

Student Opinion

"What should the United States do about the situation in Lebanon"

1) **Virginia Gilman** (4th semester, Pre-Med)

"I think that it is better for the marines to be stationed on the ships instead of at the airport, because they're still within striking distance, but at a reduced risk of being harmed. This would allow an American presence to remain in the area. The troops shouldn't be in Lebanon itself, because it's in such turmoil, which means the mission is no longer one of keeping the peace, but of war!"

2) **Chuck McKenna** (2nd semester, Business)

"I feel that the American forces should pull out because of the pressures at home, and

because of the anti-Americanism in the middle-east. We'll just get into another situation like Vietnam, where we're not wanted. It's a civil war, and we should not be involved. This problem started because of our strong ties with Israel, which hampers our point-of-view as a neutral peace-keeping force."

3) **Andy Luddy** (4th semester, Electrical Engineering)

"Bomb Hanoi! No, wait. With the troop strength present in Lebanon, the marines are sheep out for slaughter. If there's any reason to have troops there, there's reason enough to have troops there. Right now, there are barely enough troops to take

Millcreek. The marines can stabilize the country or waste their time dying."

4) **Michelle Kohler** (4th semester, Broadcast Journalism)

"With all the loss of life, we should pull the troops out and should bring them home. It's just getting us more involved into a situation we shouldn't be involved in at all. Things are just getting worse, and we're not doing any good. We're there now, and the war is still escalating."

5) **Rod Luery** (2nd semester, LAS)

"I think that the United States should either increase their troop strength in an attempt to win and to show that our cause is just, or

just remove our troops entirely. Right now, we are in the position of the scapegoat. This is a "mini-Vietnam."

6) **Dave Harris** (6th semester, Political Science)

"We shouldn't have any combat troops in Lebanon, because it's a civil war, based on religious issues, and I'm not sure we're backing the right side. We should keep diplomatic relations, but no military troops or economic aid, because it would be wasted."

7) **Mark Fairchild** (5th semester, Engineering)

"If you want to do a take over of Lebanon properly, send in four divisions, and add another carrier task force. If not, we shouldn't

leave a thousand marines there to face 50-1 odds. Of course, Syria will take over if we withdraw. In any case, we should bomb Hanoi."

8) **Michael Coursey** (2nd semester, LAS)

"Our primary concern should be for the safety and care of the innocent children and their families, who have been caught in the middle of a "free-fire-zone." We should get the support of all the international aid organizations, like the Red Cross, to push for a humanitarian cease-fire, which would give time to provide a way out for people who want to leave Beirut."

interview conducted by: Phyland Robertson

What's Up

By: Thomas Milley

Drumroll please. The tension mounts ... With sweaty palms, and a frantic tone in your voice you think the most absurd thought and blurt out: "The campus telescope!" and guess what, you're right. That's the answer to the riddle in the last Collegian.

The campus's ten inch Newtonian Reflector was donated to the school shortly after it opened 35 years ago, by an Erie area amateur astronomer who built it from published plans and parts which he had available. Then, sometime during the first ten years of the campus's history it was disassembled for an unknown reason. Its parts were scattered all over the campus, until one day 15 years ago physics professors Dr. Hagenbuch and Scott came across a piece of the mounting in the attic of Turnbull Hall. The search began, and one by one the pieces were found and through their efforts, reassembled. When the telescope was finally complete, Dr. Hagenbuch pushed for a permanent housing (the 'scope is too heavy to carry). His efforts led to the construction of a domed 10' diameter observatory, built on the knoll behind the Otto Behrend building.

Upon my arrival here I noted several improvements that could be made to the telescope, and working together with Dr. Hagenbuch, the Astronomy Club advisor, and the club's president, David Duda, the renovations were made. And the author is happy to report that the once awkward telescope is now both simple and pleasurable to use.

Cultural Series

Classic Western To Be Shown

By: Greg Gezza

The final cultural series event scheduled for February is the film **Destry Rides Again**. This classic Western features James Stewart and Marlene Dietrich. It will be shown on Monday, February 27 at 8 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall.

In March, two events are scheduled. On Thursday, March 15, the jazz group Third Stream Jazz will present a concert of instrumental jazz. Showtime is 8 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall.

The last event in March is another in the Classic Film Series. Olivia DeHavilland and Montgomery Cliff star in the film **The Heiress**. It is William Wyler's version of the Henry James novel **Washington Square**. The film will be shown on Monday, March 26, at 8 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall.

So, quit sitting around your dorm room wondering what to do. Come down to one of these events and get some culture.

Winterfest Is Here!

By: Marge Tomczak

Come one, come all the long awaited Winterfest is here!!!! Are you suffering from the winter blahs? Does the weather seem bleak and dismal? Here is a chance to get yourself out of the doldrums! The Winterfest, has been getting better and better every year, and this year is no exception. It provides a vast array of social, recreational, and cultural events spanned over an entire week's time. The Winterfest utilizes a winter theme, however, activities are held both inside and outside. So what are you waiting for? Plan a fun filled week for yourself.

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Prepping For St. Paddy's Day

By: Carolyn Brust

It might be a little early to begin thinking about St. Patrick's Day, but for those of you who appreciate the Irish all year around, here's a taste of the tradition in Erie.

Rakish Paddy is the name of a traditional Irish band who brings the sweet flavor of folk music from the Irish green British Isles to America.

Started in January of 1983, **Rakish Paddy** consists of three talented, refreshing musicians who perform favorite melodies from very, very old times up to the last century. In other words, any Irish music that has been remembered and kept alive by oral or written history. The members include: Pamela Verity-Harris, who plays the guitar, mandolin and dulcimer, Peg Fowler who plays the fiddle, and John Dreibibis who masters the guitar, recorder and bazouki, as well as the bodhran (a round drum) and the tin whistle.

With such a variety of instruments, one can imagine how the quality of sound compliments the style of Irish tradition. **Rakish Paddy** captures the mood of the vibrant, happy-go-lucky, yet mysterious qualities that are characteristics of this lively ethnic group.

The band plays at a number of establishments in the down town Erie area. They include Pal Joey's, Sherlock's, and Scully's. Enjoy an evening of fun with **Rakish Paddy** on St. Patrick's Day, next month at the Lake Shore Country Club during the dinner hour 5 to 7 p.m. Who knows, maybe a bit of the "luck O' the Irish" will rub off on you.

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