

Staff Corner

Bill Ellis, assistant Professor of English at Penn State Hazleton Campus, was elected to be a member of the newly-formed International Society for the Contemporary Legend Research (ISCLR), Council. He will be the editor for the newsletter, FOAFTALE NEWS. The newsletter is named after the infamous "Friend of a Friend" who ate the Kentucky Fried Rat or gave the Vanishing Hitchhiker a lift. The newsletter is designed to share information on contemporary legends, draw attention to publications and announce meetings dealing with legends.

Also, this summer, Dr. Ellis did two book reviews which were published in the latest edition of "Appalachian Journal" (Vol. 15, No. 4, Summer 1988). The first, entitled "Fudin' Prayin' Writin'," is an article-length discussion of two popular novels about growing up in Appalachia. While the second, is a shorter review, "Murder, Mayhem, Hydrophobia," of a collection of obituaries published in West Virginia at the turn of the century.

The volume "Nathaniel Hawthorne's Consular Letters: 1853-1855", edited by Dr. Bill Ellis, assistant professor of English at the Penn State Hazleton Campus, has just been released by the Ohio State University Press. The volume is a collection of Hawthorne's correspondence as an American Consul in London during the period.

Ellis' research on Hawthorne's life as consul was done in Washington, D.C., and in London and Liverpool, England. In talking about his work on the consular letters, Ellis commented that he enjoyed discovering an almost

unknown side of this literary man. He was also excited when he found that Hawthorne's interest in folklore and the bizarre mirrored his own research and interest in these subjects.

The recently published volume of the Hawthorne consular letters are on display at the Penn State Hazleton Campus Library.

In early August, Dr. Bill Ellis, assistant professor of English at the Penn State Hazleton Campus, visited the University of Sheffield in England. He presented papers at two international conferences, one entitled "The Evidence for Legends in Print" and the second entitled "The Last Things Said...". While at the University, Ellis also did research on legends, Adolescence, and superstitions. Ellis received his bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of Virginia. He received his M.A. and Ph.D degrees in English and Folklore from Ohio State Univ. He also lectures here in the Hazleton area on subjects of folklore and superstitions, as well as on seed saving and heritage gardening.

Voter's Guide for Students

"Studies show that a significant barrier to student voting is the lack of information on the

candidates and the issue," asserted Andre Delattre, a senior at Berkley and Chair of the California Public Interest Research Group (CalPIRG), a student-based environmental and consumer advocacy organization. "This year, because of the close presidential race, students have an unprecedented opportunity to shape our nation's course on many issues of student concern. But in order to take advantage of this opportunity, we must be informed on the issues, then turn out and vote."

The National Student Campaign for Voter Registration (NSCVR) released a voter's guide summarizing the views of the presidential candidates George Bush and Michael Dukakis on 20 key issues of concern to students.

"The purpose of the voter's guide is to provide a source of information for students as they decide which presidential candidate would best represent their interests," said Catherine Crane, director of NSCVR. "The guide is a useful tool for any citizen who wants to see beyond the hoopla of the campaigns to assess where the candidates stand on critical issues that affect our future."

The Voters Guide was developed from position papers provided by the Bush and Dukakis campaigns, conversations with staff, and newspaper articles.

The National Student Campaign for Voter Registration is a non-profit, nonpartisan voter registration, education and get-out-to-vote organization aimed at increasing student involvement in electoral politics. NSCVR is a project of the student-based Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs).

Commission for Women

The Commission for Women is an organization that is based at University Park. Here at Hazleton, we have what is called the Campus Liason Committee of the Commission for Women. This organization was created in 1981 to serve as an advisory group on any matter that may affect women of the university.

The commission is interested in your ideas and concerns, as they affect women at Penn State. Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon in the Harlam lounge in the Administration Building. Everyone is welcomed.

If you would like more information concerning the commission you may contact Ms. Toni Segilia, (A-101) or Kelly Jansen, the student representative, (104A).

SHOWDOWN '88

On Election Day, November 8th, students have an unprecedented opportunity to shape our nation's course on such issues as arms control, foreign policy, the environment, the family, the economy and civil rights. As a service to student voters, the National Student Campaign for Voter Registration offers this guide to the positions of the Democratic and Republican candidates for President, Michael Dukakis and George Bush.

DEFENSE & FOREIGN POLICY

	DUKAKIS	BUSH
Ending nuclear weapons testing	YES	NO
Increased funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars)	NO	YES
MX Missile	NO	YES
Production of chemical weapons	NO	YES
Tougher economic sanctions against South Africa	YES	NO
Military aid to the Nicaraguan contras	NO	YES

THE ENVIRONMENT

	DUKAKIS	BUSH
Acid Rain	Reduce annual sulfur dioxide emissions by 12 million tons.	Reduce annual sulfur dioxide emissions by millions of tons.
Clean Water	Ban ocean dumping by 1991; supported renewal of the Clean Water Act.	Ban ocean dumping by 1991; supported Reagan veto of the Clean Water Act.
New Nuclear Reactors	No, until new safety measures are devised.	Yes, with high safety standards.
Offshore Oil Drilling	No, except where environmental quality will not be compromised.	Yes, except in sensitive areas.

THE ECONOMY

	DUKAKIS	BUSH
Deficit Reduction Plan (first priority)	Improve tax enforcement.	Flexible freeze on spending.
Increased income taxes	LAST RESORT	NO
Minimum wage increased to \$4.55/hr.	YES	NO

CIVIL RIGHTS

	DUKAKIS	BUSH
Equal Rights Amendment	YES	NO
Constitutional amendment to prohibit abortion	NO	YES
Universal Voter Registration Act	YES	NO POSITION

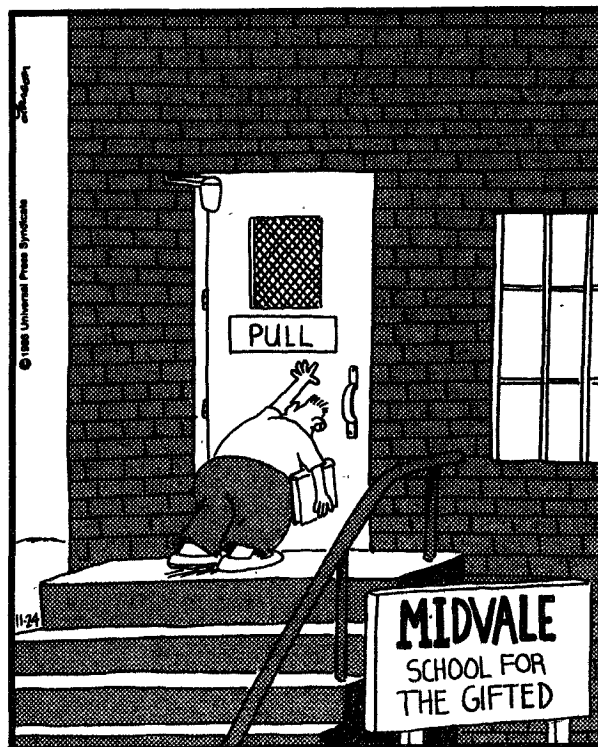
THE FAMILY

	DUKAKIS	BUSH
Child Care	Federal assistance and standards.	Tax credit for working parents.
Parental Leave	Guaranteed.	Up to employer.
Increased federal student loans	YES	YES
Guaranteed basic health insurance	YES	NO

Sources: Candidate position papers, 1988 Democratic National Platform, 1988 Republican National Platform, The New York Times, & The Washington Post. Produced by The National Student Campaign for Voter Registration, 215 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20003 (202) 546-9707. NSCVR is a project of the Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs).

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