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KKK recruiting in PA mall

PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA--Recruiting efforts by the Klu Klux Klan were cut short, right after they began. In a low-cost advertising campaign, KKK members placed leaflets on the windshields of more than 20 cars at the Plymouth Meeting Mall last month. "Wake up white people. It's time to take a stand. Join the Klan," the leaflets read. The fliers were believed to be part of recruiting efforts by the Klan Security guards also found a stack of fliers and destroyed them. The fliers said the country was "going to hell" and urged whites to contact a post office box in Berks County for information about joining the Klan. The box was registered to Robert L. Woodley, who held the title of national assistant grand dragon of the Klan as of last night.

Bishop refuses meeting with nun, author

HARRISBURG--Officials from the Diocese of Harrisburg refused to appear with death-penalty opponent Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*, saying they were concerned with her recent comments about abortion. The local chapter of the Pennsylvania Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty asked Bishop Nicholas C. Dattilo to introduce Prejean at their event earlier this month. Prejean had been quoted in a Catholic publication saying that most women have abortions out of desperation rather than choice, prompting diocesan officials to say that Dattilo was uncomfortable appearing with Prejean. Prejean was quoted in *Our Sunday Visitor* saying that to prevent abortions, "we really have to look seriously at the whole thing of birth control, family planning and not having unwanted pregnancies." According to diocesan officials, Prejean's commitment to the death penalty issue was not questioned.

Nation...

Does needle swap work?

WASHINGTON, DC--For the first time Tuesday, the Clinton administration gave some backing to AIDS prevention programs that provide clean needles to drug abusers. Stopping short of calling for federal money, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said such programs "can be an effective component of the comprehensive strategy to prevent HIV...in communities that choose to include them." But in a report Shalala sent to Arlen Specter, R-PA, she declined to say that the programs do not increase illegal drug use--a requirement for lifting a congressionally mandated funding ban. Experts who met last week at the National Institute of Health said the programs work and do not increase drug use.

Not a jolly 'green giant'

HUNTSVILLE, ALA.--A chemical so deadly one drop on exposed skin can kill remains a deadly legacy of the Cold War. The nation's second largest stockpile of the "green dragon" sits in a bunker inside a barbed-wire fence at the Army's Redstone Arsenal, outside of Huntsville. The arsenal holds more than 3,200 pounds of pentaborane, a chemical rejected long ago as a possible rocket fuel because it is too corrosive and volatile. The chemical explodes when exposed to air and burns with a green flame. The cache was discovered almost four and half years ago and experts are now preparing to destroy it. Workers will use remote-controlled machinery to neutralize the "green dragon" by mixing it with water.

Weekend Weather with Joey Stevens

Thursday: Sunshine, increasing clouds later in the day. High 44 degrees.
Thursday night: Cloudy, windy, rain arriving later. Low 42 degrees.
Friday: Cloudy, windy, mild, rain--maybe a thunderstorm. High 56 degrees.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy, brisk, colder. A few flurries are possible. High 34 degrees.
Sunday: Variably cloudy, cold, snow showers. High 30 degrees.

Police Log

2-13-97: A student reported someone had taken his bike from outside of the Reed Building.
 2-15-97: A student received a non-traffic citation for underage drinking resulting from an incident in Niagara Hall.

We are the dream...



Black History Month continues... *We Are the Dream* was presented Feb. 6 at Behrend College. Written by Charles Dumas a theater professor, the performance included poetry, music, dance and theater to present the African-American struggle for freedom. The next Black History Month event, Project Concern, will be tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Reed Commons. Kuumba Night is Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Commons.

Question of the Week:
What do you think of the fact that Almy Hall, the new dorm, is going to be 80 percent honor students?

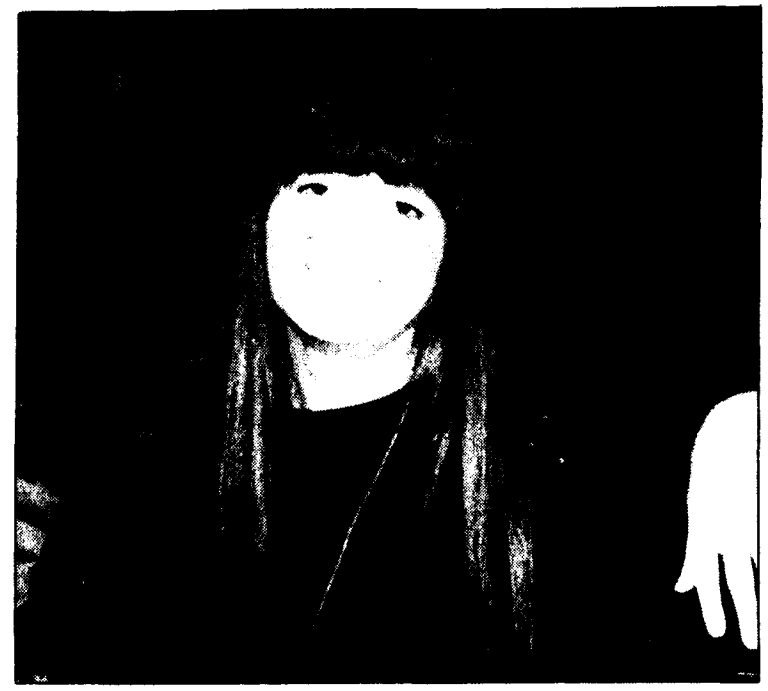
"I think that it should be split 50-50 between honor and non honor students. I know a lot of people who aren't honor students, that study just as hard as the honor students."
 --Roy Get, 08, ACCNT

"I think that Almy should be opened to everyone, not just to one group of people. It should be on a first come first serve basis, like all of the other dorms."
 --Jen Fontecchio, 04, DUS

"I think that it is unfair. We pay the same amount of money to go here, and we should have the same benefits."
 --Tim Neal, 04, FINANCE

"I think that it will segregate the honor students. It puts them on a pedestal, and they already receive enough advantages, like early registration."
 --Kelly Ebright, 06, COMMU

"It doesn't make sense. They can't even fill up one floor of Tiffany with honor students. How are they going to fill up 80% of the new dorm."
 --Kristina Davis, 08, POLI SCI



Native American activist and storyteller Dovie Thomason will perform at Behrend Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall. Her program of Native American storyteller is an engaging and dramatic event that will be enjoyed by children as well as adults. Thomason has lectured on Native cultures, including a keynote address at Yale University to the American Association of University Women, "Native Women as Keepers of Cultural Tradition."

1997-98 FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

- **1997-98 Academic and Leadership Scholarship Applications are due in the Financial Aid Office by March 1, 1997. Both applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.**
- **If you are interested in Federal Work Study for Summer 1997, you must request it at the Financial Aid Office by Monday March 17, 1997.**

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