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Community on air



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Allegheny College Professor of Communication Arts Mike Keeley walks through the television studio where a new community affairs program, 'Live from the Vuk,' is produced.

INSIDE: Lights! Camera! Action! Partnership between Crawford Heritage Community Foundation and Allegheny College students and faculty yields TV show about life on and off campus, **Page A2**



INSIDE TODAY

Accountant: Orié 'thefts' don't add up

A forensic accountant testifying for Republican state Sen. Jane Orié said the prosecution's estimate the senator's staff illegally did more than \$700,000 worth of political campaign and fundraising work since 2001 for the senator and her state Supreme Court justice sister just doesn't add up.

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'Gas attack' against documentary

The natural gas industry has spent months attacking the documentary "Gasland" as a deeply flawed piece of propaganda. After it was nominated for an Oscar, an industry-sponsored PR group asked the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to reconsider the film's eligibility.

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Heating help available

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. reminds its customers that heating assistance is available for eligible customers facing difficulties in paying their energy bills.

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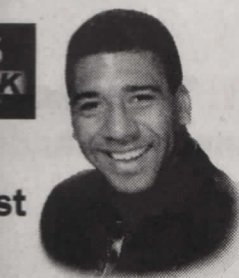
Crawford County Fairgrounds

High bids may quash dairy barn project

By Keith Gushard

Five bids were opened Friday at the Crawford opening, said the county had replacement

College, area connect through TV-camera lens



By Ryan Smith
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Responding to questions during an on-set interview late last year, Meadville Mayor Christopher Soff said he'd "love to see" Allegheny College's student body bring more of the college's programs into and around the city.

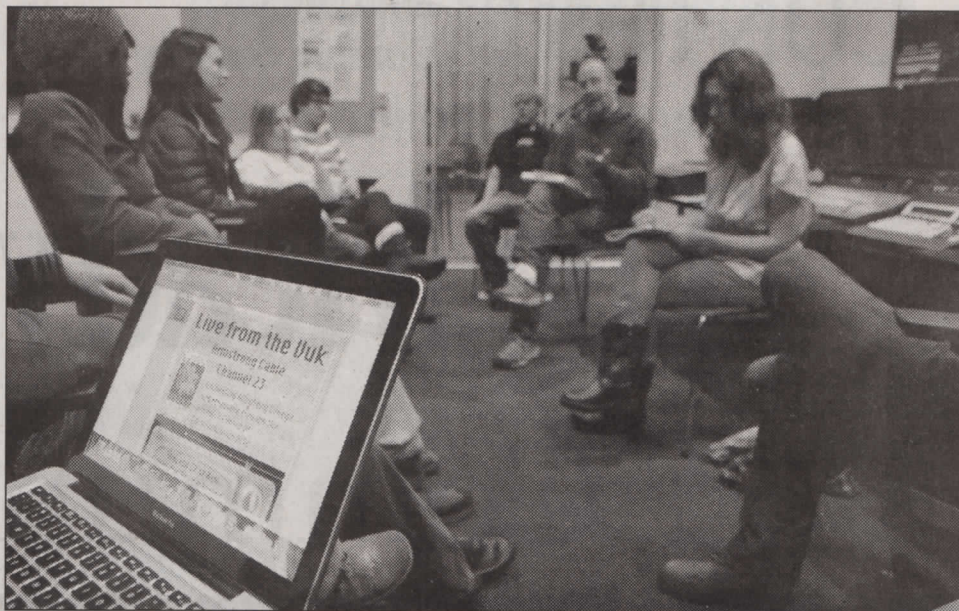
Starting Sunday, a new TV show that's doing just that — and highlighting different aspects of the community-at-large as well — is hitting local airwaves. "Live from the Vuk," a new series being produced through a working partnership between Allegheny's communication arts students and faculty and the Meadville-based Crawford Heritage Community Foundation, is set to be shown on Armstrong cable and Allegheny's on-campus ACTV, with plans for about four new episodes over the course of each semester.

Each show is broken up into segments that show life on campus, some of what's happening in the community, and what recipients of Heritage Foundation grants are doing locally with funds they've received from the foundation. "Live from the Vuk" is "a good way to bring the college and community together," said show adviser Mike Keeley, a professor of communication arts at Allegheny.

"We need more outlets for talking about things going on in the community," said



Mike Keeley, a professor of communication arts at Allegheny College, is the show's adviser.



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Students working on the 'Live from the Vuk' television program hold an organizational meeting Friday afternoon in the Vukovich Center of Communication Arts at Allegheny College. The show will air on Armstrong channel 23 beginning Sunday morning at 8.

YOU CAN WATCH

The new community and campus affairs program "Live from the Vuk" premieres Sunday on Armstrong channel 23 at 8 a.m. and will be broadcast again on Monday at 9:30 a.m. and 9 p.m.; Tuesday at 9 a.m.; Wednesday at 12:30 and 11 p.m.; Thursday at 11 a.m.; and Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Christian Maher, executive director of the Heritage Foundation and one of the show's co-hosts.

The goal, according to Keeley, Maher and the students tasked with producing each episode, is to present timely, interesting, relevant and entertaining material to local audiences. So far, tapings have included interviews with local leaders like Soff, Allegheny President James Mullen, and Caryl Waggett, an Allegheny professor who's used a Heritage Foundation grant to help the Healthy Homes Healthy Children program that works with local residents to identify and remove lead-based paint and other hazardous materials from homes.

Organizers said future shows may include segments

on local arts and entertainment — including live musical performances from local acts — as well as stories focusing on a variety of local organizations and institutions.

"We're looking for people who are making a difference in the community," said Maher, locals "who are leaders, and who are making our community a better place," and others "who are doing



Christian Maher, executive director of the Crawford Heritage Community Foundation, is a co-host of the show.

things that are energizing (Allegheny) students and making campus an exciting place."

Of course, pulling that off takes teamwork, and a lot of it. A group of about 25 Allegheny students are actively involved in ACTV, according to Ben Goldstein, president of the station's student-run executive board. Those who have become involved with "Live from the Vuk" are tasked with everything from camera-shooting to directing to interviewing to editing, he and Keeley said.

"We have (students) from freshmen to seniors" working on each episode, Keeley said, and "if they didn't have experience" in producing such a show before, "they're getting some on the fly here."

Sunday's premiere — featuring the interview with Soff and more — is set to air on Armstrong channel 23 at 8 a.m.

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Storm leaves wet snow, crashes

Saturday, Feb. 26

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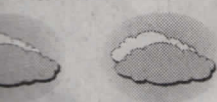


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