

Asimov, O'Neill to speak about future choices

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Gerard K. O'Neill and Isaac Asimov, two writers who deal with the future in their works, will be the speakers for Colloquy's Spring Term theme "Future Alternatives."

O'Neill, a professor of physics at Princeton University and winner of the 1977 Phi Beta Kappa award for best science book, will be on campus Wednesday to speak on the topic "The High Frontier," which is also the title of his latest book.

The topic concerns space colonization and what it would be like to live in a climate-controlled satellite orbiting the earth.

Asimov, who will be on campus April 29, is the author of "The Foundation Trilogy" and "The God's Themselves," will be talking about science and space.

Asimov has written numerous short stories and is a contributing author for *Omni* magazine. Asimov also has a science fiction magazine named after him.

Diana Shenk, a Colloquy member, said Colloquy is "doing well this term."

Shenk said the club has about 45 members, but not all are active. Topics for speakers are discussed and voted on at weekly meetings, she said.

Once a topic is chosen, the speakers committee is responsible for getting appropriate speakers. The committee, under the supervision of adviser Jeff Fremont, contacts agents for various organizations and arranges a contract. But sometimes Colloquy is propositioned, Fremont said.

"Agents contact us all the time and send literature on their speakers," Fremont said.

Colloquy President Dan Bollag said the club will not know until summer about the approval of its budget for next year from Associated Student Activities.

"They gave us a ceiling of \$20,000, which is the same as last year," Bollag said. "What ASA has to check is each item on our budget and compare it to last year's for any inconsistencies."

Although the club has a "huge list" of speakers and topics for next year, Bollag said Colloquy has had a hard time getting visibility.

"We are making a big effort to get more people involved," Bollag said. "We have a table set up at registration each term."

"It's a shame that more students don't know how to get involved. We have important programming for students," he said.

Women mudwrestle for charity funds

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While the Women's Mudwrestling tournament meant a goodtime and a good cause for the participants and spectators, the Delta Sigma Phi-sponsored event caused many to protest the action as sexist.

For one participant, Kristie Killam, the contest brought back fond childhood memories.

"It was a lot of fun and a neat feeling," said Killam, Primrose division champion. "It was like when you were a kid, back playing in the mud."

Killam and 12 other women fought in the mud at the fraternity this weekend and raised \$785 for the American Diabetes Association.

Funds were raised by selling beverages and collecting entrance fees and donations.

Michael Skrovaneck, Delta Sigma Phi president, said the event was successful and he was pleased with the turnout.

"Everyone had a good time — the participants, the brothers and the crowd," he said. "The girls were very competitive and seemed to take it seriously."

Skrovaneck said there were no injuries during the tournament and no complaints from the neighbors or the police department.

However, during the tournament, 12 men and women — not affiliated with any particular organization — picketed in front of the fraternity.

They carried signs that read "Raise money not sexism," "Women, isn't it time we stopped doing men's dirty work?" and "Wrestle problems not women."

Referring to the picketers, Skrovaneck said, "They had their right to voice their opinion."

"They didn't receive much attention except for some heckling from the crowd," he said.

The event took place on a 10-foot by 10-foot padded ring containing three inches of sterilized topsoil, donated by O.W. Houts and Sons Inc., West College Avenue and Buckhout Street.

The wrestlers competed in three weight divisions — Primrose-division, 95 to 115 pounds; Carnation division, 116 to 135 pounds; and Daffodil division, 136 pounds and heavier.

Killam, an independent, took first place in the Primrose division. Brooke Bensinger, Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity representative, finished first in the Carnation division and Beth Sekera, Theta Chi fraternity representative, came in first in the Daffodil division.

The women wrestled for three two-minute rounds. Between rounds, there was a 1½ minute break to allow contestants to rest and rinse off the mud.

The scoring system for the contest was similar to a regulation wrestling match, with points awarded for pins, takedowns and escapes. The contestant with the most points in each division won.

The picketers, though, did not view the match as a true contest. They said the tournament was sexist, and that it was exploiting women.

The tournament was another example of women being used as objects to be observed by men, they said, and an alternative event should have been chosen.

Carol Fritsch (6th-political science) said, "Mudwrestling is demeaning in itself and when it is women's mudwrestling, particularly, it is even more

demeaning." "It shows a very negative image of women and there are other things that they can do that demean no one and raise just as much money," Fritsch said.

The picketers said people sprayed water and threw mud and ice at them while they were picketing.

"If they didn't feel guilty, they wouldn't have been reacting the way they did," Melanie Lachs (5th-art history) said.

"We are making them feel bad." The picketers also said the audience and people involved with the tournament were not concerned with raising money for the Diabetes Association.

"What people are interested in here isn't charity, it's tits and ass," said Abby Edelman (graduate-geography).

However, most of the contestants said mudwrestling is not demeaning and they entered the competition to have fun and help raise money for a deserving charity.

Tara Keefe (6th-education) said, "Some people think that it is degrading — some of them are my good friends — but I think it is a fun way to raise money for a good cause."

Several women who came to watch the event said they came just to see

what mudwrestling was like and they were not offended by the tournament.

"We wanted to come out and see what it's all about," Clara Lombardi (9th-English) said. "It's for a good cause and it's fun — it wasn't meant to hurt anyone."

Linda Wentz (11th-nutrition), said, "It doesn't bother me — if that is what people want to do, they can do it."

Several men who watched the tournament said they came because they had never seen a mudwrestling tournament and wanted to have a good time. "I came just to see the girls throw themselves around in the mud," said Carl Volz (12th-marketing).

Rich Nolan (7th-business administration) said mudwrestling was fun to watch but the event was uncouth.

"I think it's hysterical but you wouldn't catch my girlfriend in there," Nolan said. "I think it's a little crude — the whole idea of wrestling in the mud."

Members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity at Washington and Jefferson College who were visiting the University for a basketball tournament said they thought the tournament was great.

"We have never seen anything like it," one said. "It was wild and if it was to raise money for charity, it was OK."



Referee Greg Steele declares a grimy Brooke Bensinger the Carnation division winner in Delta Sigma Phi fraternity's mudwrestling contest held Saturday.



A group of people, offended by the mudwrestling event, protested at the scene of the competition. The protestors said the event was demeaning to women.

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