats to form a majority. Kadima and Likud fall short of that magic number with 25 seats.

Kadima and Likud fall short of that magic number with out securing the partnership of Israel Beitenu.

Avigdor Lieberman the party’s leader, and former nightclub bouncer, broadcaster and editor, holds the balance of power and is being referred to as the countries “kingmaker” by The Telegraph.co.uk.

Israeli President Shimon Peres will hold talks with the factions of the 14th Knesset on Feb. 18, to determine who should lead the next government.

Lieberman is expected to reveal the party he will support on Thursday morning at the President’s home.

Lieberman who won 13 percent of the vote will now determine who the next prime minister will be.

The Daily Telegraph reports that Livni Levy, former Middle East envoy to Tony Blair, said that “The election result was a very sad indictment of the political system in Israel which is now dysfunctional.”

Israel Post reports that Israel Beitenu’s chief negotiator, MK Stas Meseznikov, has demanded either the Defense, Foreign or Finance Ministry, among other demands, from either Likud or Kadima in this decision.

Lukid warned Israel Beitenu that if they did not recommend Netanyahu for prime minister, Likud would not support their joint meetings and be willing to join a coalition with Kadima, alienating Lieberman’s party.
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Deuchos. She also did odds and ends that Alianza Por Tus Deuchos needed done while she was there. She remarks that she while helping with a social event she was put with a group of children while her Spanish was still limited, making it difficult for the children and her to communicate.

Her last three weeks in Costa Rica were spent at Hogar Blanca Flor, which translates to White Flower Home. Hogar Blanca Flor is a home for abused and abandoned children. Walker was working with ten children at the home.

While at Hogar Blanca Flor, Walker was taking care of the children, playing with them and taking them to the park. She also helped to settle them down at meal time so they would eat.

She says her Spanish has improved since being in Costa Rica, “I don’t think I would have learned without only hearing and speaking [Spanish].” She said she was not as exposed to the language when taking a class as she was being immersed in it all day, every day.

She says she went to Costa Rica because, “It’s a good experience for social work, my major, but also because it is important to be bilingual as a social worker.”

Walker travelled with Interex- change, an international exchange program, which was working with Costa Rican Spanish Institute (COSI), a Spanish-language institu- tute in Costa Rica. She lived with a host family while she was in Costa Rica. During her stay with her host family she went on vacation with them for five days to the beach. She got the chance to camp on the beach with them and while there she saw mon- keys.

Two years ago, Walker spent six weeks in Africa on an exchange program; she said that Costa Rica was better, “It was awesome.”

TEXAS boy buys grenade for show and tell

A two-grade student in Eu- less, Texas caused a scare when he brought a hand grenade in for show and tell. Thursday morn- ing, the student brought what turned out to be a deactivated grenade without the pin intact.

The teacher put it on a desk and called the principal, who evacuated the building until authorities arrived.

City lost porn collection

The Dutch city of Leeuwarden has misplaced its municipal pornography archive. Officials believe the collection of erotic texts, pictures and drawings was accidently taken.

N.Y. plane crash kills 50

A plane crashed down late Thurs- day in a house in Clarence, N.Y. All 49 people on the plane were killed in addition to one on the ground. Conditions were icy when Continental Connection Flight 3407, a commuter plane, crashed, becoming the first fatal plane crash in the United States since 2006.

Husband exercised to death

Last week, Christine Newton- John, formerly John Vallanding- ham, pleaded guilty to reckless homicide for her husband’s June 2 heart attack. Christine Newton-John, of Chardon, Ohio, had known her husband her entire life. They were married three years ago, following a gender reassignment surgery in 1993 at which time he changed his name to “Newton- John” to honor the famous ac- tress.

Six allege ESU V.P. of sex- ual assault

On Friday a lawsuit was filed against East Stroudsburg University on behalf of six former and one current student who were al- legedly sexually assaulted by Is- aiah Kistler, former ESU Vice Pres- ident for Advancement. The law- suit states that Sanders targeted African-American male students. Sanders has not worked at ESU since October for unknown rea- sons.

Ally Walker, senior Social Work major poses with her host family during her trip to Costa Rica.

HOP TO IT, BID ON IT, WIN IT: Alumnae auction going on now

Nicole Magliore
STAFF WRITER

Once a year we get the chance to buy something old, something new, something borrowed and even something blue.

You guessed it, it’s that time of year again and the alumnae auction is in full swing.

One person who knows plenty of helpful facts about the auction is Diane Gehring, associate director of Alumnae affairs. “The items on display range from an iPod to cer- tificates to numerous restaurants,” said Gehring.

Interested parents and students can visit the auction website and re- ceive the opportunity to bid on over 300 items that have been donated. One item that is sure to get cre- ate a lot of buzz is a house that an alumna is offering to the highest bidder for an entire week.

The auction website is also partnered with an organization en- titled biddingforgood.com. This allows you to bid on the items that you would like, but the money that you give is given to schools and other nonprofit causes nationwidew.

The auctioning web page is easy to use and the prices range from a few dollars to thousands.

All you have to do to navigate and bid on items on the website is create a username and a password and you’re good to go.

No matter what you are inter- ested in the website is sure to have it, so pull out your pocket books and prepare to bid away.

The auction will be held from February 2 to March 2, there’s not much time left so if you want one of these amazing items you better bid on it now.

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If Rendell’s proposal tri- umphs, it would be the first state- forced consolidation since 1962, when the number of school districts in Pennsylvania went from 1,900 to 600. To learn more about Rendell’s consolidation plan, visit his website www.governor.state.pa.us, where the option is available to share your thoughts on Pennsylvania’s issues via email.
Chris Brown received a text message that caused him to drive her home and 'faked a call' to someone, saying things like, 'He's dropping me off.'

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Nestle’s unethical marketing

Khyla Brandt  | Staff Writer

Well, I think I will start off by saying congratulations to Nestle for making a long list of successful products that consumers just seem to eat right up. But are all the products Nestle puts their name behind really that healthy for consumers?

I’m sure a Kit-Kat bar would not be recommended to eat in the place I was brought up in, although I’m sure some of us have done that in a time crunch. And I am pretty sure that a morning cup of Nescafe coffee would not be the most nutritious breakfast available.

But how about when consumers are not near resources that give them the ability to follow the instructions precisely so that their child gets the recommended amount of ingredients each time.

And encouraging words. They definitely unethical and immorals and created a huge problem: the deaths of many infants.

Maybe I am more sensitive to this issue because I have a five week old son at home and I know pregnant women and women with newborns can be very vulnerable at times, but I am sure Nestle knew these women could be vulnerable too and convinced of something with free samples and diaper bags.

According to the police report, she ordered him to drive her home and ‘faked a call’ to someone, saying things like, ‘He’s dropping me off.’

As media consumers, we are feeding off of celebrity relations and modeling our own lives off of these relationships.

"...make sure the cops are there.'

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the medicine that they take. Recently studies have begun to show that birth control can af-

on how exactly birth control can make a girl date someone that is completely wrong for her.

“News castle found that women who take birth control pills were more likely to date men similar to them, traditionally hu-

It is no longer uncommon to find a common bond between vastly different people; just hand them a tiny plastic guitar and everyone seems to be on the level together.

In the last two years, with the conception of the Wii, Nintendo’s family-oriented answer to Sony and Microsoft, gaming trends have strayed from the hardcore base-

feminizes their periods, not because they're having sex,” said freshman Cyndi Lansberry, a Biology major.

Thus, I think that this study is completely at fault, because they are confusing the fine print of my prescriptions to find out if this study is true, to what extent birth control can impair someone’s judgment to the point where they’re dating someone that is verbally and emotionally abusive to them.

“I don’t believe medicine such as birth control can affect a woman’s judgments. That seems extreme to say, but everyone that uses birth control is tested just have extremely bad taste in men,” decided Mary Williams, a新鲜 Nutrition major.

Williams is not the only Cedar Crest stud-

It's really hard to believe that birth con-

“Twice a week and for no more than a few hours a time there’s no crying friend on the other line. Time and again I find myself conflicted with whether or not I believe this study as well. Most of my friends that date jerks are not even on birth control, so what is the reasoning for it? Also, if this study is true, to what extent is the females’ judgment impaired? Does this hormone change just extend to dating choices or farther? Is this something that the doctor goes over with their patients before they’re put on birth control? I don’t have any real ideas about people but I don’t have time to hold a magnifying glass to the fine print of my prescriptions to find out all the dangers of them. This study is true I think that that even though the number of people that hardcore gamers are much more powerful internally than the Wii.

All three systems provide on-line access, but it is Xbox Live which is the most popular despite the PS3 offering equal usability for free; sadly the Wii’s WiFi set up is clunky and prone to log.

Yet another qualm among cur-

wresting the competition: The rise of the casual gamer

Nicole Magloire
STAFF WRITER

I hang up the phone disappointed that I have to once again comfort my broken-hearted friend. Why is it that woman I know and many others find the need to pick com-

It shows that it may be because of the medicine that they take. Recently studies have begun to show that birth control can af-

females’ hormones in a negative way, causing them to choose insufficient mates. “It shows without argument that birth control pills can have a negative impact on female choices based on biology,” said Rachel Herz, author of The Scent of Desire.

That idea had me not only puzzled but interested enough to figure out how exactly birth control can make a girl date someone...
Virtual Guilt:

Electronic pet trauma

Alex died. I went with a friend to downtown Philadelphia when I was about nine years old, and I accidentally left him behind in the car. When I grabbed the plastic egg container hours later, I saw proof of my failure as a caretaker. Yes, Alex was my Tamagotchi, and because of me, he crapped himself to death.

I will never forget the day Alex died. I went downtown to see a Stone-crent treasures we collected on our travels, like “roll over,” or “tie, Sean-dog and I were ready to tie, eagerly at me.

No matter how many times I call out his name, he shakes his tail at me and sits on the opposite side of the screen, scowling. This can get intense, as I try my hardest to explain that I am sorry to my vir- tal pal, and won’t he please come back after a week, and see poor Sean-dog covered with fleas, barking angrily at me.

The next hour of programming tends to scare me straight as well. Rock of Love Bus takes you on the adventure of what it would be like to go on tour with a rock star. Sounds great until they tell you that “rock star” is Brett Michaels and that he is being fol- lowed by an army of bimbos, to put it nicely.

I never felt so good about the way my parents raised me until seeing some of these girls appear after being told to dress to impress. The girls then prance up to Michaels in nothing but lingerie and high heels with implants popping out everywhere. Seriously? I was under the impression dress to impress meant a dress that covers my butt and some cute heels. Maybe it’s just me, but I think that he has bandanna tied a lit- tle too tight. Clearly none of these girls possess the patience or something you want to grow old with. This sadly means that we’ll be seeing this tool boyfriends and their girls are廸shed in virtual reality—the Colossus, nothing comes close to the problem which has plagued me for over a year now; Sean-dog, my puppy from the DS game, Nin- tendogs. When I entered the adoption center for the first time, all of the duggies I prodded and joked with my stylin’ just weren’t cutting it. Then, as I browsed the York- shire Terriers, I saw him, and it was love. Decked in a polka-dot bow tie, Sean-dog and I were ready to take the world by storm. Armed with skills obtained after grueling practices, like “roll over”, or “snore on command”, and the se- cret treasures we collected on our daily walks (a tennis ball, a framed picture of a dachshund, a Stone- henge statue), he and I were quite the pair.

Sean-dog became a full time job. After all, he needs to be fed and walked every day. You can’t just abandon a Nintendogs, since they will run away from home. Let me tell you a tiny secret; I’m get- ting sick of this. I can’t make the time to visit with him every day and when I come back to him, he gives me the cold shoulder.

Yes, that’s right, my video game gets angry with me (for any- one who has been sucked into the black hole known as Animal Cross- ing, you know this is completely possible). It’s a terrible sight to come back after a week, and see poor Sean-dog covered with fleas, staring, panting, and barking an-grily at me.

However, I found that even today I am falling into the same old trap of guilt and responsibility over creatures that are virtual. Besides my Wabbitz addiction and my emotional attachment to Agro, the horse from PS2 game Shadow of the Colossus, nothing comes close to the problem which has plagued me for over a year now; Sean-dog, my puppy from the DS game, Nin- tendogs. When I entered the adoption center for the first time, all of the duggies I prodded and joked with my stylin’ just weren’t cutting it. Then, as I browsed the York- shire Terriers, I saw him, and it was love. Decked in a polka-dot bow tie, Sean-dog and I were ready to take the world by storm. Armed with skills obtained after grueling practices, like “roll over”, or “snore on command”, and the se- cret treasures we collected on our daily walks (a tennis ball, a framed picture of a dachshund, a Stone- henge statue), he and I were quite the pair.

Sean-dog became a full time job. After all, he needs to be fed and walked every day. You can’t just abandon a Nintendogs, since they will run away from home. Let me tell you a tiny secret; I’m get- ting sick of this. I can’t make the time to visit with him every day and when I come back to him, he gives me the cold shoulder.

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Over the past three weeks, singer Jessica Simpson has re- ceived harsh criticism for her al- leged “weight gain.” The headlines read, “Jessica Simpson debuts her curvy new figure” and “Jessica Simpson’s surprising weight gain.” One website even went as far as saying “Over the weekend, some very disturbing photos of Jessica Simpson surfaced. Let’s first start with the obvious. She’s gained some weight and by some I mean a lot.”

Now, I don’t know about you but when I think of disturbing the first picture that comes to my mind is certainly not Jessica Simpson in some high waist jeans.

In the picture Simpson, who appears incredibly happy with a smile on her face, is wearing high waist jeans, a leopard print belt and a black tank top.

Now I’m definitely not a fan of high waist jeans at all, they’re sort of too “That 70’s show” for me, but that’s not the problem. The problem is that first of all, she looks gorgeous and definitely not like she’s had a “shocking weight gain” and second, why would that even be a huge story at all?

We just inaugurated a new president, that’s a pretty newsworthy story; whether or not Jessica Simpson gained weight is not.

However, another newsworthy story could be how young girls have shockingly low self-esteem when it comes to their body image—something this Jessica Simpson nonsense is not helping.

The National Institute on Media and the Family reports on the website mediafamily.org that by age 13, 53 percent of American girls are unhappy with their bodies, which expands to 78 percent by the time they are 17.

In addition to this, a 2006 study titled “Appearance Culture in 9 to 12 year old girls: Media and Peer Influences on Body Dissatis- faction” revealed that almost half of all preadolescent girls desire to be thinner, and as a result of this have engaged in a diet.

In 2003, Teen magazine re- ported that 35 percent of girls ages 6 to 12 have been on at least one diet, and 50 to 70 percent of non-overweight weight girls believe they are over- weight. Pre-adolescents are not the only ones affected; these body image issues extend to college-aged women as well.

The research group Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disor- ders Inc. found that one out of every four college-aged women uses unhealthy methods of weight control—these include fasting, skip- ping meals, excessive exercise, and self-induced vomiting.

With such shocking statistics, it makes me wonder how much of this we as a society don’t notice, such as this photo of Jessica Simp- son, really has on young girls today.

It becomes apparent from the statistics that attitudes toward body image are formed early in life, therefore we must combat these ridiculous weight standards created as early as possible.

Jessica’s sister and fellow pop star Ashlee Simpson responded to the criticism in a blog by saying, “I am completely disgusted by the headlines concerning my sister’s weight…how can we expect teenage girls to love and respect themselves in an environment where we criticize a size 2 figure?”

I never thought I would say this, but for once we should all lis- ten to Ashlee Simpson.

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Harsh media criticism of curvy figures are damaging to body image

Elizabeth Kern
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Lately this past week I’ve still had the time to zone out in front of the TV before professors start as- signing homework. I’ve discov- ered a new love/hate relationship with VH1 Reality TV shows. I hate to say I watch it but I love every minute of entertainment.

I think VH1 has set a new level of reality TV and that is makes you feel like you have morals. MTV tends to broadcast reality shows that make you love to watch other girls deal with their drama of the week, while TLC fo- cuses on showing you how large families function a day to day basis. This just makes me never want to have kids - sorry Mom.

It seems that Sunday nights are the most addicts. I almost feel that its hours worth of under- lying advice in these shows. Come to think of it, I feel that the shows should have a warning such as: PLEASE DO NOT IMITATE. THESE ARE PROFESSIONAL TRAIN WRECKS.

I tune in and watch Sober House, followed by Rock of Love Bus, and lastly Tool Academy. Just by the names of these shows I know you’re intrigued about what they are if you’ve never seen them.

Well I’m so glad you asked. Sober House is a reality TV show following around addicts who have finished their stints in rehab and decided to live in a monitored house together. Sounds great, right?

Wrong! It’s possibly the worst environment for these people. They already have one roommate who has relapsed inside the house.

You know what’s crazy though is that these people scare you. I mean the thought never crossed my mind before to do drugs but now it never will thanks to Stephen Adler and friends.

The next hour of program- ming tends to scare me straight as well. Rock of Love Bus takes you on the adventure of what it would be like to go on tour with a rock star. Sounds great until they tell you that “rock star” is Brett Michaels and that he is being fol- lowed by an army of bimbos, to put it nicely.

I never felt so good about the way my parents raised me until seeing some of these girls appear after being told to dress to impress. The girls then prance up to Michaels in nothing but lingerie and high heels with implants popping out everywhere. Seriously? I was under the impression dress to impress meant a dress that covers my butt and some cute heels. Maybe it’s just me, but I think that he has bandanna tied a lit- tle too tight. Clearly none of these girls possess the patience or something you want to grow old with. This sadly means that we’ll be seeing another season of this nonsense and scantily clad women.

Lastly on my agenda is Tool Academy. God bless the host of the show for keeping a straight face while telling the newly booted member that he is simply not a tool. I couldn’t do it. I still giggle to myself when I hear it.

The synopsis of this show is as follows: The academy is full of tool boyfriends and their girl- friends or sometimes they have two girlfriends. The girls then

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Astrological Meditations

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Dear Aquarians, it is time you take responsibility for your actions. Stop complaining about your dissatisfaction and do something to better your life or yourself.

PISCES: (Feb. 19 - March 20) You should not be so afraid to be alone. Take some time to get to know yourself this week. Journal, meditate, or go for a run and do a little self-reflection. You will feel peaceful when you are finished.

ARIES: (March 21 - April 19) When you are feeling inspired, act. Don’t shy away from creative endeavors because you are scared of what others will think. Express yourself and you will be so happy that other’s opinions will no longer matter.

TAURUS: (April 20 - May 20) Practice self-control this week. Indulge yourself in small increments and only as a reward for finished work or fulfilled commitments.

GEMINI: (May 21 - June 21) Remember that a good heart is more valuable than brains or beauty.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 22) Focus on your studies this week so you can enjoy more entertaining activities next week!

LEO: (July 23 - Aug. 22) Forgiveness is a great gift to give or to receive.

VIRGO: (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Don’t be so afraid to be alone. Take some time to get to know yourself this week. Learn to accept compliments and take them to heart. You are a fantastic person with a lot to offer the world. Have a little fun!

LIBRA: (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) To celebrate Library Lovers month, five Cedar Crest students decided to take advantage of the LV AIC libraries and go to those libraries to check out books. Use the clues below to determine what each student’s last name is, which day of the week she went to the library, which school she visited and which books she checked out.

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SCRAMBLER
By Hauna Colista
Each of the following is an object on the Cedar Crest Campus. Analyze the clues and unscramble the letters to reveal the answer.

1. aIlnmtgmoea
   a. I stare at the time all day
   b. My favorite song is “one is the loneliest number…”
   c. People rarely address me by my full name

2. tsngwspeiihs
   a. I’m efficient
   b. I can go up or down
   c. People use me in pairs

3. mnrwmgumna
   a. On the Cedar Crest College campus I am a minority
   b. Although I am completely still I am always stained
   c. If I were real, I would be “indecently” arrested.

4. riulqser
   a. I outnumber the students
   b. I steal from and vandalize the campus daily
   c. Hundreds of generations of us have lived on this campus

5. rinmvildlnd
   a. I can distract birds
   b. I’m efficient
   c. I have a variety of speeds

6. Nolpcpgioolemtreooeck
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Suzy Cedarcrest is running late to class, but monstrous squirrels are out to get her. Try to get Suzy to class without running into the squirrel in the middle.

**Crazy Squirrel Maze**

Puzzle by Lindsey Jancay  
Artwork by Jessica Heiser

**Jigsaw Jumble**

Copy each box’s image into the corresponding box below, for an SGA-inspired work of art!
When a consumer goes into the grocery store and spots a drink on the shelf called VitaminWater, one might think just by reading the name of it that it is a healthy drink alternative. Well, it turns out, that assumption could be quite wrong.

The brand Coca-Cola, who owns Glaceau VitaminWater, has currently been served a class action lawsuit from the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI). The lawsuit is stating that Coca-Cola has “deceptive and unsubstantiated claims on its VitaminWater line of beverages.”

The CSPI is a corporation that analyzes many company’s products and their marketing strategies to make sure everything marketed is in the public’s best interest. They seem to believe Coca-Cola is marketing a beverage to consumers with the idea that it is good for them, when in reality, it is actually just another sugary, high calorie drink.

When asked what she thought of the lawsuit, Brenda Clemens, junior Nursing major, stated “I think it’s crazy that someone actually took the time to research and test the water. I feel bad for the people who drink it, they would get away with it.”

The CSPI has stated that the obesity and diabetes-promoting-VitaminWater is heavily marketed to children and teens, using ads that make claims such as: “Put simply, Glaceau VitaminWater is a great-tasting way to get more of the vitamins and minerals we all need each day.”

CSPI litigation director Steve Gardner has backed up his claims by stating, “Coke fears, probably correctly, that they’ll sell less soda as Americans become increasingly concerned with obesity, diabetes, and other conditions linked to diets too high in sugar.”

He continues on with, “VitaminWater is Coke’s attempt to dress up soda in a physician’s white coat. Underneath, it’s still sugar water, albeit sugar water that costs about ten bucks a gallon.”

They are urging consumers to supplement with vitamins from food products instead of soft drinks such as VitaminWater.

Coke has finalized their statement with, “Put simply, Glaceau VitaminWater is a great complement to our often less-than-perfect diet with each of the different Glaceau VitaminWater varieties providing a convenient, great-tasting way to get more of the vitamins and hydration we all need each day.”

In the end, it will be up to the consumer to decide what drink they prefer to guzzle. Given the class action lawsuit, the consumers should be more willing to read labels and should be careful before they make their final purchase.
First up is Carson Kressley. He was born on November 31, 1969 in a small town, Claussville. He graduated from Gettysburg College with a degree in management and fine arts.

Kressley made his break on the show Queer Eye for the Straight Guy in 2003. On the show he was the one known for his eye for style. His style was such that he could tell if men look like they can actually dress themselves.

After Queer Eye ended its run Kressley was making cameo appearances in movies such as The Perfect Man and The Year without Santa Claus.

More recently he had a hit show on Lifetime in 2007 called Hey Dude. Naked! Here he coached women of various ages and sizes to feel comfortable in their skin.

Nowadays you can see Kressley on QVC selling his exclusive clothing line for men and women. Perfect. Check it out and support the local celebrity.

Although Kressley remains mostly on the West Coast he does however come home occasionally to visit family and to make appearances. Kressley has been known to grab a bite to eat at Weg’s Café in Allentown with family as well as make appearances at Melt in Center Valley. Everybody has their guilty pleasure TV show(s) so let’s be out and say Hey Dude is one of them. If so then you’ll know our next celebrity, Christine Taylor.

Taylor was born on July 30, 1971 in Allentown but resided in Wescosville. Although she did not attend college, she did graduate from Allentown Central Catholic High School. It may not be her claim to fame but one of her first jobs was a Burger King commercial which she filmed while still in high school. "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" was indeed playing Melody Hanley on the show. It was her first role in a TV show. She later appeared in the hit musical Mamma Mia! in 2008 and has received great feedback. Her songs can be heard on hot TV shows such as American Idol and Grey’s Anatomy and also on non-country radio stations.

Actress Megan Gallagher was born on February 6, 1960 in Reading, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of Paul Muni in The Year without Santa Claus. She was born at Hershey Medical Center.

Gallagher also appears in a new TV show, Numbers, on USA. Gallagher is married to actor Jeff Veuger and they have twins. The acting bug must be in the water over in Reading because Michael Constantine was also born in Reading. Constantine was born on May 22, 1927. He got his start in New York performing as an understudy to Paul Muni in Inherit the Wind.

For most of his work we weren’t even around yet but you may recall him from My Big Fat Greek Wedding in 2002. He played the dad, Gus Portokalos, who thought Windex could fix anything. He also went on to do a couple episodes of the TV show My Big Fat Greek Life.

Moving a little bit outside of Reading you’ll find a town by the name of Wyomissing, which is home to one of country music’s biggest stars right now, Taylor Swift.

Even if you say you’d never listen to country music you have got to give this singer/song writer a chance. She’ll prove that you have country music all wrong.

Swift was born on December 13, 1989 and grew up on a Christmas tree farm. At age 11 the family packed up and moved to Nashville to pursue a singing career for their daughter. At age 15 she signed with Big Machine Record a new up and coming label. In 2006 she released her self-titled debut album which was certified three times multi-platinum by the RIAA. From the album she also put five songs on the Billboard Chart. Her most recognizable song was the hit "Heartbreak." Taylor Swift has had a few cameos in the actor world but nothing major yet. She will be appearing in the Hannah Montana movie as a woman singing in a bar. She also had a cameo in fellow country music star Brad Paisley’s video "Online".

Her latest is an appearance in the Jonas Brothers 3D movie, she appears as herself. Hopefully she was kept far away from Joe during filming!

In another small town off of Reading is Lebanon where our next Valley celebrity is from. He is quarterback of the Tennessee Titans, Kerry Collins. He was born on December 30, 1972.

Collins started out his football career by playing for one of the greatest coaches, Joe Paterno. During his time at Penn State he was a finalist for the Heisman Trophy in his senior year.

After college he moved onto pro where he was a first round pick by the Carolina Panthers. Then in 1999 Collins got pick up by the New York Giants where he lead the team to a Super Bowl game but lost to the Baltimore Ravens. Later in 2004 he played with the Oakland Raiders until 2006 when he started playing for the Tennessee Titans, which is where he remains today.

Last stop on the tour is Bethlehem. Here we have one celebrity who went from the ring to the big screen and another who is a heart breaker back in the day.
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Although Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson was not born in the Valley he was somewhat raised here.

Johnson was born on May 2, 1972 in Hayward, California. Johnson moved quite a bit during his teenage years but found his way to the Valley in 11th grade. He attended Freedom High School and was very involved in sport activities such as football, track and field, and wrestling.

Johnson then went on to play football for the University of Miami. After some injuries Johnson realized that maybe football wasn’t his calling anymore. He then got involved in the WWE WWF and became a household name. Every boy growing up would ask you “Do you smell what The Rock is cookin’?”

Since leaving the wrestling world, Johnson has pursued other dreams, such as acting. He starred in the 2002 show Veronica Mars. While filming for Home Improvement he also lent his voice to the animated lion cub Simba in The Lion King movie.

In California, he was cast for a Burger King commercial at the age of eight. Seriously Burger King executives knew a star when they saw one or just have a love for Valley born kids.

By age 11, Johnson landed his biggest role, Randy Taylor on the TV show Home Improvement. While filming for Home Improvement he also lent his voice to the animated lion cub Simba in The Lion King movie.

During high school, Johnson left Home Improvement in 1998 to focus more on his school work. He did come back to star in movies such as Man of the House and Block and T thumb.

In the 2000s Thomas became active again to the world again making cameos in popular TV shows of the times. Some of which include, The Simpson’s, Smallville, Veronica Mars, and 8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter.

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So, apparently, it’s insulting to law enforcement officers to have to take down the allegations of those women that are actually willing to come forward and say that they’ve been abused. That’s good to know.

According to clarkprosecuter.org, “Police report that between 40 percent and 60 percent of the calls they receive, especially on the night shift, are domestic violence disputes.” That’s an average of half of the calls that are coming in per day.

Other fans are blaming Ri-hanna for this incident. According to MTV News comments, user “Nike2hot” says, “I don’t think Chris would hit a girl like that. She had to do something or say something out of the way for him to re- ally hurt her.”

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The growth of casual gamer and video game’s becoming more and more mainstream is having a profound effect on popular culture. Casual games like Guitar Hero and Rock Band have taken the world by storm and it’s no longer a strange move to play one of these games as an ice breaker or a get together.

Enjoy the ride, whether you be casual or hardcore, online or offline, pro or newbie; the increasing popularity of video games can only mean great things in the future of gamers.

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Men are reading these reports and seeing that nothing will happen if they beat their girlfriends. And women are learning that nothing will be done if they choose to step up, come forward and say I WAS ABUSED.

It is absolutely time to end this. Billboard.com cites that “Several top 40 stations have stopped playing Brown’s music including WKST Pittsburgh, KWNZ Reno, Nev.; and CHUM-FM Toronto. After polling listeners, Clear Channel’s top 40 WAKS (96.5 Kiss FM) Cleveland decided to temporarily ban his music.”

This isn’t enough. We as women in this wonderful institution need to stand up and say that THIS IS NOT OKAY. It is time for a complete movement against domestic violence. We need to support each other for being brave enough to speak out against domestic violence. Because it is very real, happening every day, and we are not immune to it.

I give complete kudos to Ri-hanna, who is reportedly being completely cooperative with police as they investigate her “ongoing abusive relationship.” And I hope that she stays the hell away from Chris Brown and doesn’t wander back to him.

And I hope that you too real- ize what a big thing domestic vio- lence is and how it affects all of us. And I urge you to please speak out and say that this is not okay.

By the way, it took me an hour and a half to research and write this article. That’s ninety minutes. You do the math as to how many women have potentially been abused.

This is not okay.
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The Sound Booth

“Turn it On”: Franz Ferdinand’s new album Tonight

Dannah Hartman
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Glasgow, Scotland’s rock quartet Franz Ferdinand, named for the Austro-Hungarian Archduke whose assassination sparked World War I, is back on the music scene with their third album, Tonight. Composed of bassist Bob Hardy, guitarist Nick McCarthy, drummer Paul Thomson and vocalist/guitarist Alex Kapranos, Franz Ferdinand has already had great success with their first two albums, 2004’s You Could Have It So Much Better and 2005’s You Know Me Know You.

In 2004, they won a Breakthrough Video Award at the MTV Video/Music Awards for their single “Take Me Out,” as well as the prestigious Mercury Music Prize, which is awarded to a British or Irish act for the best album of the year. In 2005 the band’s success continued with their wins in the Best Group and Best British Rock Act categories at the BRIT Awards and the Best Track and Best Album categories at the NME Awards.

Released Jan. 24, Tonight has already landed at number nine on the Billboard 200, number 20 on Tower Records Top 100 in Rock & Pop and number two on the UK Album Chart. Unlike the two previous Franz Ferdinand albums, Tonight is not a collection of singles, but rather an album based around a single idea.

“When we were putting the songs together, Paul our drummer noticed that there was this night-time theme to all the songs,” Kapranos told news website, Reuters.com. He continued, “we wanted to give the album the dynamic of a night out, so it starts off with the moments that you’re psyching yourself up…the events though the night coming to a climax and then coming down from that point for the last couple of songs.”

Tonight opens with “Ulysses,” the first single off the album. Starting with a quiet drumbeat and guitar riff accompanied by Kapranos nearly whispering, the song then progressively gets louder and more energetic, especially during the chorus.

Track two, “Turn it On” immediately brings forth vivaciousness, you’ll find yourself singing along with Kapranos’ somewhat stalkier lyrics “I’ll never be alone, yeah You know I follow you to Rome, yeah I know the places you call home, yeah You know I’ll get you on your own, yeah You know I know where you are You know I know where you are Yeah You know I can’t have another Can’t stop thinking of you If I can’t have you then nobody can.”

Track three, “No You Girls” proves to be the most infectious track on the album, from its dance-beat and catchy lyrics. “Twilight Omens” follows, which seems to be the part of the night the narrator has accomplished getting a girl’s number; “I wrote your name upon the back of my hand Slept upon it and I woke up with it backwars on my face Reading forwards to my mirror to my heart.”

Other standout songs on the album are “Can’t Stop Feeling” with its electronic David Bowie-esque feel, the eight minute “Lucid Dreams,” and “Katherine Kiss Me,” which is the last track on the album and ends to the narrator’s night out.

Overall, Tonight comes together in a cohesive concept of a playful and flirtatious night out and about. The album is available on iTunes for just $9.99. Currently on tour in Europe and the U.S, Franz Ferdinand will be stopping at the Electric Factory in Philadelphia on Wed. May 6. For more tour dates visit their official website www.franzferdinand.co.uk/shows.

So, of course, the big news in gossip-city this week is still Chris Brown and Rihanna. Brown has issued a public apology saying that he will be getting help, but this is not enough. Flip back to the Opinion section, and read my piece. That’s a demand.

Nearby, Paris Hilton was having a bad week? Someone needs to take Britney off of her bi-polar medication and drop her off at the nearest gas station so that I have something interesting to talk about. Where’s he been hiding out? Just because he gets drunk and shits on someone’s face/ Reading forwards to my mirror to my heart.

Kate Hudson, another celebrity that I never talk about, has apparently installed a stripper pole in her bathroom. I don’t know about you, but like Kate, I too get the urge to take a few spins around the pole right after I get done peeing. In fact, don’t tell my boyfriend, but I’m having one installed in his bathroom next weekend. Shh, it’s a secret!

Britool Palin, the teenage daughter of Sarah, told Fox News that it’s unrealistic to think that teenagers won’t have sex. You’ll remember that Bristol just had a baby in December.

Someone should’ve thought to have her her mom’s campaign manager during the election. I can see all of the missed deadlines now - “Teens! Go out and DO IT!”

Okay, seriously, I’m sick of the gossip C-list celebrities. Where are my wacky ones this week? Someone needs to take Britney off of her bi-polar medication and drop her off at the nearest gas station so that I have something interesting to talk about. Or, bring Paris Hilton back from the UK. She needs to get drunk and make out with, say, Miley Cyrus’s boyfriend. And what about Shia LaBeouf? Where’s he been hiding out? Just because he gets drunk and shits on his hand in a horrific wreck, he thinks that he just stayed out of the limelight? NO!

Forget this column. I’m off to don my Hollywood cameo and pink rhinestoned binoculars and stalk these stars until I get real stories. See you next week, dolls, when I return with a tan.

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Box office thriller, Taken, is nothing short of exciting, better yet it is exhausting; every parents nightmare on the big screen. Director and writer, McG, combined the action with the suspense to make this one of the best movies of the year.

As the red curtain rose, reveal- ing the stage and a backdrop ban-
dy, from their self-titled album,
angst and heavy with metal as the

Slipknot: All Hope isn’t Gone
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In promotion of their fourth studio album, masked metal band Slipknot is currently on a world tour of the same name: All Hope is Gone. On Saturday, Feb 7, Evanescence and Coheed and Cambria got the crowd at the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, NJ started for a night of head-banging, screaming and thrashing.

After the first two bands, a red curtain dropped, shielding the stage from the audiences’ view. An aus-

Blister Exists and Disasterpiece.

Genre: Action, Crime, Drama, Thriller
Ratings: Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence, disturbing thematic material, sexual content, some drug references and language.
Duration: 91 Minutes

Kim frantically tells her father what is going on. At this moment, Mills whips out some of his ex-CIA equipment, he traces the call, records it and gives Kim specific instructions. He tells her to go into the next bedroom and get under the bed, and leave the phone there so he can hear the people talking; he then tells her that the next part is very important, “They are going to take you.”

Almost immediately after her father says that, Kim is taken. The kidnapper is on the phone and laughs into it. Mills tells him, “…I don’t know who you are, but if you don’t let my daughter go, I will find you, and I will kill you.”

The kidnapper smashs the cell phone, and leaves. Mills is now on a mission to save his daughter from being sold as a sex slave in the foreign country. Thank goodness for his ex-CIA skills, or else he probably would have ended up like some of the other less fortunate girls.

I could not imagine watching this film as a parent. It is com-

The air inside the Susquehanna Bank Center was thick with foreign crowd, became blurry. Taylor was right when he predicted that he was going to, “Hear a lot of singing and feel a lot of jumping.”

Taylor thanked the audience for supporting Slipknot, even in what he called, “a world where the energy of the band, or the band. Taylor proclaimed to the crowd that, “Slowly but surely, we are taking over the world together.”

The controversy continued, whether the crowd was feeding off the energy of the band, or the band was feeding off the energy of the crowd. Taylor was right when he predicted that he was going to, “Hear a lot of singing and feel a lot of jumping.”

Throughout the show, on ei-

Gone

Thursday, Feb. 19
WINTERSTEINE by Charles Mee.
A comedic family feed. Zeoeller Arts Center, Lehigh Univ., Beth-
lehrem. Time: 8 p.m.; $12.

Everything Here is OK,
drawings by Sasha Fletcher, Cedar Crest College, Tompkins Gallery. Time: daily 9 a.m.-9 p.m. This exhibit runs until Feb. 20.

Saturday, Feb. 20
Monet to Matisse: French Masterworks from the Dixon Gallery and Gardens. Allentown Art Museum, 31 North Fifth Street, Allentown. Thirty works of French impressionism and postimpressionism; includes paintings and pastels by Degas, Renoir, Monet, Cezanne, Ma-
tisse, and more. Times: Tue.-Sat. 11a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun noon-5 p.m.; also open second Fri. of each month 5-7 p.m.; admission prices can be found online at www.al-

The Wizard of Oz. State Theatre Center for the Arts, 253 Northampton Street, Easton. Times: Tue. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; $55, $50. For more information call 610-252-3132.

Wednesday, Feb. 25
Systems Thinking, abstract mixed media paintings by Bri-

The Leader of the Pack. Cedar Crest College, Samuels Theatre. Times: Fri. 5 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.; adults $15, seniors $10, students with ID $5.

Want to add any events? Email your events to mnammons@cedarcrest.edu.
While it may only be February it is not too early to start getting ready for the spring. This can be said for the softball team who started to plan and get ready for their upcoming season.

The team started getting ready with several practices a week, with Dr. Larry Quarino, associate professor of Chemical and Physical Sciences, running a total of 8 miles a week even before the start of second semester started. The team has maintained its momentum. “We have been practicing hard all week indoors,” said Captain Allison Holland, senior Genetic Engineering major. “It’s a time which we can grow together before we step on the field to play!”

The team has really been pushing themselves indoor to help prepare them for spring break when they go to Disney World, Florida. “We’re going to Disney Wide World of Sports during spring break. That’s the first time we’re outside to play,” said Cassandra ‘CJ’ Krise, junior Genetic Engineering major.

The team went to Disney last season and this year they are just as excited. The trip is a great asset to the team not only for field time but it is a great bonding experience for all of the players. “We will be spending a week together, living together and hanging out... and going to the parks!” said Krise. This season team bonding is especially important for 6 out of the 13 players are new to the team and bonding time is essential. Despite the small number of players, the new members are doing well. “They have definitely been trying their hardest and it shows,” said Danielle Freeman, sophomore Biology major with a concentration in Forensic Science. The team has high hopes for the season and they see pay offs in their future. Krise added, “If we keep working hard, playing together and being successful at it, we will end in play offs”.

Freeman says the team is “looking good” and with “all it takes, is all you got” ringing in their ears, it is sure to be a successful season.

Falcon recognized in Sports Illustrated

Hauna Colista
STAFF WRITER

“Heather Gallagher is first Cedar Crest Athlete to be featured in sports illustrated. Gallagher was honored on National Girls and Woman in Sports Day on February 5, 2009 before the Falcon’s basketball game against Baptist Bible.”

Falcon’s field hockey player Heather Gallagher is first Cedar Crest Athlete to be featured in sports illustrated.
The Falcon’s basketball team have showed some sick skills throughout the season. From left; Kelly Oakes (23), Keema Jones (22), Kero Lasky (14), Leann Wallower (50), and Lizzy Sunderhaus (35).

JUNIOR EDITOR

Thersia Ault

It has taken a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication by the team and coaching staff to get where we are now,” said head coach Valarie Donohue.

“We are very proud of this team and the accomplishments they have achieved together so far. We have been building towards this over the past four years and it is now starting to show.”

How far has the Falcon’s basketball team come? Cedar Crest, now 13-10 overall and 8-7 in the CSAC, has tied the 1998-99 team’s record which posted 13 wins overall, with one game left in the normal season this season’s team has a chance to set their own record.

The 2008-09 Falcons have already set the best conference record in school history with the previous best being 6-10 in the 1998-99 season.

“A lot of credit goes to Coach Donohue and her commitment to improving the basketball program,” said the Falcon’s Athletic Director Kristin Maile.

“She spent a lot of time recruiting to find players that would be a good fit for the team and for Cedar Crest in general.”

“Each year she was able to get better players to the team and the Falcon basketball makes big changes

It’s been an exciting time for us. We are getting media attention, the players are getting recognition and the fans are enjoying good, competitive basketball games,” said Maile.

“I’ve heard a lot of positive comments from athletic directors from around the conference.”

One of the other great things that has come out of this season is AMAZING fan support,” added Donohue. “Students, faculty and staff have shown their excitement and enthusiasm for the team and that has been very motivating for the players.”

While everyone wants to win, it’s not fun for anyone to go in and beat a team by 20 or 30 points, it’s not fun for anyone to go in and beat a team by 20 or 30 points, which is what teams have been able to do us in the past.

The fans have actually been good for Cedar Crest but it is also good to have parity in the conference.

“We have only started to scratch the surface of what we will be capable of doing in the future!” said Donohue “The sky is the limit!”

Tonight the Falcon’s will play Baptist Bible not only for a school record but for a chance to make it to the championships.

Additional reporting by Marci Lippert.