

Campus Comedian

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On Tuesday September 14, Comedian Michael Dean Ester performed in the new Weistling Student Center. The lounge atmosphere of the new interior added to the audience's anticipation before the show.

Ester started the show off well, but with minimal response from the audience. When he lowered his guard and began talking about the interests of college students, he soon had everyone laughing.

Probably his best strategy was to ask the audience questions throughout the show and base his jokes on their responses. It showed his originality. Once he got the feel of the audience, he was entertaining.

Halfway through the show, he made mention to the topic of terrorism. He said that many comedians wouldn't touch the subject out of fear for how audiences might react. He said that by attending college, enjoying campus events (such as his), making friends, and not living in fear, we were fighting terrorism. He acknowledged audience members who were part of, or had family or friends in, the military, and he applauded them all. It was a commendable approach.

The students who attended the show, many who came only because there was nothing else to do on campus, were shocked to find the show was better than they had expected from a place as small as Mont Alto.

The success of Ester's performance should increase attendance at other campus events this year.

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"SAF money can only be spent on students. The [SAF] committee is two-thirds students ... our vote actually matters more than the administration." Vomero recalls a particular situation last year when "the entire student group voted for the funding of the NYC bus trip and all of the staff/faculty voted against. The faculty/staff didn't like that the trip was the day before finals. Students won."

Mentz suggests that "we redistribute that money back to the students." He proposes a kind of "tax return."

Vomero says that "one of the goals of SAF is to allocate

the fee to the students who generate it. As it goes, there is not a process for giving back money left over."

On both sides, these students had an opinion, took a stand, and backed it up. This exchange between Vomero and Mentz shows that students on this campus are active and care about what is going on around them.

This newspaper encourages the expression of free speech and student opinion. Anyone that wants to comment on this, or any other issue concerning student affairs, is welcome to write to the editor at fourthwall@psu.edu.

Kickin' It with the Soccer Team

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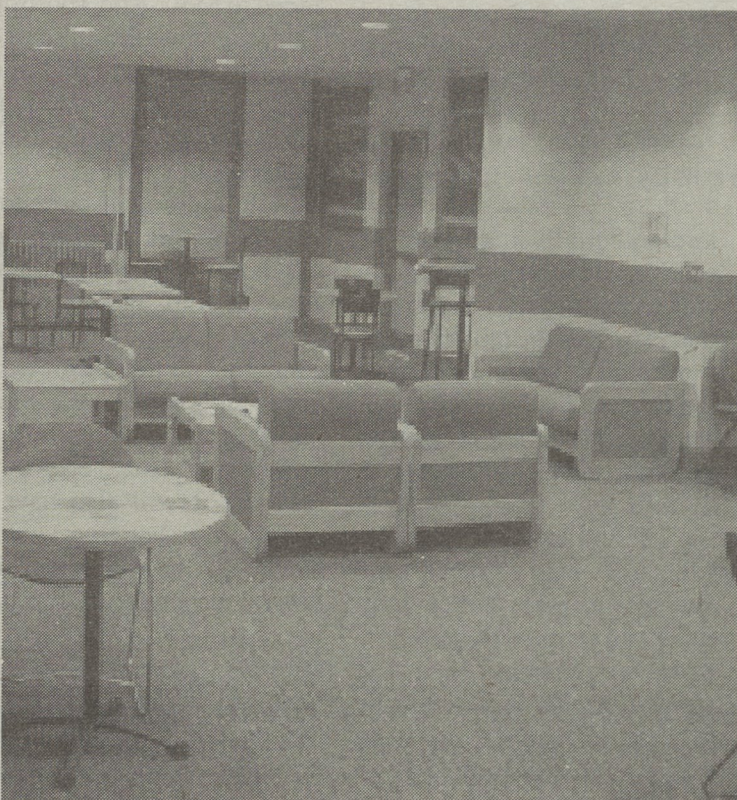
The first game Mont Alto's 2004 soccer team played was an away game against Penn State Wilkes Barre on September 8. With only ten players, the team walked onto a wet field. The loss of Matt to an injured ankle was a heavy blow for the team. Not giving up, Jeremiah Manifold scored a goal, but it wasn't enough for the team to pull all the way through at Wilkes Barre. The game ended 3-1, and we begin the season 0-1.

On Saturday, September 11, our second game was held at home against Penn State Delaware County. Even with a strong defense, Delaware was able to take a few shots. We blocked and recovered. Alex Stewart and Cole Daniel both scored and Mont Alto came away with a 2-0 win.

Another home game was held on the 14th against Penn State Schuylkill. Mont Alto started out slow. During halftime, Coach McKinney pushed the team to pick up the pace. Shin Goo and Jeremiah Manifold led the team to a 2-0 victory against Schuylkill.

Alfredo Gonzalez, the team captain, said, "It's going to take a good team to beat us.

We have a good shot at making playoffs this season. We are playing well and we know we can improve and there's a good connection between all of the players." I asked Alfredo how he feels about the coach's strategies. He answers, "He's a good coach because he's not all in your face and he's more relaxed."



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Planning for the Next 100 Years

Jim Vomero

Mont Alto Campus recently celebrated a century of educational excellence through a series of festivals and reunions. The series concluded with the Centennial Fellows Banquet, which recognized the accomplishments of students from the past 100 years. At the same time of this fanfare and celebration, the Alumni and campus community were also looking toward the future by developing the Ten-Year Campus Master Plan.

The Master Planning Committee conducted focus groups that included students, faculty, staff, local business leaders, local industry representatives, Alumni, and many Centennial Fellows. The mission of these individuals was to answer the question "what should Mont Alto Campus look like in ten years?"

The committee started with a vision: to become recognized as one of the best colleges in our region in teaching, learning, research, and outreach. These

four areas of concentration became the guideline for the future of Mont Alto. Through a series of meetings, over a span of several months, the committee created the Ten-Year Program Statement. The Program Statement highlights the campus resources and ambitions in several sections including academic programming, student support programming, student life support, demographic influences, competitive pressure, and a property analysis.

Mont Alto currently offers eight associate degree programs and five bachelor degree programs. The most successful of the programs are Nursing, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy. Approximately 25 percent of the students are currently enrolled in these Life Science programs. Continuing education has also played an extensive part of Mont Alto's programming by offering Weekend College, traditional coursework, and nine credit certificate programs such as Administration of Justice, Health Care Supervisory Leadership and the Paralegal program.

The Program Statement was designed to strengthen the many current academic successes of our campus, while also bringing in new programs that meet the needs of the changing communities and markets. The campus hopes to build on its existing relationships in the allied health fields with the possible addition of an associate degree in Radiological Sciences and foster stronger relationships with area health care providers. Mont Alto also hopes to expand the Human Development and Family

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