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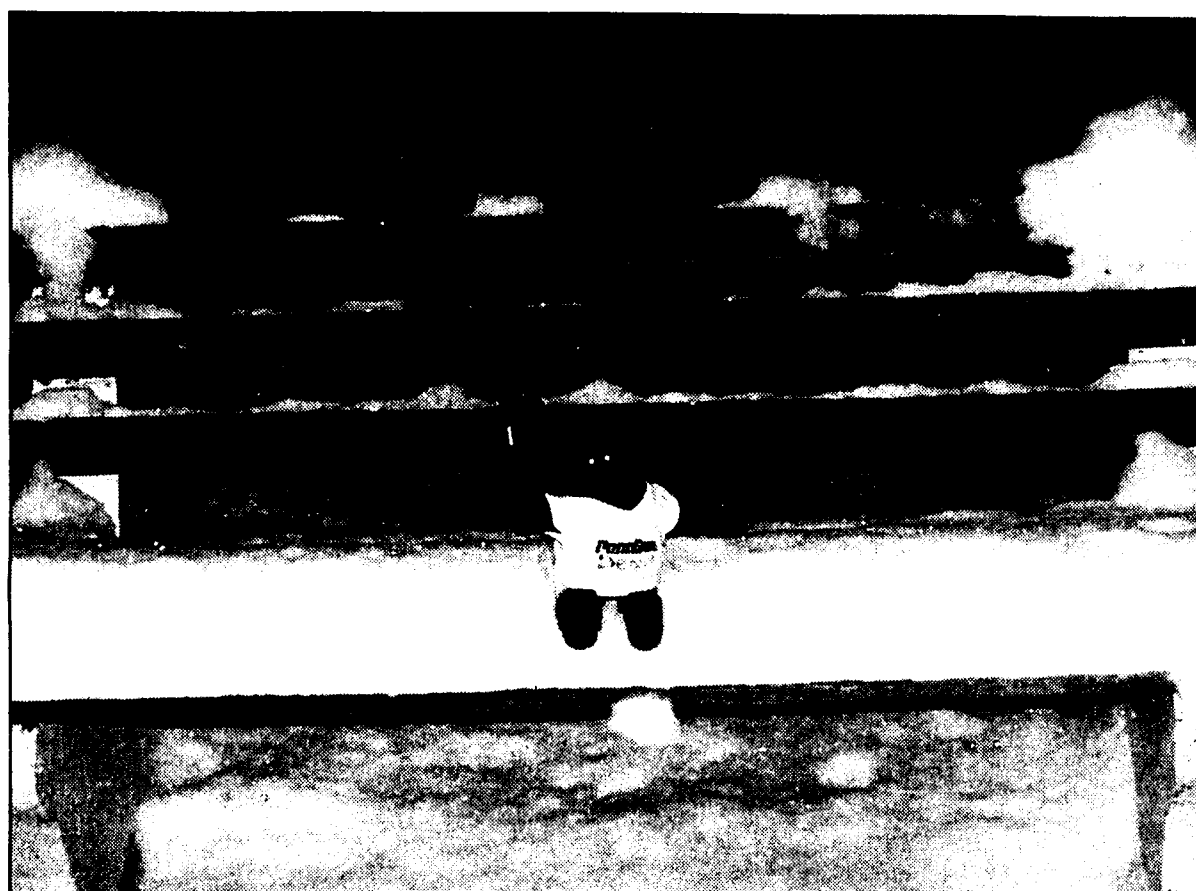


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Now that's Penn State pride - no pants, no coat, sitting in the snow all by yourself in the middle of the night. But, he's got the Penn State shirt on and he's wavin' his banner all over the place. Now, if he could only get some fans to sit there with him . . .

Beacon spreads cheer with Diehl students

by Liz Hayes
news editor

On Monday, December 4, several students from the *Beacon* staff went to spread some holiday cheer at Diehl Elementary School. Seven staff members met with Mrs. Tunney's sixth grade class during their 9:15 a.m. reading hour.

"It was a lot of fun going back into an elementary school after so many years. We really had a lot of fun, and I think the kids did too," said Jason Snyder, editor-in-chief of the *Beacon*. The *Beacon* had set up the meeting a few weeks ahead of time, looking for a way to give some of their time over the holiday season. "We hear of the great things other organizations do over the holiday season - and all year round - and we wanted to get involved as well," commented Ainslie Ulmer, public relations manager for the paper. "But, we also wanted to do something that seemed to relate to the newspaper and the types of things we were all interested in. We figured that something along the lines of education would be appropriate."

Upon arriving at the classroom, the students were introduced to the college students. "We all went around and introduced ourselves, explaining what it was we did for the paper. Then we passed out copies of the paper for them to look at," Snyder explained. "It was really neat when we passed

out the papers because Mrs. Tunney had them use our newspaper for their vocabulary/spelling lesson. She had them each find three words that they didn't know that they could go over later," Jeff Miller commented. Miller is the photo editor for the paper.

"I really enjoyed going because I got to see what a real classroom is like. I'm considering going into education, and this was a really great experience for me," said Rob Wynne, wire service editor.

After passing out the newspapers and some snacks, the *Beacon* played a version of Pictionary with the kids. "Instead of using the cards that came with the game, we had them find pictures in the paper and they drew those on the board for everyone to

guess," Snyder explained. Snyder giggled: "My team won!"

"We also let them take pictures with our digital camera. They seemed to have a lot of fun posing for their friends and chasing each other around. It was a really fun time," Miller commented.

The *Beacon* is planning on making this project a regular activity. "We thought it would be really neat if we kept going back and established a rapport with this class," Ulmer said. "We are considering helping them publish their own small newspaper, with them doing most of the work and us just guiding them along. We might even have them over to the *Beacon* office to let them use some of our equipment," Snyder added.

RIGHT: Libbie Johnson helps a Diehl student choose vocabulary words.

BELOW: Rob Wynne speaks with a Diehl student, telling him what he likes best about the newspaper.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

SATURDAY



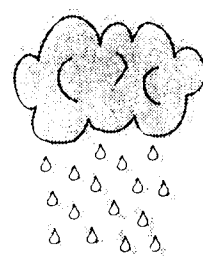
MOSTLY CLOUDY
HIGH 31
LOW 25

SUNDAY



SNOW
HIGH 37
LOW 24

MONDAY



RAIN
HIGH 44
LOW 33

Police And Safety



11/29/2000

10:25

A faculty member reported receiving an objectionable e-mail. The sender of the e-mail was advised to stop sending any similar e-mails. The faculty member was also advised of the notification.

12/01/2000

17:40

A student called to report that several items were taken from his apartment.

12/02/2000

23:45

An intoxicated minor was reported in Perry Hall.

Babes in Arms

the Studio Theatre's
spring musical comedy

Auditions to be held January 22 & 23

Performance to run March 21-25
in the new Athletic and Recreation Center



PHOTO BY JEFF MILLER

Students rehearse at the audition workshop in the Studio Theatre on Wednesday, December 6.