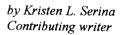


BIF makes Beaver a home away from home



right: Kirsten Rapp and Seong Joo Choi share a laugh.

far right: clockwise Pity Gonzalez, Timothy Seeberger, Heather Goodman, and Sara Joo take a second from the festivities to pose for a picture.



I have traveled to Europe three times in the past four years. In all the cities and countries that I visited, English was rarely used. I understood very little of the languages I heard spoken all around me. Most of the time there were people with me to translate, but there were many times that I was forced to fend for myself.

Trying to communicate was often difficult and frustrating, particularly because of my severely limited vocabu-



lary. Because of the frustrations I faced in my own travels, I volunteered for the Beaver International Friendship Program (BIF).

BIF is a great way for international students to become more familiar with the English language. They are able to expand their vocabularies by interacting with American students and faculty here at Beaver College.

On September 19, BIF held this year's first meeting in Heinz Lobby. Twenty-six ALA students and 29 Beaver staff/students attended.

The two groups had the opportunity

to interact through conversation and games. Tacos and terrific pasta were served. By the second meeting on October 9, ALA students and Beaver participants had been paired in order to get acquainted on a more personal level.

At the BIF party, Dyani Hugo led everyone in a multi-language adaptation of Pictionary. This enabled the ALA students to use their English conversation skills and gave the Beaver contingent a chance to learn more about their partners Æ home countries.

The next formal BIF activity will be on Thursday, November 14 at 5:30 p.m.

in Heinz Lobby. A scavenger hunt, followed by a light supper, is planned. More Beaver participants are needed! (Call Jan Finn at x2867 or Susan Logan x2333 for details.)

By volunteering a few hours to participate in BIF activities and be in weekly contact with my partner, I have helped an international student overcome some of his language and communication difficulties. I have not only learned more about other countries and their customs but I have also made new friends!



Beaver community helps others by giving blood

by Adam DeBaecke Staff writer

On Wednesday October 23 and Thursday October 24, the American Red Cross and Beaver College organized a blood drive on campus in the aerobics room at the Kuch Center. The Red Cross workers said they were pleased with the turnout on both days.

There were enough donors to keep Red Cross busy, but the room was never overly crowded. Students, faculty, and even the school president Dr. Bette Landman stopped by, either with or without an appointment, to donate a pint of blood.

Each donor had to fill out a questionnaire, then answer some questions asked by one of the workers. Next, a small sample of blood was taken to determine iron count, and if this count was satisfactory a full pint of blood could be donated.

After getting the okay to donate, I went over to one of the beds and laid down and waited for someone to take care of me. After staring up at the ceiling for a brief while, someone came over and took my blood pressure and pulse and tried to find a suitable vein.

Then came the needle. After twisting and moving the needle around inside my arm without finding a vein, the

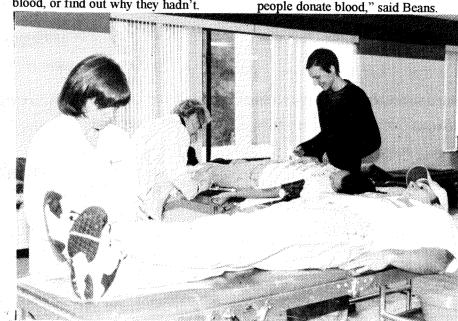
worker took it out of my arm. She gave me a piece of cloth to soak up the small amount of blood and then she looked for a vein in my right arm. Unable to find a satisfactory one, I was done for the day. But the nice people of the Red Cross did let me have a doughnut and iced tea, which I graciously accepted.

Now with my ordeal out of the way, it was time to find others who had given blood, or find out why they hadn't.

Most donors gave blood simply because it makes them feel to help others.

Many had given blood in the past, one student, Maggie Beans, even had the same Red Cross worker stab her with a needle that she had in her senior year in high school.

"I was shocked that she would recognize me after seeing so many other



Beaver students, faculty and staff came out to the Kuch Center last week to show the Red Cross how much they care. Red Cross workers said they were pleased with the steady flow of people.

photo by Maura Gleeson

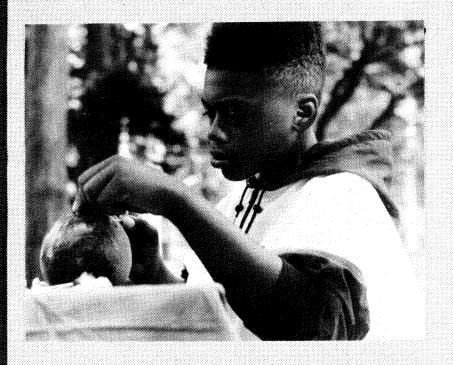
Some students refuse to give blood for a number of reasons, whether it be a fear of contracting a disease or simply a belief that they lose enough blood cutting themselves shaving.

Jennie Briggs tried to give blood, but she had the same problem I did. She said, she didn't enjoy being stuck in the arm with a needle, but she was given a Red Cross sticker and she was happy again.

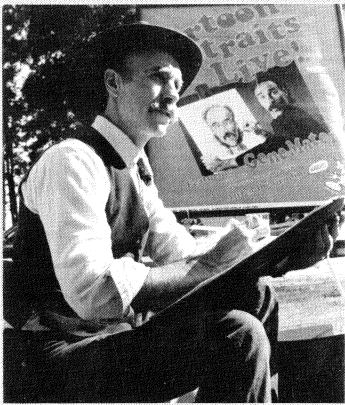
All in all, everyone involved in the blood drive was pleased with it's success. Nevertheless, they would like to see more donors the next time they run a blood drive on campus. So keep your ears open for information, and I hope to see you at the next blood drive.

Family Album









Beaver students and their families enjoyed a fun-filled weekend that included face painting, pumpkin decorating, puzzles, a caricaturist and much, much more.

Photos by Maura Gleeson

Spending time with family

by Ji Won Baek Staff writer

Family weekend, the annual event of Beaver College took place from Oct. 11-13. "Voyages of Discovery: Celebrating the Age of Exploration" was this year's theme.

The weekend began on Friday with classroom visits and "The Melting Pot" buffet dinner in the Castle. During the dinner, special entertainment was performed by students of the American Language Academy. There was also a singing group that performed in the Grand Hall of Grey Towers.

On Saturday, buses left for the Philadelphia tour at 9:30 a.m., and for those who chose to hang around campus, an introduction to the internet was offered in Boyer, a reception for parents of Beaver athletes was held in the Kuch Center lobby, and "The Columbus Day Sail" played in the Little Theater until noon.

Marie Gunning was among the many proud parents who were cheering for their favorite Beaver athletes. "I love this program. This is a really good

chance to look around campus," she said, while watching her son John play soccer. "This is a great idea."

In the afternoon, many students, along with their parents and other family members enjoyed various events on campus. There was a barbecue on the castle lawn with country fair, fork dancing, games, and tours of Grey Towers.

Some watched jugglers and clowns put on a performance, while others were getting their faces and pumpkins painted, or they were taking part of the other activities that the various campus organizations offered.

Vickie Cohen, mother of Aaron, a freshman, played the ball toss game prepared by Hillel. "It's a good chance getting to know other parents and to see Philadelphia," said Cohen.

The day ended with "Spoon River Anthology," in which playcrafters of Skippack brought their acclaimed production

On Sunday, Family weekend closed with a screening of "Weapons of the Spirit" in the library gallery. Families had brunch together and ended the pleasant and meaningful three days.



Seniors:

Did you remember to sign up for the Alumni Career Networking Luncheon?

It is a great opportunity to talk to Beaver College alumni about future career possibilities in your field of interest.

The luncheon is on Friday, November 15 from noon - 2 p.m. in the Castle and it is free!

If you have not signed up, stop by Career Services or call 572-2939 to reserve your place by Friday, November 8!

It's your vote: Democratic Or Republican?

Democrats offering Clinton as bridge to the future

David Wade Special to NSNS President of the College Democrats of America

I speak to you not just as a student, or as a young person, or as a member of some "interest group," but as a voter. You need to take these elections seriously. Because with the oppor-

tunity to vote this fall comes the responsibility of making a sound decision, of voting for the candidate who understands that this country needs to move forward into the twenty-first century.

That's an awesome responsibility for you. But as a voter, it's a

challenge you must meet. Ask yourself: what does America need to be ready for the twenty-first century? Think about the future and what it will demand of your country, and choose the candidate who can meet those challenges and protect your values in changing times.

I think President Clinton and the Democrats have the answer. They believe in expanding opportunity through education. Expanding opportunity means funding Head Start and Goals 2000 so we start off on the right foot. It means protecting student loans. It means expanding the Federal Direct

What is ALA?

Lending Program that makes student loans faster, cheaper and easier to receive. It means creating HOPE Scholarships and tax deductions for higher education. It means fighting for Americorps so that young people can develop a sense of community while earning money for college.

That's the answer for a new age - a vision that gives us all the opportunity to move forward together so long as we're willing to take responsibility for ourselves and our community. It's an attitude about this country that helped create 10 million jobs in the last four years, while cutting the deficit in

half and reducing the size of the government. That's Bill Clinton and Al Gore's view of the world, a world of great possibili-

As a voter, you can make the choice. And it's a real choice about your own future. You have a tool in this process: your

vote. And your vote matters as much as mine, as much as President Clinton's, or Vice President Gore's. But you have more at stake in this election. The future you shape is your own. The country you affect is the country you're going to inherit. And with that vote you make a choice. To me the choice is clear. Vote for President Clinton and Vice President Gore.

(Wade is a senior at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island)

Republicans say Dole has character and integrity

Joe Galli Special to NSNS College Republican National Chair

As we enter the final stages of the 1996 presidential campaign, it is becoming increasingly clear that only one candidate has the character, integrity, and sold economic and social agenda to successfully navigate this country into the 21st century. That man is Bob Dole.

Dole led the fight in the U.S. Senate to pass the first balanced budget in 26 years. He realized that Washington was sacrificing young people's futures by failing to have the discipline to reduce government spending. Clinton has refused to show the kind of fiscal responsibility he

bragged about in the '92 campaign by vetoing a balanced budget. In addition, Dole led the fight to stop passage of the Clinton tax plan -- the largest tax increase in American history. What Clinton didn't understand then was that the problem in this country is not that people are under taxed, but the government spends too much. Dole's 15 percent across the board tax cut will benefit all Americans by allowing them to keep more of what they earn. Now 40 percent of what Americans earn now is taxed by

the government. For a young person just starting a career that means less money in their pocket to buy a home, a car, a personal computer or invest in their future. Dole believes in less government power and more personal freedom and responsibility. Dole's tax cut and economic plan will mean that young Americans will have more opportunity and more of an ability to live the American dream and aspire to a better life than that of their parents.

In addition to their economic future, young Americans often express concern that their educational opportu-

nities are in jeopardy. Clinton advocates a government-funded and administered "direct loan" program that the Congressional Budget Office says is more expensive to taxpayers. Dole favors reforming the "direct loan" delivery system in favor of private funding and management.

The problem with the Clinton-backed status quo

for educational loans is that direct government lending uses federal debt to capitalize the nation's college loan programs. This approach would unnecessarily add \$350 billion to America's national debt.

For many Americans, particularly young people, the Oval Office represents a goal and an ideal. Dole is an American hero. When America called, Bob Dole answered. Young Americans can admire and respect him for his life, courage and willingness to stand for what he believes.

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College Democrats

OFAMERICA

by Sunny Yoo Staff writer

With the arrival of 18 new students from all over the world, a new term for the ALA began on October 22. We all know that ALA stands for American Language Academy Institute - don't we? What else do know about it?

ALA was established at Beaver in 1975 with one student enrolled. Yes, you read it correctly, just one student. Wouldn't you just love all the attention you would get from the teachers - not to mention always being at the head of your class?

Today ALA consists of 15 faculty members, and 85 students representing a diverse group of ethnic backgrounds from 18 different countries. Most of them stay with host families and others live on campus.

"It's been a very warm and successful relationship we have had with Beaver," commented Larry Hoeltzel, director of ALA since 1978.

During the last week of September, ALA moved to its new office in the basement of Kistler Hall. The new facilities are also home to a new computer lab for ALA students.

ALA students study 25 hours a week, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, with classes in Boyer, Taylor and Kistler.

"This might seem like long hours, but since the purpose of these students is to learn English, some instructors even wish they had more hours in a day," explained Hoeltzel.

Some of the extensive activities involve exploring this country, including trips to major cities such as New York and Boston, and even to Niagara

Falls and Canada.

Most importantly, ALA students are interested in participation and involvement with the Beaver community. Friendship with Beaver students is important for exchange of ideas, different cultures, different philosophies, and for language exchange.

"The students are actively participating in Beaver activities," said Karen Santiago, assistant to the director, and also an instructor for level five Reading, Listening and Speaking class.

Santiago's class participated in Rock the Vote and had a chance to vote for the presidential candidate of their choice. Her class also uses The Tower as a reading reference from which the students give oral summaries of the arti-

According to Susan Logan, director of Computer Assisted Language Learning, ALA students also appoint and supervise two ALA representatives for Student Government.

The active participation of ALA students helps Beaver fulfill its mission statement, and achieve its definition of education excellence by preparing Beaver students "for life in a rapidly changing global society," and giving them "an understanding of the integral relationships among the peoples of the world."

"Beaver College is their [ALA students] chosen home away from home," said Hoeltzel. "More than anything they wish to be a part of the Beaver commu-

Beaver extends a warm welcome to ALA'S newest members, and for all of you ALA students out there, we wish you good luck!

Want to stop smoking? Don't want to stop smoking? Confused?

College

National

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Committee

Most smokers are.

If you want to explore this idea and support the effort of the Great American Smokeout on November 21st, attend a series of weekly, lunchtime (brown bag) sessions, which will take place in the Heinz Basement Conference Room.

> Wednesday, Nov 13, 12:00 - 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, Nov 20, 12:00 - 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, Nov 26, 12:00 - 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, Dec 4, 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

> > Beverages will be provided

This is the Fresh Start Program of the American Cancer Society. Sponsored by the Wellness Center and the Beaver College AOD Program. For more information or to register, call X2966 or X4020.

SPOTLIGHT STUDENT

Dan Williams: Third time's a charm

by Cynthia Wilson Staff writer

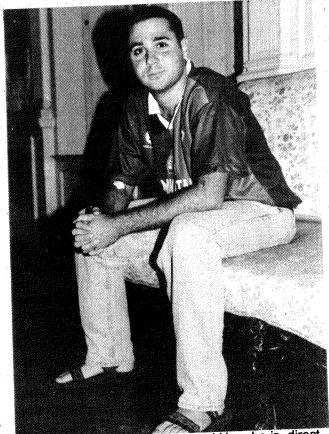
All the frustration left him as he finally was announced Mr. Beaver 1996 on October 19 in the Kuch Center, said Dan Williams, senior, accounting major.

"It was the deepest and longest exhale of my life," he added.

After his third year of being a contestant, it was finally his time for the title. The win was not only for the castle, but it was also for the girls who supported him last year, Williams said.

The idea for the Robin Williams theme came from Jen Lumupo. As she walked into a meeting in the castle for Mr. Beaver, they were the first words out of her mouth, he said. Adding that it took a while for the idea to set in, but once it did they realized that it had many possibilities and it was something they could be diverse with.

Williams said, they practiced for the contest one or two hours every year, he said, and more respect was given from the audience.



The genie's wish finally came true! Here he is, direct night for a week. He also said, there from the lamp, Mr. Beaver 1996, Dan Williams. After were more people at the contest this three years of competing, it's Williams' turn in the spotlight.

Though limited by sight, the toughest competitors from William's perspective were Jon Faber, who placed third, and Jeremy Reifsnyder, the second place winner. "Jeremy should be real proud of himself," said Williams. "But, overall everybody did a good job."

The flow of events during the show was a lot better this year with the comedian, he said. Brian Conti and Chris Coia, special events co-chairs for the Student Programming Board (SPB), made sure everything was ready to go; it was put together great, he added.

"I would like to thank everybody for coming up to me after it was over, all the castle guys for supporting me again this year, and for everybody that came to the show," said Williams. " This just proves that a Beaver College event can be excit-

What's **Happening** NOVEMBER

Masquerade Ball 9 pm Castle

SPB Film: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" 8 pm Stitler

D.J. Dance 10 pm Castle

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Roots of Puerto Rican Music

> 7 pm Castle

> > 13

Hypnotist Mark Pitman 9 pm Castle

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IVCF Skit Night 8 pm Kistler Lobby

15 & 16

SPB Film: "Phenomenon" 8 pm Stitler

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Monotony Breaker in the Dining Hall "Thanksgiving Feast"

PROFILE

Dr. Bob Thompson: Keeping Beaver informed about politics



Dr. Bob Thompson stresses the important role politics plays in all of our lives, and believes that everyone should take an interest in politics.

photo by Maura Gleeson

by Valerie Turner Features\Entertainment Editor

Dr. Bob Thompson is a Political Science teacher here at Beaver College, who says everyone should take an interest in politics because no matter what your career choice is it will be affected

Thompson is originally from

Brooklyn, New York, hence his great love for the Yankees. He received his Bachelor's degree from Gettysburg College, his Ph.D. from the American University in Washington D.C., and his Master's degree from the University of Maryland.

In 1974 Thompson began teaching at Luther College in Iowa. He taught there until 1985, and in 1986 he began teaching at Reaver.

Thompson teaches American Politics, American Political Thought, The Presidency, Justice, and Pluralism. His focus, however is on International Politics and Foreign Policy. Thompson's interest

of study and teaching is on Russian Politics. In 1988 he was

awarded the Fulbright Scholarship to pay for his travels to study foreign politics. He has been to Russia four times, and has also been to Hungary, Old Yugoslavia, Berlin, and Poland.

In December 1992 Thompson took his ID 181 students to Russia to learn about Russian politics. Someday, Thompson said, he would like to take that trip again.

Thompson has worked hard to establish politics as a fixed part of Beaver College's curriculum. He worked eight years to establish the Justice and Pluralism classes that are now an important part of Beaver's requirements.

He also worked on the Internationalization Committee to establish ways that will help internationalize the Beaver College Community.

Beaver College has awarded Thompson several faculty development awards for his travel. These travels aid him in helping Beaver to become more internationalized. He uses his international study and knowledge to teach his classes.

This year in his American Politics course Thompson enjoyed election discussions. He said he loves having the opportunity to have this class every four years. This year he compared our election to that of Russia's since this is Russia's first year of having a democrat-If Thompson is not teaching politics

or studying politics, he can be found working out Kuch Center, or enjoying a Yankees game. He said, he enjoys teaching at Beaver because of the wide variety of

students here and the range of ideas on politics. Thompson just hopes that everyone will take an interest in politics, because it is important in all areas of life.

Rock the votell Tuesday is election day, so get up off your butt and vote



"What is the most creative solution you can devise you resolve the parking lot problem on campus?"



Staci Grubb Senior

"Beaver should build a multi-million dollar parking establishment with valet parking to be completed in the year 2000, which means it will be finished by the year 3000."



Karla DeGraffti **Junior**

"Park at Michael's."



Walt Cadmus Senior

"Rather than throwing money away frivolously, the school should splurge for a parking garage. Tearing down trees in several different places on campus and building smaller parking places are not helping where are one single space built up would help."



Aleksandra Padus Senior

"They should build a building for parking lots."

Everybody is talking about what I did last night, but I can't remember



About 1 out of 4 Beaver College drinkers reported a memory loss associated with drinking (black-out)

-Fall 1995 Core Survey

--While in black-out, college students engage in a wide range of high risk behaviors: driving, getting into fights, having sex with people other than their partners.

-- Due to black-outs, students report increased emotional stress, including trouble sleeping, intrusive thoughts about the event, waves of strong feelings about the incident.

Qtd. in Journal of Alcohol and Drug Ed., v40, No. 3, Spring 1995

For more info about alcohol and drugs, call Fran Pollock at X4020

Dear Lane,

Dear Lane,

Last weekend when my mother was visiting for parents' weekend, she told me that she and my dad were getting a divorce. This didn't surprise me because they always seem to be mad at each other, but now that it's a final decision, I'm really upset about it. I can't concentrate on my work. I don't know why, but I feel really scared.

Signed, "Lost"

Dear "Lost",

Even when you see it coming, a divorce impacts on everyone in a family. The familiar structure of your family as you know it is suddenly being shaken up and you now are faced with dealing with an unknown situation. Even though your family functioned in a conflictual way, it was predictable to you and therefore, on some level, probably felt secure. The unpredictability in how your family will operate in the future can feel quite stressful and may explain why you feel scared.

It is normal to have a strong emotional reaction to news of your parents' divorce. Sometimes these feelings are confusing and/or don't seem to make sense. Don't hold your feelings inside; find people you trust to express your thoughts and feelings to them. Find others who have been through similar experiences who can relate to what you are going through.

If you can, try to get as much information from your parents as you need to know about what is going to happen. Approach your parents directly to get your questions answered. Focus on what you need to know for your plans, rather than on private information that belongs between your parents.

If your distress persists and you feel it is interfering with your academic work, seek help from a professional who can assist you in moving through this crisis and help you in regaining your balance.

If you have a question or concern you would like to see addressed in this column, write to "Dear Lane" c/o Dr. Lane Neubauer in the Beaver College Counseling Center (Heinz Hall, ground floor) or via e-mail to NEUBAUER@beaver.edu.

THE TOWER

Little. Yellow. Different.

Music Review

Almost Forgotten

by Frank Choi Contributing writer

How many of you thought the Counting Crows went to the unmerciful grave of the one- hit wonder? Me too. Fortunately, the band has regrouped to bring us their new collection of music. Entitled Recovering the Satellites, the album is a more energetic piece of work as compared to the band's 1993 debut August and Everything After.

The first release from the Crows is "Angels of the Silences." Now don't be alarmed by the distorted guitars and pounding drums, because if you lis-

ten closely, it is still the Counting Crows. The melody and poetically written lyrics that made the band an overnight success is still running strong.

At first listen, the new album will seem to have more of an aggressive tone to it. The song "Have You Seen Me Lately" starts with heavy grunge gui-

tars, but then whips right into a melodic ensemble of honky-tonk pianos, feverish guitars, and racing drums. Frontman Adam Duritz weaves in an out of shouts and groans, keeping the energy level high at all times.

For those of you who miss the Crows' subtle sweetness, you will not be disappointed by Recovering the Satellites. There are plenty of slow-moving beats and beautifully depressing melodies. "Miller's Angels" is an incredibly heartfelt ballad that could just wash that smile right off of your face. The smooth strumming guitar work and the whining voice of Duritz in "Goodnight Elizabeth" sends the listener into a world of cold evenings and crescent moons.

One of the most notable changes

within the "Counting Crows sound" is the guitar workmanship. Recovering the Satellites proves that guitarists Dan Vickrey and David Bryson are not just idle simple-chord strummers. There are fuller sounding guitars and masterfully placed and performed solos. Vickrey and Bryson not only play and accentuate more guitar phrases in the solos, but throughout all of the songs.

What has not changed within the Counting Crows is Adam Duritz's superb lyrical poetry. Each song displays Duritz's gently storytelling style,

> and his naturally creative talent for selfanalysis.

> > Duritz shows
> > this in such songs as
> > "Catapult" where he
> > screams, "all of
> > these quiet battered
> > voices/ wait for
> > the hunger to
> > come/ we got little revolvers and
> > stupid choices/
> > and no one to
> > say when we're
> > done/ (Well I

don't wanna bring

you down)."

The softer, more analytical side of Duritz is shown in "Daylight Fading" as he smoothly sings, "Daylight fading/ Come and waste another year/ All the anger and the eloquence are bleeding into fear/ Moonlight creeping around the corners of our lawn/ When we see the early signs that daylight's fading/ We leave just before it's gone."

Overall, Recovering the Satellites shines as a testimony to the brilliance of Adam Duritz's songwriting, and the growth that the Counting Crows have undergone in their arrangement and instrumentation. But most of all, the album reminds us to appreciate the poignant and poetic, lyrically and melodically.

Frank's rating: A

AROUND THE TOWN

Annenberg Center

University of Pennsylvania 3680 Walnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19104 898-6791

> November 4 7 p.m. a reading of Judith's Story Free admission

November 13 & 15
Shakespeare's
Much Ado About Nothing
student tickets only \$12
For show times
call the box office

Keswick Theater

Easton Road & Keswick Avenue Glenside, PA 19038

November 15
8 p.m.

"Life According to
Four Bitchin' Babes"
concert hosted by WXPN-FM
tickets \$18.50

2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

"Can-Can"

National

Touring Company

tickets \$25

For more information

November 16

The Franklin Institute 222 North 20th Street Philadelphia, PA 19103 448-1208

November 9-10
Sound Effects Weekend

November 21
Classic Rock Laser Celebration
Pink Floyd Fest

Now thru January 5, 1997 Movie Special Effects the Exhibit

Now thru June 12, 1997
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Can Happen"
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Cheltenham Center for the Arts

439 Ashbourne Road Cheltenham, PA 19012 379-4660

November 6-24
The Glass Menagerie
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ALUMNI CAREER NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Connecting students and alumni for career success

Friday, November 15, 1996 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Grey Towers Castle

Seniors: Mark the date on your calendar and watch for your invitation.

