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Transition committee continues plans

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Leader. Fund-raiser. Figure-head. Professor. Friend. In today's changing world, the chief administrator of a college or university must wear many hats, finding a balance between education, business, and public relations.

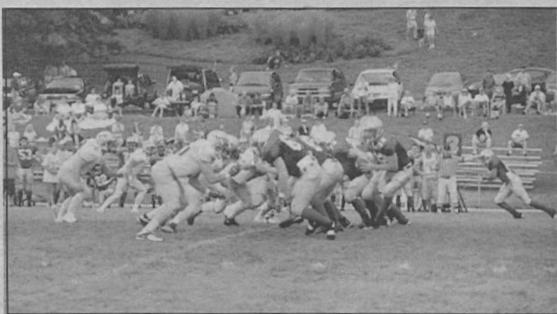
Following the unexpected resignation last year of President Robert Chambers, the board of trustees continued the plan to search for an eighth president over the summer.

To ascertain the qualities needed in the college's eighth president, Interim President Joan Coley explained, the Chairman of the board, Mr. James Melhorn, established a transition committee to draft a set of guidelines for use in the search process. The committee, still active, consists of sixteen people—eight trustees, four administrators and staff members, three professors, and one student.

The committee began its work consulting three professional firms which conduct nationwide searches for higher education hiring. Each of the firms, said Coley, "immediately suggested that the college look at its own strengths and needs, called a Validation Study, to figure out the criteria for a new president."

According to student committee

Terror slips, breaks 30-game winning streak



MATT HURFF

The Green Terror football team opened the season with a surprising 19-7 defeat on Saturday against Bridgewater ending their 30 game regular-season winning streak. In-depth coverage begins on page eight.

member Amanda Cline, the board hired a private consultant, who produced a 50-page document summarizing his research on the college. Coley explained that to generate the report, "the consultant interviewed more than 60 people and read almost everything the college has written about itself." He spoke with students, faculty, and staff to assess the present administration and create a model for what roles the college's new president will need to fill.

Like all matters presently in the committee's hands, the report is confidential. According to Joyce Muller, associate vice president for Public Relations and Mar-

keting, the report was presented to the committee and board in mid-July, and "the board is expected to decide at its next meeting in mid-October how to proceed with the current information."

Cline, a senior sociology major, is responsible for representing the student body and their opinions. Cline said, "As a student, [the committee members] really...have taken my suggestions into serious consideration."

Regardless of student input, selecting a new president ultimately is the board's decision, however, Coley expressed her contentment that the board of trustees is "consulting all constituencies of the campus to

arrive at their decision."

Although the committee has not placed any ads for the position, several resumes have been received, according to a member of the board. Coley is among the applicants.

Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre said, "Joan [Coley] has consistently been called upon to lead the college when unexpected openings occurred; and she has consistently performed very well in those functions. As interim president, she has done more than just keep things going; she has built momentum. I think she'd be a very good president, permanently."

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Crowded rooms and room service: Students encounter temporary housing shortages

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As the new school year began some freshmen found themselves in cramped dorm rooms while other students found themselves without dorm rooms at all.

Due to an unpredictable room cancellation rate, 32 designated double rooms in Rouzer Hall and Whiteford Hall were turned into triple rooms. And, returning students, who were planning to live in new houses - 189 Pennsylvania Ave. and McDaniel House—found themselves living at the nearby Best Western, since renovations to the facilities are not yet complete.

While the housing situations may be trying at times, director of Housing Beth Rosko said that they

are only temporary.

Freshman Jessica Fisher, who currently shares a Whiteford Hall room with two roommates said, "We all get along, it can just get cramped at times."

And the rooms have proven to only accommodate two people, she explained.

Fisher said that some difficulties include splitting two closets between three people and sharing four electrical outlets. But the biggest problem, she said, is having three computers in the room.

Fisher said that she hears most of her classmates asking the same question, "Why did they take so many people if they didn't have enough room?" One of Fisher's roommates, freshman Cyndi

Nicoli, said that many people are upset that it's crowded.

While there may seem like a lot of triples, Rosko said that in 1996 there were 40—the highest amount she knows of.

Dean of Admissions Martha O'Connell explained that there is no way to predict the exact amount of room openings that will be available because some students decide at the last minute to live off campus or leave the college all together.

The goal she said, is to keep the college at its maximum capacity, which she feels also helps campus life.

"If we only went with doubles, we would end up with empty spaces when all was said and done," she said. "We don't want to be operat-

ing a college with empty rooms."

O'Connell also stressed that the triples are a temporary situation until everything gets settled for the first semester.

Whiteford resident assistant, Heidi Nowack said that there are three triples on the third floor. "One more person in each room isn't making that big of a difference," she said.

Meanwhile, students who are awaiting the completion of houses are currently living at Best Western.

Rosko said that the students are being accommodated with a shuttle to and from the campus, and get to enjoy the comforts of air conditioning, double beds, and maid service.

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Fall semester brings changes

JESSICA FITZGERALD
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As WMC students returned to classes, they were greeted by quite a few big changes—a limited 4th meal selection, increased parking rates, and the installation of the Ethernet.

While some changes have been welcomed by students, others have caused some dissatisfaction.

The 4th meal, offered in the Grill or commonly called "Pub," now only offers nine menu options—a significant decrease in choices from the once unhindered full menu.

Choices now consist of the tuna sub and chicken tenders, excluding popular choices such as the chicken tender sub, turkey club, and popcorn chicken.

Junior Lauren Cernak said she is still adjusting to the new menu. "I like all the things, but depending on my mood, I'm sometimes not in the mood for these nine choices," she said.

Glancing at the new menu, sophomore Alex Lindrum questioned whether the change is related to the college's budget.

However, Alan Dolid, director of Food Services, says that the new menu was not created due to budget restrictions, but in response to students complaints that the Pub took too long to serve 4th meals.

Time-consuming items, such as the turkey club, which many stu-

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Inside Commentary

BJ Shorb urges students to accept the new plus/minus grading system to be implemented this fall for all students.

Features
Are you a student at WMC for the first time? Read Kate Esposito's humorous tips for surviving your college experience.

Sports
Matt Hurff highlights the volleyball team and their chances of capturing the Centennial Conference crown again.

Transition committee working to hire a new college president

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Of her own candidacy, Coley acknowledged that she "loves" the job and would like to keep the position despite her original certainty that it was not for her.

"When I first took this position, I offered to write the board asking them not to consider my resume. I was told that wasn't necessary, so I didn't," said Coley.

As time passed, she began to assess the needs of the college and realized the presidency is compatible with her ambitions.

"I know everyone here. I love this college. No one could be brought in from outside who would so immediately and completely be a part of this place," she added.

Neither Cline nor Muller could discuss their own opinions or if any applicant is being considered, due to the confidential nature of the committee's work.

Sayre, who is not a member of the committee, offered his own opinion. "I think the president of this college needs to have a vi-

sion of the high-quality liberal arts education is offered here, and how the college can further that goal. In today's world, that job has two aspects: fund-raising and generally improving the name of the school...and also setting the tone for the daily operation of the place."

Muller did agree that the new president would need to focus much energy on fund-raising, and said that, "while we've moved ahead, our endowment is still far behind

those of similar schools, and a new president would need to work on that."

The endowment, as of the close of fiscal year 2000, was at \$51.5 million.

Capital improvements, that have been going on in academic buildings for ten years now, are also a concern.

Sayre is particularly concerned with the residence halls and has put forth a proposal to build a new one, to alleviate tripling and allow for improvements in the others.

Student Research and Creativity Grants for Fall 2000

The deadline for applications for student research and creativity grants for Fall, 2000 is September 29, 2000.

To apply for an award, a student must have a WMC grade point average of 3.2 and obtain the direct involvement or close sponsorship of a faculty member. The awards are competitive.

The grants are intended to encourage special projects that complement students' major academic emphases; they are not intended to cover normal expenses of a

course. The project may or may not be connected with a particular course. It may be a special studies outgrowth of a course. A grant may cover the cost of materials for such projects. It may cover travel expenses to libraries or special collections. These are merely examples; Dean Case would like to see what kinds of creative proposals students may devise, in consultation with appropriate faculty. Grants may range from \$25 to \$500. Applications are available in Dean Case's office.

Students deal with temporary housing situations

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"The actual accommodations aren't bad but feeling completely cut off from campus, driving back and forth, lack of parking, having to move a total of three times, and the fact that nobody in Residence Life will take responsibility for giving us an accurate completion date for the house are definitely huge inconveniences," said sophomore Gretia Frain, who will be living in McDaniel House.

Renovations to the two houses, which were previously rented out to faculty and

staff, should be completed by mid September, Rosko said. The houses allow the college more space for upperclass students, she added.

Housing may be a top priority for the college in the future.

Part of the next campaign for the college will be designated to housing renovations, O'Connell said. The long-range goal, she explained, is to offer more flexible housing by having more suites and apartments.

Honor and Conduct Board

The Honor and Conduct Board adjudicated a case on March 28 involving a student who falsely reported hours on their time sheet. The accused was found responsible and given a \$51.50 fine, 10 hours of community service, and placed on disciplinary probation.

The Honor and Conduct Board adjudicated a second case on March 30 involving a student who was intoxicated underage and urinating in public. The student was found responsible and suspended for the Fall 2000 semester, given 15 hours of community service and required to attend an alcohol education class.

The Honor and Conduct Board adjudicated a third case on May 9 involving a student who was accused of damaging a computer in the computer lab. The student was found not responsible.

Finally, the Honor and Conduct Board heard a case on May 11 involving a student who was charged with assaulting another student and being disorderly.

The accused was found not responsible of an assault, but responsible for disorderly conduct and given 50 hours of community service, required counseling, made to write a letter of apology, and placed on disciplinary probation.

**Student Health News
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Significant changes kick off a new semester

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dents order with multiple specifications, have been removed to make the Pub more efficient, he said.

Furthermore, he said, by freeing up Pub workers who would normally help make food, the shorter menu will allow for more workers to clean the Pub tables and floor.

As to the selections offered on the new menu, Dolid said that special attention was paid to very popular items. "These are the items that are constantly ordered," he said.

Dolid also said that he has not heard many student complaints about the limited meal choices, but that students seem to be pleased with the Pub's faster service.

The new meal menu is not the only change at WMC, though, as students quickly learned when they bought their parking permits for the year.

Permits that cost \$30 last year now cost \$40 this year.

Sophomore Paul Gleespen was not concerned about the extra \$10, but more so the motive behind the price raise. "Where does that money go? And you can't even find a parking space," he said.

Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster explained the increase in cost was made because, "The budget committee told us to."

Webster, however, pointed out that there is not a shortage of parking on campus, but perhaps a shortage of convenient parking.

Campus Safety surveys the parking lots periodically, and generally finds 30 or more empty spaces, he said, often scattered across campus and located far from the dorms, much to the students' displeasure.

But, many students were pleased to find a new Internet system at WMC, called Ethernet.

Over the summer, most of the campus was switched to Ethernet from the traditional data phones.

Rouzer, Whiteford, Blanche Ward, McDaniel, and Daniel MacLea were up and running with the new system before classes began.

Albert Norman Ward was completed within the first week of the new semester.

Christine Mathews of Information Services predicts that the Ethernet system in the Garden Apartments and Elderdice will be complete in the next couple of weeks.

While there is no plan for when the houses along Pennsylvania Avenue and the McDaniel House will have the Ethernet system, Mathews hopes it will happen within the academic year.

Becca Lyter, a senior living in ANW, is happy with the timing of the building's switch to Ethernet. "I was surprised when they said [Ethernet would be hooked up] today or tomorrow," she said. "I thought it'd be another week."

Welcome class of 2004!



COURTESY OF MEGAN PICKETTE

Thirty-six peer mentors were on hand to welcome the class of 2004 when they arrived on The Hill to begin orientation. During the four-day event, first-year students listened to various lectures that covered the honor code, living in residence halls, and campus safety policies. The class was also the last to participate in the much-debated alcohol awareness program, OCTAA, On Campus Talking About Alcohol.

But orientation wasn't all discussion. Time was made for fun events including a team building event at Four Seasons Sports Complex and the annual production of "Choices."

The class of 2004 is one of the largest to enter WMC. The effects can be felt all over campus, from long lines outside of Englar Dining Hall and triples in Whiteford.

Coming to terms with plus/minus grading

Presenting valid arguments? No. When it comes to the plus/minus grading system, it's just plain old whining!

I am talking about SGA's continuous attempts to prolong the plus/minus grading system. Well, it just isn't happening. After researching this topic in depth last semester, I have come to a realization that our rights have not been violated in the least on this issue.

BJ Shorb comments on the student body's reaction to the Plus/Minus system.

remained as is, says Coley.

Still opposed to the decision, the SGA made several more attempts to voice their concerns, and what they believe to be the concerns of many students. A memo was circulated to all students in April through campus mail. It contained state-

ments implemented for only new students and without the 4.3.

How likely is it that someone will be able to attain enough A+'s throughout their college life to actually earn a GPA above 4.0 anyway? If it does happen, indeed it is well deserved!

Dr. Becky Carpenter, professor of English, admits she has only given an A+ once, and that she doubts "many professors are giv-

Is it also a violation of our rights when the faculty decides to stop offering a particular class? No, it is just a change. A change that we eventually learn to accept.

In an interview this past April, WMC's Acting President Joan Coley said she recalled members of the Student Government Assembly bringing their concerns about the change to her. In light of these concerns, she says WMC's Admissions, Retention, and Standards Committee was asked to reconsider the decision.

According to Ron Miller, the chairperson of that committee at the time, they took a second look at it. He recalls inviting SGA members to a meeting to speak on behalf of the student body.

Unfortunately, he says, no one from the SGA ever followed up with them, so they decided to keep the 1997 decision to proceed with the weighted grades.

In response, SGA President at that time, Matt Gribbin said that he couldn't make it because he was too busy, and there was a miscommunication about the time of the meeting.

The issue was also brought up at the April 2000 faculty meeting. At that time, there were no faculty objections, so the decision re-

ments about the plus/minus system, including one that read, "It is a violation of [a] student's academic rights to have their grading system changed midway through their college career."

Changes happen all the time. It had to happen to someone, and the classes of 2001, 2002, and 2003 just happen to be those people. Is it also a violation of our rights when the faculty decides to stop offering a particular class? No, it is just a change. A change that we eventually learn to accept.

I recall a memo board being placed by the information desk in Decker Center last semester for students to comment on the issue.

If anyone remembers that board, it turned into a mass of rude remarks from one person to the next. Did it really accomplish much? If anything, it divided students.

The SGA made several more complaints, this time about the 4.3 scale. In fact, a petition went around at the end of last semester saying that all who signed were agreeing to the new grading policy

ing them out like free candy."

She says that instead of getting "needlessly hung up" on the 4.3 issue, WMC should think about whether a student who performs better should be rewarded with more points. Her answer is "yes."

If you ask me, our rights as students were not violated at all. Actually, we got the chance to say how we felt on an issue that ultimately was not even up to us in the first place.

Coley said that the students' rights have "not at all" been violated. She feels that certain decisions are faculty decisions, including this one. The students "were heard and considered. It is absurd to think they have a right to vote on their own grades," she said. She compared students voting on a grading policy to her deciding her own salary.

So, what's next? I say students should just quit whining and accept the fact that we have a plus/minus grading policy. Everyone faces change everyday in life, why should this be any different?

Friendly advice for incoming students

First of all, a few words of welcome to the Class of 2004, as well as to those of you who are joining us here at WMC through a transfer school.

You have made the correct choice, as I am sure you were told many times during that weekend orientation you all experienced, which I am also sure most of you are still in the process of recovering from (who knew there was so much to learn about alcohol?).

Seriously, this is a great place to spend what might be considered the four most defining years of one's life, but that does not mean it is not without its own "tricks of the trade."

In the interest of knowledge and improvement, and to help you all avoid some common pitfalls, I have compiled a list of things you should do, should not do, and know about life here at Western Maryland College. Here they are, in no relevant or important order. And no, there is nothing here about wearing sun screen.

Pub food is an acquired taste, but one you should definitely acquire. The prices might be a bit high and the waits a bit too long, but the Pub and Grille is an experience all

Michael Wiles enlightens new students to the nuances of college life.

way my first year, only to find out the object of my spite and I had a lot in common, but all too late. Have school pride. Do not be fazed by those who say they have never heard of this place. They are just jealous.

Have even MORE school pride. Also, do not be fazed by a mascot you cannot associate with a physical being. Here at WMC, such details do not concern us.

Do not do papers the night before they are due. You will do this anyway, but, in the end, will wish you had not. If you must, (and I am sure you must) do it and see for yourself.

And finally, the most important thing you must know about WMC: Rouzer Hall. You will get used to that smell, and it will not adhere to you.

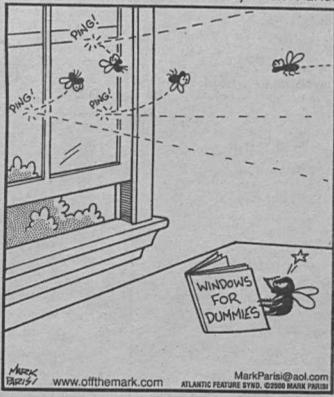
There you have it. Although a short and varied list, the above will surely help guide you to a productive and enjoyable time here at Western Maryland College.

And, in the event you find my advice totally worthless, you can always write an angry letter to the editor, calling for my dismissal. That sort of thing can be a lot of fun, too.

Do not waste time hating professors. I wasted too much time this

off the mark

by Mark Parisi



Terrible triple troubles

Cyndi Nicoli discusses her qualms about living in a crowded triple.

Imagine finally moving out on your own into your own apartment and just as you arrive someone else is already inside unpacking all of their belongings. Although this person is friendly and easy to get along with, this unexpected surprise was not what you planned it to be when you first decided to move out.

Now imagine being away from home for the first time in an unfamiliar setting. As you walk up to your new room you see not one, but two strangers moving in. This is the situation some Western Maryland College freshmen have to deal with this year.

Although members of the class of 2004 were prepared and excited to have roommates, nobody expected to be thrown into a double room with two other incoming freshmen as a triple. Even though there are not many roommate complaints about each other, there are many about how they are living. The double rooms are meant to accommodate two. Therefore, three is not only inconvenient—it is also unrealistic.

First a roommate must deal with having to get along with two virtual strangers. Once they have accomplished that task, if they ever do, then comes the part where they have to divide equally the accommodations that are just not there. For instance, two closets for three people are not enough especially when freshmen have yet to learn the definition of "packing lightly."

Two Ethernet jacks for three computers is completely ridiculous and unfair. This means that one roommate either has to use another roommate's computer or one has to be unplugged while the third is being used. This can become very tiresome and time consuming if it has to be done on a daily basis. The rooms are lack-

ing enough outlets and space. In my room, there are so many wires going across the ceiling and down the walls because there is no room on the floor that the room is an inferno waiting to happen. This is unsafe and unjust for everyone in the building, not just those cohabiting with two other roommates.

Some of the questions being asked now are "How did the situation get so out of hand," "Why was no one asked if they wanted a triple?," "How long will the living conditions remain this way?," and "Why does \$25,000 a year not buy you a proper place to call your home?" The class of 2004 is one of the largest freshmen classes to enter WMC. This is something to rejoice about, yet it has created problems that were not properly handled. To my knowledge, no one volunteered, or was even asked if they wanted an extra roommate. Many freshmen would have jumped at the chance to have an extra friendly face in their classes, but many were expecting one roommate and had to completely adjust their plan for college living.

WMC has not done enough to make space for the triples or compensate these students financially. The bigger corner rooms have gone to standard doubles and only \$170 was returned to those that took on an extra roommate. Triples may be here for an uncertain period of time.

I like both my roommates and we all get along well, but the fact remains that we are cramped, uncomfortable, and paying almost full price for a mere one third of their room.

For the incoming class of 2005, the faculty and administration of Western Maryland must learn from this and thoroughly examine how many students can be accommodated properly.

It is the fairest way for every student that chooses this college over all others.

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The Pub makes unnecessary changes to fourth meal

There were a few things that we never expected to change. We expect to have messages from Ernie Ogle every morning, that new students will be getting lost for the first couple weeks, and that 4th Meal will be a sanctuary to studying students.

OK, so two out of three is not bad. But what has happened to the 4th Meal? I am sure the new students have not noticed the change, but what has become of the menu

Edward K. Schultheis discusses the changes the Pub & Grill has made to the fourth meal.

Now I can't even circle that unless I want to pay with actual money.

What happened? I don't know; all I know is that I walked in there and BOOM...it's all changed. When I asked the woman who directed me to the new slips, she simply told

me that this is what they are doing now. Hardly the answer I was searching for, but the only one that I was given.

Certainly, the new students don't know what they are missing, but most of the returning students know exactly what I am talking about. Maybe I am the only one bothered by this. Perhaps the rest of the student population gets chicken tenders and they are not affected by the change, but it certainly is bothering me.

I'm not sure if the Pub is going to be changing things back or if this is a permanent change on their part but I'm still hopeful that things will get changed back. On the other hand, maybe I should just suck it up and start eating chicken tenders each time since it is a rather small list of alternatives ranging from cheeseburgers to tuna sandwiches.

At least they give you larger cups, in fact they are downright hefty. But, what is the need for the larger cups when you get free

At least they give you larger cups, in fact they are downright hefty. But, what is the need for the larger cups when you get free refills?

for the traditional late night meal? When the returning students walk into the pub they will no longer be able to order all the things they have grown accustomed to, rather they have a short list of meals to choose from for 4th Meal.

I remember when I went up to the counter with the old list, the woman at the counter directed me back to the new list of food; I was a bit disgusted with the selections. Last year when I wanted to get food late at night, I would go down to the pub and circle the popcorn chicken and fries and be on my way.

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refills? I have yet to figure that one out, but maybe I just can't grasp that concept. Guess I have to wait to get my college degree to figure out the economics in that change. Oh well.

Either way I would love to find out why the change from last year and the years before that. Until then, I guess I will just munch on my chicken tenders and hamburgers and wonder about the popcorn chicken. That or I will have to break down and pay for the popcorn chicken which, thank goodness, isn't that expensive.

Clinton delegates defense duties to next president

On September 1, Bill Clinton decided to allow the next administration to decide the fate of the national defense missile system, which would prevent ballistic missiles from reaching our shores.

Clinton is allowing the testing on the project to continue, but will not allow the Pentagon to build a radar tracking system on the Aleutian Islands.

The \$60 billion plan is supposedly a scaled-down version of Reagan's "Star Wars" program, dubbed so because of high tech space based laser weapons.

In the past few months, democrats in Congress, who do not feel that it would be wise for Clinton to break the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, have debated this issue.

When signed, this treaty allowed each nation two anti-ballistic missile sites. Since then, the number of two has been reduced to only one.

Russia placed its ABM site around Moscow to avoid missile attack from the US.

Matthew Hurff expresses his concern about Clinton's military decision.

Meanwhile, the United States placed its ABM site around an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile site in the mid-west. In 1976, the US even removed its ABM site from this location.

The Russians will not budge on this treaty, signed in the midst of the cold war and under far different circumstances, and thus leaving the next administration with a quandary.

I feel that this treaty is in fact dangerous for the United States to hold itself to. When it was signed, very few nations had nuclear weapon and ICBM technology to threaten the United States.

Thus, the treaty was made to equal the balance of the United States and USSR; keeping the world from nuclear war.

The part that is dangerous to the United States is that the world climate has changed

a great deal in the past 30 years and it is no longer two superpowers facing off against each other.

Now, a fair number of nations around the world have nuclear technology or could possibly buy materials from nations formally part of the Soviet Union.

This would allow any nation such as Iraq, Iran, North Korea or Libya to launch a nuclear or chemical attack against our shores.

Furthermore, the possibility of a terrorist group accessing such materials is also a great risk.

Russia should not hold onto this treaty for fear of attack by the United States or any other NATO nation. Instead, they should worry about more pressing issues such as rebuilding their economy.

Clinton has skirted the issue for now, but it will not be too long until this issue is brought back into the limelight. Either George W. Bush will have to act on this, and not stand with hands in their pockets and let someone else deal with a tough issue.

Phoenix announces new staff, new goals

Like most WMC students, the *Phoenix* editors have arrived on the Hill with fresh ideas and a new perspective after having a whole summer to reflect on last semester's events.

Although we have returned to complete our term as editors-in-chief of the *Phoenix*, several staff members have changed positions and we have also added new editors to our staff.

In the news section, Staci George returns with a new co-editor, Claire Adams.

Ed Schultheis will remain editor of the commentary section; while his former assistant, Matt Hurff, is now the sports editor.

Finally, Shauna Dominguez has moved up to take the role of editor of features following her term as assistant of the section.

This semester we hope to add elements to the look of the *Phoenix* including adding color and improving layout design.

We strive to achieve a professional and inviting look to the paper.

However, just having a professional look to the newspaper is not enough.

Like in past semesters, we will continue

Editors-in-chief Jenifer Sirkis and Laura Beth Kelley explain the role of the Phoenix on campus

to cover all aspects of campus life with fairness, accuracy, and objectivity.

From our prior experiences, we have discovered that some of our coverage is unpopular and has been met with criticism by some members of the WMC community.

While we understand why some of our stories may upset some readers, let us assure you that every decision made by *Phoenix* editors is carefully considered before publication.

Like professional journalists, we adhere to the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics.

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Ten things I wish I had known before going off to college

KATE ESPOSITO
Senior Writer

A few weeks ago, as I was browsing through a bookstore, I came upon a small hardcover with a huge grin on the front surrounded by Maria Shriver's face. It was entitled "Ten Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Went out into the Real World."

If you are not turned off by the sea of pink on the cover, go ahead and read it. I am guessing there is some good advice in there.

However, the last time I checked, college was not the real world. It is, however, some kind of alternate reality.

So, for you freshmen out there (and anyone else who wishes to partake of my wisdom) I offer you: ten things I wish I had known before I decided to come to Western Maryland College:

Number 1

The food will only get worse.

Think about your favorite restaurant. Imagine your favorite thing

to eat there. For the sake of example, let us say you like fetucine Alfredo.

Imagine eating that every day for three months straight.

Now imagine a take-out box of this same meal sitting around your house for a week.

Welcome to GLAR. If the food seems bad to you now, just wait until the end of the semester.

Number 2

The phone number for Papa John's is extremely important to have memorized.

Trust me - you will need it. For further explanation, see number 1.

Number 3

Going to class is an absolute must.

I know this sounds like a tip for your mother, but I speak from a thing commonly referred to as "experience" when I say that cutting class will not be beneficial to you in the long run.

But do remember this - you can

always bring a magazine and just sit in the back of the room.

Also, try to do some type of studying - even if only a little bit.

Number 4

Being kind to the professors in your major is also a must as you WILL see them again.

You know how small this school is.

As a senior you will practically be married to these people (also known as professors).

If you piss them off, they will be better retire in the next three years.

Number 5

Being open to new experiences is good.

Take all opportunities as they come to you.

You never know, you might even learn something from the experience (oh the horror!).

Number 6

Playing with Play-Doh is actually a useful skill.

Even though you are in college now, do not go around thinking that you can not act like a kid anymore. Coloring books, hide and seek, and mud football are all useful study breaks.

Number 7

Doing things for yourself is important.

This is totally cliché, but it is important to try new things even if it means breaking away from your usual crowd.

Take that class in country line dancing even if your friends start calling you Billy Ray behind your back, this is the only real way to really find yourself.

Number 8

Answering all of your questions, and subsequently making new ones (about yourself and the world) is inevitable.

By the end of your college career, you too will be able to create extremely profound statements such as this one.

Number 9

Spending time with your friends will never sound so good.

Even if you are a biology major, do not ever get so bogged down with work that you do not have time to relax with your friends.

The people you meet are the best part of being here, after all.

Number 10

The time really does go by faster than you think it will.

It seems like only yesterday I was a freshman moping around thinking how much I hated it here.

At this point, I will have to be practically kidnapped to get me to leave when I graduate.

I can't imagine going to school anywhere else.

No matter how bored you may get, the time will pass before you know it.

My advice: make the most of it! Even though you may just be starting your first year here in the "real world," the next four years really will rush by quickly.

Renowned investigator to speak on Ramsey and Smith cases

Private eye Gary Aschenbach doesn't need a fancy machine to pinpoint a liar. Just give him a written statement or let him briefly talk with the accused.

Aschenbach, an expert in behavioral science and forensic statement analysis, will present "Detecting Deception" at 6 p.m., on Tuesday Sept. 19, in Alumni Hall.

The lecture is a "thumbnail sketch," he says, of a three-day program the former veteran Maryland State Trooper presents to law enforcement and security officials, and will include written statements from the case of Susan Smith and the ransom note to the unsolved murder of Jon Benet Ramsey.

Smith is the South Carolina mother convicted of murder after driving into a lake to drown her children and then blaming it on an African-American male.

According to Lauren Dundes, assistant professor of sociology and coordinator of the lecture, Aschenbach will present his findings from the Ramsey case and use the written evidence to finger her parents or someone else. Although never charged, the Ramseys are still

under investigation and recently were interviewed again by police.

"I am not saying the parents are innocent," Aschenbach said, "But I think you'll be surprised at what this evidence shows and when it is all laid out it seems pretty clear."

He also will compare the Ramsey information to the ransom note left in the 1932 kidnapping/murder of the son of the famous aviator Charles Lindbergh.

Behavioral and forensic analysis looks at use of words, non-verbal body language and other cues to determine if the writer or speaker is telling the truth. For example, Aschenbach points out, Susan Smith never called her children by name and talked about them in past tense in the statements given to police before she confessed.

According to analysis, these things show she had already detached herself from the two youngsters because she knew what had happened to them.

Aschenbach served with Maryland State Police from 1973-98, including eight years undercover, nine years as a drug and criminal investigation supervisor and five years as a training supervisor and instructor.

He has trained thousands of officers from DEA, FBI, and state and local jurisdictions, as well as military and private sector law enforcement throughout the country and across the world. He recently cracked a case in Alaska using a witness' own statement to prove he was more than a bystander. He's now in jail on murder charges.

Aschenbach earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Maryland and completed Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

The lecture is open to the public. For more information call Dr. Dundes at 410-857-2534 or Public Information at 410-857-2290.

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Did you know...



The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that the average American eats 8.5 pounds of pickles a year.

Calendar of Cultural Events for September

On display until Thursday, September 28 in Peterson Hall

A collection of art by Nanette Hatzes: **Drawings from the Present Tense** will be on exhibition for all to feast their eyes upon and enjoy.

Saturday, September 16 on the Mainstage at Alumni Hall

The National Players will be performing **The Comedy of Errors**, often referred to as one of Shakespeare's best comedies for its hilarious use of twins and the troubles that occur from misidentifications. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors, students, and the WMC community. The show begins at 8:00 p.m.

Monday, September 25 in McDaniel Lounge

Monday Night Music presents **Liszt and the Literary Connection** with pianist **David Kreider**. The show begins at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - Sunday, September 28-30 & October 1 on the Mainstage at Alumni Hall

Lysistrata - a Greek tale of women who refuse sexual favors to their husbands until all men cease fire in the current wars. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors, students, and the WMC community. Shows begin at 8:00 p.m.

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Horoscopes: get your year off to a good start

LISA STANLEY
Staff Writer

Sagittarius

(November 23 - December 21)
Try not to make any hasty decisions - you'll only hurt those you care about, including yourself. Your lucky numbers for the week are 1 and 14. Your best color is teal.

Capricorn

(December 22 - January 20)
Get numbers. That's right, you heard me. Get that awesome stranger's digits. Your lucky numbers for the week are 5 and 27. Your best color is magenta.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)
You hotties know what you want;

go for it. Your lucky numbers for the week are 16 and 21. Your best color is gold.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

Careful what you say, as it will all come back to you eventually. Your lucky numbers for the week are 2 and 19. Your best color is lavender.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Don't be afraid to stand up for the things you believe in the most. Aries. Your lucky numbers for the week are 4 and 12. Your best color is midnight blue.



Taurus

(April 21 - May 20)

Whatever you dream will become reality. Your lucky numbers for the week are 7 and 13. Your best color is orange.

Gemini

(May 21 - June 21)

Watch your twin's back. Your lucky numbers for the week are 10 and 22. Your best color is mint

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Don't blow what little cash you have left on an impulse. Your lucky numbers for the week are 15 and 23. Your best color is cherry red.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Clean out your closet and get rid of all that excess baggage! Your lucky numbers for the week are 8 and 17. Your best color is camel.

Virgo
(August 24 - September 23)
Happy Birthday Virgos! Keep clear of the pizza in GLAR - just trust me on this one. Your lucky numbers for the week are 6 and 24. Your best color is white.

Libra

(September 24 - October 22)
Play nice Libra - try a game of ultimate frisbee to perk up a night. Your lucky numbers for the week are 3 and 9. Your best color is sky blue.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 22)
Live it up, Scorpio!!! Don't let that one not-so-great class bring you down. Your lucky numbers for the week are 11 and 20. Your best color is forest green.

National Players to present Shakespeare

The National Players will present Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors" at 8 p.m., on Saturday, September 16, at Alumni Hall.

A touring theatre company, the group has earned a deserved reputation for bringing innovative, accessible and high-energy theatre experiences to audiences throughout the United States and abroad.

The National Players, a program of the Olney Theatre Center for the Arts and in residence at the University of Maryland at College Park, is currently on its 52nd nationwide tour.

The company has give approximately 5,620 performances and workshops in 35 states and 10 foreign countries on plays by Shakespeare, O'Neill, Moliere, Shaw, Kafka, Sophocles, Aeschylus, Aristophanes, Tom Stoppard, and Peter Shaffer.

The National Players performs for young audiences in areas that are isolated geographically or economically; audiences that would otherwise have limited access to quality live performances of classic plays.

Continuing the tradition of traveling players, the four members are totally involved in every aspect of the plays they perform: raising the set, hanging the lights, checking sound, arranging the dressing rooms. Alumni include John Heard, Lawrence Luckinbill, Daniel Hugh-Kelly and Stan Wojewodski (dean of the Yale School of Drama).

"The Comedy of Errors," one of Shakespeare's funniest farces, features two sets of twin boys who spark hilarious misadventures with mistaken identities and amorous mix-ups.

The National Players will set their version of the play in the turbulent 1960s in Ephesus, Turkey.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students. For tickets call the WMC box office at 410-857-2448.

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Volleyball prepared to compete for crown

MATTHEW E. HURFF
Sports Editor

Last year, the WMC women's volleyball team was able to ride a late season surge to force a three-way tie for the Centennial Conference crown.

Coach Carole Molloy was "pleased with the progress of last season" and feels that the three-way tie last year is enough motivation for this year's team to win the championship outright.

Returning for this season is a strong se-

team has a strong group of veterans and promising younger players, they still must recover from minor injuries.

Within the past week, junior Jessica Rouse and senior Brianne Bray have suffered ankle injuries, which will force both to miss some playing time. At this point however, it is not certain how long either player will be out.

Molloy feels that the team was fortunate that the injuries happened early on so that both players will return with a significant

in a 30 by 30 space, the mental game and cooperation is very important."

Furthermore, she adds, "We must be [mentally] aggressive. To be successful we must feel in control."

So far, a poll of the Centennial Conference coaches rates WMC second behind Franklin and Marshall's 91 points with 90 points, including five first place votes.

The aggressive attitude and overall health will be vital to win the battle with Franklin and Marshall, along with strong contenders

Mental aspect of control is extremely important in the game of volleyball because "for six people to play in a 30 by 30 space, the mental game and cooperation is very important."

nior class composed of Honesty Drumgoole, Brianne Bray, and Jen Martin, along with junior Jessica Rouse, of whom will be vital to fuel a playoff run.

Molloy feels that the core of seniors are essential because of "their determination and experience." This experience should certainly aid in the development of the younger players on the team.

While the WMC women's volleyball

Tiger Woods: The 200 million dollar man?

EDWARD K. SCHULTHEIS
Commentary Editor

He has his own logo, his own set of personalized golf balls, his own best selling video game, and money oozing from his every orifice. Who is he? Tiger Woods of course.

Ever since Tiger stepped into the professional golf arena four years ago, he has taken the sport by storm, drawing record numbers to golf tournaments and setting Tiger frenzy in motion.

However, is he the greatest to play the game or has he become how Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer were endeared during their tenure as the best players in the world?

Some say that Tiger is better than Nicklaus and Palmer were at any day in their

amount of the season remaining and because it has allowed the team to train backups at key positions.

The early injuries could prove helpful if there are any other injuries down the road, to insure the team has experience on the bench.

Molloy feels that the mental aspect of control is extremely important in the game of volleyball because "for six people to play

players being asked if they got a chance to see Tiger's game today where he shattered another scoring record.

This is just plain rude. How would you feel if you were the leader after day one and having reporters asking you questions about Tiger's game?

At the last major of the year, the 2000 PGA Championship, Nicklaus was paired for the first time in a tournament with Woods in what was supposed to be a "handing off of the torch tournament."

After the first day, Nicklaus was not bombarded with questions about this being his last major on the PGA tour but rather how he felt playing with the 21st century version of himself.

Nicklaus responded that "[it] was a real

Gettysburg (88 points) and Johns Hopkins (76 points).

Key dates to see the WMC women's volleyball team will be October 4th when they will face off against Gettysburg, October 18th against Franklin and Marshall and the Green Terror Invitational on the weekend of October 12th-13th. These matches will be crucial if WMC wants a shot at the championship.

become a trademark of Tiger, Buick, American Express, to even Wheaties, Woods is destined to become the first billion dollar athlete.

The Nike deal alone is reported to be as high as \$100 million and with Woods making about \$200 million a year in winnings and endorsements, he is on his way to surpassing Michael Jordan as the richest athlete of all time.

While Tiger continues to dominate on the golf course and make the big bucks, he will remain a staple of front-page sports headlines as well as the talk of all the reporters at every single tournament.

Hopefully the other players will take their game up a step and compete with Tiger so that not every single victory is a runaway

The difference between Woods and Nicklaus is that Nicklaus made most of his earnings from the game itself while Woods makes more money in endorsements than Nicklaus could have ever imagined.

careers while others say that he is turning the game into a freak-show where it is always everyone else against Tiger Woods.

Whether it be at the last three majors, which he has won, or at other smaller tournaments where he won \$1 million at the NEC Invitational last month; Tiger mania has swept the globe where he is a favorite anywhere he plays.

The fact remains that the game has become a game of Tiger versus the rest of the pack and the rest of the players are getting tired of it.

It is either Ernie Els being asked how he likes finishing second to Tiger or all the other

treat to watch today."

The way that he said this was almost as if he felt he was not even playing anymore, just sitting back and watching a younger version of himself dominate the playing field.

This domination that Woods has over his peers is what has earned him the distinction of being called the "Nicklaus of the 21st century."

The difference between Woods and Nicklaus is that Nicklaus made most of his earnings from the game itself while Woods makes more money in endorsements than Nicklaus could have ever imagined.

Whether it be Nike, where the swoosh has

for Woods. Maybe he can even lose once in awhile.

This is not just good for competition sake, but it is good for the game of golf itself. No person should win all the time, because that just gets boring.

Although, we never seem to get bored of the patented Tiger fist, or the phrase, "I didn't have my 'A' game today." Nor are we less amazed that he can actually bounce a ball on his club then smack it right down the fairway.

Oh well, maybe he is just better than everyone else...and we just have to learn to accept that.

Preview: Cross Country

MATTHEW E. HURFF
Sports Editor

Last year, the WMC women's Cross Country team was able to shock everyone by winning the conference with a very young team led by sophomores and freshmen.

This year, juniors Jill Krebs and Diana Pool return to lead a team which Coach Doug Renner calls even deeper than last year. "Each match we need five scorers and we have a pack of seven to nine which could do the job on any given day" he adds.

Leading the team this year once again is All-American runner Jill Krebs. Krebs earned her All-American berth by finishing 35th out of 213 at the NCAA Division III championships last November at Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Also receiving honors last season were sophomore Holly Thompson (21st) and Pool (32nd), who were named to the All-Midwest team along with Krebs.

Going into this season, Renner feels that the best way to prepare is "to try to individualize each practice to maximize each athlete's potential." That way, "as long as each runner reaches their potential we will be successful."

He also feels that it is unfair to expect new runners to perform at the same level as the team leaders if they are not ready yet.

Despite last years success, Renner does not feel that there should be a lot of pressure, and instead the team should have a relaxed attitude to perform at it's best.

Depth, an outstanding front line of runners, and the relaxed atmosphere should power the WMC women's team to another championship.

The men's team looks to rebound from a rebuilding year last year. Renner feels that this year's team is much stronger due to a strong freshmen class and the growth of the hold-over runners.

Freshman James Thayer leads the impressive core of newcomers including several sophomores who did not run last season. Guiding the group of newcomers are seniors Clint McKay, Chris Selmer, and Dennis Lucey.

Renner trains both the men's and women's teams together, and says that they work very well together and are supportive of each other. With the success of the women's team sometimes "the guys get their egos bruised but they are supportive."

This year, they surely will rise in the standings, as this team has grown a lot in talent and depth in the past year.

SPRING TRACK UPDATE:

While the student body was preparing to depart the campus last spring, many may have overlooked the success of the improving WMC spring track team.

Junior sprinter Jamie Falcone finished 6th in the 100M finals, while freshman jumper Ifeyani Aki was impressive, winning the high jump competition.

Meanwhile, the women's 4x100 team, composed of sophomore Thea Bayly, junior Jamie Falcone, junior Aleya Horn and Stephanie McPherson missed the finals by one thousandth of a second.

The development of this strong group of athletes certainly bodes well for the improving winter and spring track teams.

WMC Sports Calendar

FOOTBALL:

Saturday, September 16th
Vs. Gettysburg @ 1:00pm

FIELD HOCKEY:

Wednesday, September 20
Vs. Elizabethtown @ 4:00pm

Volleyball: Wednesday, September 13
Vs. Washington @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 16

Vs. Dickinson/Haverford @
11:00 am

CROSS COUNTRY:

Saturday, September 16
X-Country Challenge @ TBA

MEN'S SOCCER:

Saturday, September 16



Vs. Haverford @ 1:00 pm

WOMEN'S SOCCER:

Saturday, September 9 & 10
WMC Tournament @ 12 & 2
Wednesday, September 13
Vs. Dickinson @ 4:30 pm

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Football defeated by Bridgewater, season outlook still positive

MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

The Green Terror regular season winning streak ended at 30 in the opening game this year against Bridgewater.

The final score was 19-7. Although it was a disappointing loss, there were some highlights to the teams performance.

One was the accurate and booming punting of punter Kevin Culbertson (37 punts 33.8 yards per punt last season).

The returning starter placed several kicks inside the 20, and blasted the Terror out of some tricky situations.

In addition, the rushing defense for the Terror shut down Bridgewater's running game. The defense was particularly strong in the first half, holding the Eagles to only 6 points.

The contest against Bridgewater was not a league game, so the Terror can still win the conference again, and perhaps make another appearance in the NCAA playoffs.

The Terror will be on the road next week as they take on Randolph-Macon in another out of conference game.

The squad will return to Bair Stadium on Saturday, Oct 16th to face off against Gettysburg in the first Centennial Conference action of the year.

Despite the opening day loss, the Green Terror football team remains optimistic about the seams and finds itself in a situation similar to George Lucas was two years ago with the release of *Star Wars: Episode One*.

They both had three spectacular performances, with pressure to do it all again. Hopefully, the Terror will have more success than Lucas did, as the football squad looks to repeat for the fourth time as Centennial Conference champions.

Although the team has won three straight championships, they have their share of doubters going into this year. Offensive stand outs Ron Semarini and Terry Otto, as well as defensive leaders Marvin Deal, Matt Meikejlohn, Tommy Selecky and Tony Burgos have graduated.

Can the Terror still be as strong as in years past? Junior Captain and starting guard Scott Shelton thinks

so. "Don't count us out," he says. Senior Captain and outside linebacker Aaron Bartolain (39 tackles, 6 sacks) feels confident about this season.

"I'm confident in the team, we'll be ready." Although the team has lost those stars, they still have plenty of talent.

Joining Bartolain at the linebacker position are senior Derrick Gwyn (team lead with 50 tackles) and sophomore Matt Wilchinski (13 tackles).

Returning on the line is junior sack leader Bryan Fogelsonger, who recorded seven sacks along with 28 tackles. Along side Fogelsonger are juniors John Galemore and John Croyle. Galemore recorded 36 tackles last year, and Croyle added 16 tackles to the effort.

On the offensive side of the ball, the terror are returning receiving leader Teron Powell (76.8 yards per game, 11 TDs) and rushing leaders Joe Kendorski (430 yards rushing, 3 TDs) and Jemel Johnson (260 yards rushing) as well as fifth year center Greg Dubell.

Defensive backs Jason Wingert (33 tackles) and Rob McCracken (29 tackles, 1 INT) also returned from last season. Taking over for three-time all Centennial Conference and back-to-back player of the year Ron Semarini, is junior Jamie "Boo" Harris of Sarasota, Fla.

Harris was 5-8 passing in limited action last year as he backed up Semarini. Harris is a highly mobile quarterback, and has many of the same characteristics Semarini brought to the table.

His mobility is apparent in the 7.4 yards rushing he accumulated last season.

The kicking unit consisting of Brent Sandroek and Kevin Culbertson are also returning this season to provide the terror with excellent field position.

If that wasn't enough to keep Green Terror fans excited, the coaching staff led by Tim Keating, is almost identical to the staff that lead the Terror to the second round of the playoffs last year, recruited the largest freshman class in years for the Terror.

So what is the key to another successful Green Terror run for fourth Centennial Conference championship? Maybe they need to rely on "the force."



Terror Running Back Jemel Johnson is taken down by Bridgewater Linebacker Lonnie Smith for a short gain.

MATT HURFF

Young soccer team prepared to improve on a 9-8 record

GREG LEDERER
Staff Writer

Another school year is upon us. This can mean only one thing; leaves and fall sports teams will be covering the fields of WMC.

This time last year, Western Maryland College men's soccer coach John Plevyak was looking at an inexperienced and unproven roster of unknown talent facing a very

Tommy Long.

Pedalino, a junior midfielder, is one of the team's stars and is looking to surpass his sparkling three assists and four goals of a year ago. Along side him, junior midfielder Tommy Long's solid play is another one of the team many strengths.

In goal, Defibaugh's performance is vital to his team success

starter and gets high praise from his coach. "He leaves people in the dust," Plevyak adds. They both add depth to a very good young team.

The coaching staff have been very encouraged with the early season practices so far.

According to the staff, one of the main goals this season is to improve upon a 2-7 conference record from last year, which isn't

With nationally ranked foes like Salisbury State, Eastern Mennonite, and Frostburg state on this years schedule, there are no easy games in sight.

demanding schedule.

A year later following a 9-8 campaign, the program's first winning season since 1992, the team is looking for more success and have the weapons to make it happen.

Boasting such a young team can be trouble for some teams, but Plevyak isn't worried. "It is challenging, but we'll teach them." He added, "we have very good players." Flanking Plevyak on the sidelines, is assistant coach Brian Redding who is one of the greatest players to ever wear the green and white with 39 career goals and 89 total points from 1988-1992.

Plevyak is looking for big things this fall from captains Vinny Pedalino, Ryan Defibaugh, and

as evident by his team leading 90 saves from a year ago.

Big contributions are also expected this year from sophomores David Filo and Ryan Tetteris and senior striker Darren Wolfe.

Tetteris tied for the team lead last year with six goals and backfielder David Filo's three assists were among the team leaders.

For a young team, Wolfe's leadership and offense (six goals last year) will be a big part of this team's success.

Also in the midfield junior Brad Russell is another young weapon with four assists from a year ago.

The team should get a boost from promising young freshmen Jordan Davis and Chris Smith.

In his first year, Smith will be a

easy considering the team faces one of the toughest Division III schedules in the country.

With nationally ranked foes like Salisbury State, Eastern Mennonite, and Frostburg State on this years schedule, there are no easy games in sight.

Battling strong conference foe Haverford and a Homecoming visit from Johns Hopkins are also big games on this year's slate.

Entering his seventh year, Coach Plevyak boasts a young battle-tested roster to the 2000 campaign.

With so many talented underclassman, the men's soccer team looks to be very successful not just this fall, but for many years to come.



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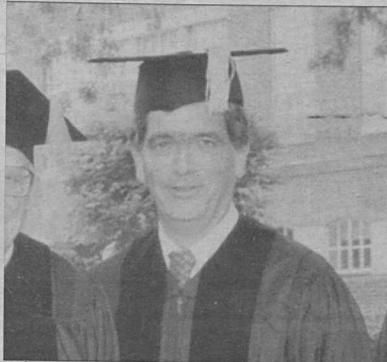
NBC reporter to speak at WMC

NBC reporter Bob Faw will discuss trends in TV news coverage at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, in McDaniel Lounge.

Currently the network's national correspondent, Faw has earned numerous awards for his on-camera work, including a 1984 Emmy for his coverage of the Jesse Jackson campaign, a 1986 Emmy for a series on racism and a 1988 Emmy for his report which aired on the newsmagazine "48 Hours." He also was awarded the 1982 Overseas Press Club Award for his coverage of the invasion of Lebanon by Israel.

Faw, who received an honorary degree for his journalistic work from WMC at its May 1999 commencement, previously reported for CBS News for 17 years as a news correspondent based in New York and a Chicago-based reporter. He came to the national network from WBBM-TV in Chicago,

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

Bob Faw received an honorary degree from WMC in 1999. A multiple Emmy Award winner, Faw will return to campus on October 4 to lecture about his experiences as a journalist.

Residents left in dark

CLAIRE ADAMS
News Editor

Frequent power outages in WMC's PA houses continue to hinder the daily activities of many residents, leaving them frustrated and concerned.

The outages, which mainly affect house numbers 163, 185, and 189 have also occurred in the residence halls.

Residence Life coordinator, Shonda Wilson said that while outages have not been a regular problem, this is not the first year they have affected the houses.

Residents have been asked to keep a list of the date and time when the electricity goes out, so they can further investigate the problem, she said.

The outages are triggered by the simultaneous use of multiple appliances with heavy draw, such as hairdryers and microwaves, said Philip Boob, director of

Grounds and Special Events for Physical Plant.

Joseph Bentz, director of Maintenance and Building Operations was not available for comment, but Boob explained that power goes out when a circuit breaker trips—an automatic reaction to protect against hazards such as fires.

Many students feel the outages are an inconvenience to them. However, Junior Christy Dotson, who lives in the Unity house number 163, explained that having the power go out is not the only hassle.

Dotson and her housemates have waited for up to two-and-a-half-hours for an electrician to come and simply flip the switch.

"It's just a big problem," she said. "It goes out pretty much everyday and that's just ridiculous."

Dotson, who shares the house

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Second annual Kenyan Shoe Expedition takes heart and soles

JESSICA FITZGERALD
Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, Western Maryland students participated in a service project, not for their immediate community, but for a community on the other side of the globe.

During freshmen orientation, students donated their used shoes to the Kenyan Shoe Expedition, a service project that provides footwear for many Kenyans who wear either unsuitable shoes or no shoes at all.

According to Randy Rytter, assistant director of Alumni Affairs, students donated 720 shoes this year to needy Kenyans. These shoes will be sent to Texas, where they will be cleaned or, in the case of shoes in unusable condition, completely refurbished. The shoes will then be sent to Kenyans and handed out to those who most need them, including aspiring athletes, he said.

"There's so much running talent there," said WMC coach Doug Renner. "For some of them, especially early in their career, to have access to running shoes is just great."

The collection effort was started by a runner in Austin, Texas, who saw first hand the difficulties faced by Kenyan runners without appropriate footwear. Since Americans

so often throw away shoes that are still in good condition, it has been easy to find shoes to be donated.

"I've heard so many students say, 'These are almost brand new!'" said Barb Horneff, dean of first-year students, who integrated the service project into freshmen orientation. "Many entering students are involved in community service

from high school," she said. "I thought that it was a good idea to start off with a sense of community in a service project for the whole campus, and it's easy to do."

The program has quickly expanded beyond the efforts of the freshmen class. This year, returning athletes were notified in ad-

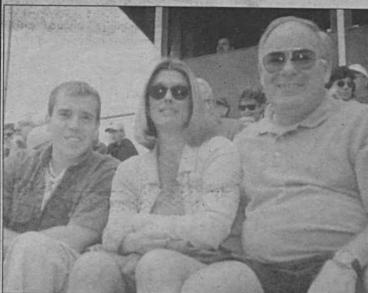
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First-year students, faculty, and athletes donated an impressive 720 pairs of shoes to needy Kenyan children and athletes for the second Kenyan Shoe Expedition. Many hope this program remains a WMC tradition.

It's a family thing...



COURTESY OF PHILIP SAYRE

Freshman Dan Wager, a business major, relaxes at Saturday's football game against Gettysburg with Sheila Clark and his father, Bob Wager. Both visited from Camp Hill, Pa to enjoy Parents and Family weekend.

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Food facts: Information about the new 4th meal

What is the 4th meal?

The 4th meal was instituted three years ago as part of the added value of the block meal plans. On the 220 meal plan 30 meals are available to be used in the Pub between 7 and midnight, leaving 190 meals to be used in the dining hall. On the 90 meal plan, 15 are available to be used in the Pub between 7 and midnight. These are not extra meals on the meal plan, they are part of the meal plan. They are there to use if you choose. They are not mandatory by any means. Whatever meals are not used in the Pub are available for use in the dining hall, which means that you may use all 220 or 90 meals in the dining hall.

Is the 4th meal done at other schools?

Yes, it is done at some other schools. It is usually a cold sandwich of the day (one option only), a bag of chips and a can of soda. Some places it is a single hot item served such as a chicken sandwich. It is done on a take it or leave it basis.

Why are the menu selections limited this year?

In response to the many complaints about slow service it was felt the only way to speed up the process was to limit the number of menu selections offered. The Pub has very limited space to cook and when trying to serve 200-300 varying orders, the time to prepare them became too long for the majority of people. The menu selections are based on the most popular items ordered in the past.

Why won't you make special orders for the 4th meal?

It simply becomes so time consuming that the wait would become too long.

What if I don't want any of the menu selections?

As stated before, it is not mandatory to eat the 4th meal, it is only there as an option. You may also elect to purchase selections from the regular menu, as was always the case. Bag meals to go are always available in the dining hall, which will be charged against your meal plan.

What happens to comment cards after they are written?

Comments are taken seriously when they are written seriously. Those with profanity are thrown in the garbage where they belong. The others are read and comments are taken into consideration.

What is the best way to make constructive comments?

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- Brenda Davidson, Director of Operations, x731
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- David Huff, Chef, x733
- Ed Nicholls, Production Manager, x733

Courtesy of Food Services

WMC donates shoes to Kenya

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vance so they could bring their spare athletic shoes from home. Faculty and staff have also gotten involved, even donating children's shoes to the service project.

Last year, Ken Nunnelee, equipment manager for intercollegiate athletics and Assistant Equipment Manager Laurel Penn donated used shoes from the Baltimore Raven, some of which were size 15.

The future of the Kenyan Shoe Expedition rests in the hands of the newly formed Student-Alumni Council, which will take the place of the traditional Senior Pride program run by Alumni Affairs, opening alumni projects up to all classes.

The program will encourage each class to perform a service project to give back to the community, one of which will hopefully be the Kenyan Shoe Expedition.

But, if past experience is any indication,

the shoe collection will not disappear.

Besides student and faculty involvement, parents are always more than eager to participate. "Parents were thanking me for the program so they could get rid of the old shoes in storage spaces at home," said Horneff.

Some students will not only receive thanks from mom and dad, but from the recipients of their old shoes.

Students are encouraged to put cards in their shoes, so that the Kenyans who receive them can contact the donor.

And the shoes could not come at a better time.

With the start of the Olympics, now is the perfect time for young Kenyan runners to receive the equipment they need to succeed.

"Just watch the Olympics, see how many medals they win," said Coach Renner.

Bob Faw comes to WMC

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where he was awarded a 1978 Columbia-DuPont, a local Emmy and a UPI Illinois Broadcast award for his reports on PBB contamination.

He received a local Emmy in 1976 for his report on a subway crash, and in 1973 for an exposé on fraud in the pet industry.

His work also has been recognized by the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Political Science Association and the Washington State chapter of Sigma Delta Chi.

Faw began his broadcast career as a general assignment reporter/anchor at KING-

TV in Seattle, Wash., in 1969, moving on to WNAC-TV in Boston where he worked as a general assignment reporter/producer.

He co-authored "Thunder in America: the Impossible Campaign of the Rev. Jesse Jackson" with Los Angeles Times reporter Nancy Skeleton.

Originally from Salisbury, Md., Faw is a graduate of Davidson College in Davidson, N.C., with a B.A. degree in political science.

He received a M.S.C. degree in economics from the London School of Economics.

Courtesy of Public Information

Correction

The September 7, 2000 issue of the Phoenix incorrectly listed Pennsylvania Avenue house number 189 as a new house. The correct address is 139 Pennsylvania Ave.

Honor and Conduct Board Hears Cases

The Honor and Conduct Board met in April to consider a charge that a student had submitted plagiarized material in a paper for Chemistry Senior Seminar. The student was found to have violated the Honor Code and given the following sanction: "F" in the course.

In May, the Honor and Conduct Board met to consider charges of violations. In the first case, a student was found to have copied from another student's lab in Physical Chemistry. On appeal, the sanction was set at "U" for the report.

In the second case, a student was found to have turned in a plagiarized paper, downloaded from the internet, for English 1102. The Board established the following sanction for the violation: "F" in the course.

Finally, the Board heard a case in which a student admitted to carrying notes into an exam for an upper level Sociology course.

The student was found to have violated the Honor Code and given the following sanction: "F" in the course.

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SGA welcomes freshmen officers; tackles campus issues

MEGAN K. MARTIN

Student Government Reporter

At the September 14 meeting of the Student Government Assembly, members welcomed two newly elected freshman class representatives and took the first steps of action on several issues.

The new representatives, Mark Iwanowski and Tierra Jolly, experienced their first SGA meeting only hours after elections closed. In honor of their presence, SGA members decided to have a tropical-themed meeting.

Freshman class president Jeanette Flannery and representative Stephanie Gulbin were unable to attend because of a sporting event. SGA president Steven Sharkey speculated that neither freshman knew they had been elected.

All four freshmen will be inducted as SGA members on September 21 at 7:30 pm.

Despite the relaxed atmosphere of the meeting, the SGA voted on several issues during the first few weeks of school.

The first issue was the 4.3 Grading Scale. A majority of the members voted to send a letter to Dr. Sam Case, acting provost and dean of Faculty expressing the SGA's disappointment in the way the system was implemented.

Their major concern is that the opinion of the current SGA, and therefore the current student body, went unheard. The SGA has asked Dr. Case to respond to their letter to begin a dialog by September 22.

The SGA decided next to favor the idea of a cap on enrollment. They are afraid that the need for tuition and the proposed new dorm will encourage the school to admit more than 1600 students. In fact, Sharkey stated that he would like to come back in 25 years and see the enrollment holding steady at 1600 students.

While he was unable to assure the SGA that the school would put a cap on enrollment, Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs and adviser to the SGA, admitted that maintaining an enrollment of 1500-1600 was part of the Board of Trustee's current strategic plan.

The SGA plans to explore the issue and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

For the last three weeks, the SGA public relations committee has attempted to hang framed Honor Code signs in all classrooms. Because Physical Plant has been busier than normal reading dorms for those who had to stay at the Best Western, the signs have not yet been hung.

Concerned that their absence will be problematic for students, Jamin Bartolomeo, sophomore class president, introduced a motion to hang temporary Honor Code flyers in classrooms. Junior class representative Michael Jenkinson agreed, voicing his concern that new students would remain unaware of the Honor Code and that upperclassmen would forget the Honor Code without the signs.

The next order of business was

a letter to Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, about campus parking. In the letter, the SGA inquires about the number of permits versus the number of spaces.

The letter suggests implementing a seniority program, charging larger fines and revoking permits for violations, being more stringent with restrictions for freshmen, and paving Harrison lot and behind Blanche more extensively.

At a previous meeting, Dean Sayre said that the area behind Blanche is not fully paved because of city laws about runoff management. Also, about 50 to 60 parking spaces have been lost because of the construction on Main Street and around campus, Sayre said.

The letter, which asks for a response by September 28 and which is also being sent to Dean Sayre and Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance, was approved by a wide majority.

In addition to these issues, the SGA's committees have been investigating several student concerns.

The campus life committee, headed by senior class president Jeremiah Kelly, is working on a number of major issues.

During the student voice section of the meeting, senior Nick Valentine brought a complaint to the SGA's attention. His complaint centered on the prohibition of drums and electric amplifiers in dorms.

In his argument, Valentine told the SGA that such a policy was unfair to campus musicians. Storage of such instruments is allowed in Levine, but priority is given to Music majors and minors. There is also the issue of convenience and access for those who store such items in Levine.

Valentine also compared wattage of drums and amplifiers to common dorm appliances such as televisions or microfridges. He found that both appliances use more wattage than a drum kit or amplifier. As his conclusion, Valentine asked the SGA to help in an effort to have the policy (found on page 91 of the *Student Guide and Datebook*) removed or revamped.

When asked, Dean Sayre said that drum kits and amplifiers are banned "because they make a lot of noise and disturb neighbors." Even so, Valentine stated that the volume on such instruments could be controlled.

The matter was referred to the campus life committee which expected to have a letter to Residence Life ready for the next meeting.

The campus life committee also looked into the lack of sprinkler systems in the dorm rooms.

According to Dean Sayre, all residence halls are up to code as regard to fire safety. The law states that there must either be two fire escape routes or a sprinkler system but does not require both. Since Daniel MacLea is the only resi-

dence without two escape routes for all rooms, a sprinkler system was required. All other dorms have two fire escape routes.

However, Dean Sayre requested that the SGA encourage any student who is concerned by the lack of sprinklers to bring the matter to his attention as soon as possible.

He says he will be meeting with those responsible for upcoming dorm renovations throughout the year.

After such a volley of action within the first three weeks of school, the SGA is ready to hear and respond to complaints and requests. Dean Sayre says, "I think they will stay focused on important issues and try hard to represent the student voice." He also feels that most of the letters voted on at the September 14 meeting were a "good first step" to opening dialogs on important issues.

SGA meetings are on Thursdays at 8 pm in Hill 104.

Introducing...

SGA Executive Board

Steven Sharkey '02 - President
Amanda Cline '01 - Vice Pres.
Sarah Mitchell '01 - Secretary
Stephanie Knight '03 - Treasurer

SGA Academic Committee

Claire Adams '02, Matt Burger '01, Shelley Sorenson '03, class of 2004 representative to be announced later

PA Ave. Houses experience outages due to wiring

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with seven others, said that the outages have caused a \$40 window fan and an oscillating fan to be blown completely.

"I'm afraid something could happen to my computer next," she said.

The outages cause many inconveniences, she explained, that add up to a big problem.

If the electricity goes out early in the morning, she has to wake her housemates up and tell them to reset their alarms, she said.

Dotson also pointed out that one

of her housemates has already lost a paper due to an outage and they are concerned what will happen when they're all typing midterm research papers at the same time.

Wilson explained that in order for the problem to be solved, she needs records of each outage.

She fears that students get tired off keeping lists.

"If they don't log it, then I never know about it," she said. "If I don't find out, then this is never going to get solved. I want to get to the bottom of it."

As complaints about the problem persist, Boob hopes to be able to pinpoint the cause.

Boob said that so far this year they are not able to detect a pattern in the occurrences, but says they continue to investigate.

"It's something we want to investigate. We are trying to determine what is causing it," he said.

For the time being, however, Boob suggests that residence cut back on running multiple appliances at the same time in the same area.

SGA Events Calendar

Sept. 21

*Organizational Allocation announcements

*Organizational representatives' meeting at 9 pm

Sept. 22

*Drive-In Movies at 9 pm & 11 pm

*Bands and DJs interested in working the Homecoming Bonfire must contact Stephanie Knight by today.

Sept. 26, 27, & 28

*Homecoming Court elections

from 11am-1pm

Sept. 28

*Applications for student committee memberships due to Student Affairs.

What's your beef?

Students are invited to voice their concerns at each SGA meeting at 8:30 pm.

SGA meetings are held every Thursday night at 8pm in Hill 104.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors:

The May 4, 2000 edition of the *Phoenix* debates the alleged favorable treatment received by athletes at Western Maryland College. This article raises some interesting questions; however, it hardly offers debate. Instead, your readers were offered unsubstantiated rumor and tabloid style journalism in a biased form.

The article makes several accusations, citing anecdotal evidence, but at no point does it offer any factual evidence. This irresponsible article capitalized on rumors held to be true by a segment of the student population. Having played football for four years here, I can assure you, and the rest of the student population, that athletes do not receive favorable treatment in any of the respects that the article claims.

Consider for a moment the allegations that student athletes receive favorable treatment regarding housing. Ron Sermarini and Tommy Selecky, Western Maryland's highest profile athletes, would have received the most favorable treatment of all student athletes. Why then, were these two forced to live in Rouzer Hall for their sophomore seasons? Sermarini moved off-campus midway through his junior year, as he was unhappy with his living conditions in Blanche Ward Hall.

The article also cites an unidentified graduate, who knew a player that has his off-campus apartment paid for by the Athletic Department. This questions the integrity of Dr. Carpenter, the former Athletic Director of this institution, whose reputation for fairness and honesty cannot be questioned. So again I ask, where is the favorable treatment?

The article also leveled accusations against professors and administrators, claiming that grades were in some way adjusted to accommodate football players. This statement alone questions the academic integrity of the Western Maryland community. On several occasions, I have been subject to professors, who have been upset about having football players in their classroom, as have many of my teammates.

As for the less obvious implication that Dean Horneff may have helped along players like Tom Selecky in their academic careers, I would not like to dignify the accusation by discussing it. Dean Horneff's reputation at this institution cannot be questioned.

Allow us to focus on Tommy Selecky for a moment. Tommy, who is not here to defend himself, has endured the insinuation that he may not have earned his stay here. Having the privilege of knowing Tommy very well for the past four years, I can assure you that he has. Tommy found himself in acad-

emic trouble at Western Maryland. Because of his grades, he was unable to return.

Tommy Selecky attended community college in Delaware for a semester, in which he trained hard for football, and even harder academically, in order to ensure that he could return for the following season. Tommy paid his dues academically, and he was able to return on his own academic merit. That season, his grades slipped, and he found himself on academic probation.

The following semester, Tommy set a goal for himself, to achieve a 3.0 GPA. Along with Assistant Coach Brad Fordyce, and myself, Tommy sat down and outlined the means by which he would achieve this. He formulated a goal, concocted a plan, and in traditional Tommy fashion, achieved each goal he set out to accomplish.

While Tommy would be the first person to tell you that he was here for football, and I both take offense to anyone questioning his academic status at this school. Was he capable of achieving at a higher level than he often did? Of course, Tommy is intelligent, but academic success was not his primary goal.

It is not for any of us to decide if his using the school to advance his football career is the correct reason for attending this school. That is the path only he can choose. Tommy raised the profile of the school, the school raised the profile of Tommy.

Is it fair to say that a chemistry major uses the institution to advance his or her desired career path? If that is so, how could it be wrong for Tommy to exploit his skills at this school to further his potential career.

I will not deny that being a football player has benefits. Unfortunately, the article failed to address a single one of them. As a football player, being labeled as such has never been a benefit at this school. At no time has a Campus Safety officer ever excused a football player's inappropriate actions on the grounds that the individual played football.

I have sat through alcohol courses with several "star players." Being a football player once earned me a free soda at a local restaurant. This type of benefit is of little value, other than the sign of appreciation to justify the effort put into being an athlete at this school.

If anyone has benefited from the success of the football team, it has been the student body. The success of the football program has heightened awareness of the school within the state of Maryland, and has provided the school with national exposure.

While working for Delegate Robert McKee in Annapolis, several Senators and Delegates commented on my championship

ring. After the initial conversation about the success of the program, everyone offered comments on what a fine institution this college has become. Nearly everyone had a story of a friend or colleague who attended this college in the past.

Further exposure was provided for the school by graduate Tom Lapato, the Burger King Division III scholar athlete of the year, who raised both money and awareness of this college.

The national exposure of this, combined with the exposure of the national playoffs has established the Western Maryland College name nationally. While the money donated by Burger King, on behalf of Lapato, can't be tabulated and exacted, there is most certainly a large amount of money that was raised, based on the success of the football program, and other athletic programs as well.

I find it unfortunate that more people do not attend other sporting events. The spirit of this article speaks to that directly. Rather than praising our student-athletes, the student body, or at least the *Phoenix* would like to tear them down.

I have not always seen eye to eye with Tim Keating, Western Maryland College's head coach, but I do know that he runs a respectable program. The athletes under his tutelage spend no less than fifty hours a week preparing for Saturday's contest (and nearly 20 hours in the spring semester preparing for the upcoming season), on top of that, every athlete takes care of his academics, or forfeits his right to play.

My recruit class came in with over fifty athletes. At the end of our senior season, only 11 remained. Indeed, some were lost to poor grades, while others quit or transferred. This article is a slap in the face to our accomplishments. Considering that the football team posts double digits in its number of academic all conference selections annually, and the effort required to be a full time student and full time athlete, the *Phoenix* should issue an apology to all students for its inappropriate article.

Further, it should apologize to the faculty and administration for questioning the integrity of the institution. Thank you for considering an opposing viewpoint; please advise your staff to be more responsible when making unsubstantiated charges.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Peed '00

Editor's Note: We received this letter following the publication of the May 4, 2000 issue and feel Mr. Peed's concerns should be heard. The Phoenix continues to investigate the issue of preferential treatment of athletes at WMC, and plans to update this story in the next issue.

Greek Speak: It's not just an ongoing party

Erin McGrady encourages students to join a Greek organization.

Why go Greek?

This is the question many may have been thinking about in the weeks prior to Greek recruitment.

From a social perspective, the answer is plain and simple...the people and the parties. But it's more than that.

What draws many people to the Greek community may be the social reasons, but being Greek goes beyond that.

It's about being proud to wear your letters because you believe with all your heart in what they stand for...because you know that your brothers would be there for you in an instant and because you know that your sisters trust you with their deepest secrets...because they have and they always will.

But it's more than just tight brotherhood

and sisterhood bonds.

Greeks are excelling on the playing fields, in the classroom, and in other campus organizations as well.

They are helping out in the community, raising money for breast cancer research, serving in soup kitchens, and raising awareness about the dangers of binge drinking.

After finishing a successful, yet busy year, the ten social chapters of WMC are once again looking to pick up where they left off.

The James Brant Memorial Cup will reward the chapter who in the previous year excelled in academics, athletics, community

service, and leadership

This award is one of, if not the most, prestigious and sought after awards available to the Greek community.

It was established in 1976 by Interfraternity Council and Gamma Beta Chi Fraternity after the tragic death of Jim Brant, class of 1976.

Chapters are now eagerly waiting to see which chapter will be the next winner, which will be revealed at Homecoming.

The Brant Cup is just one of the many things Greeks do to celebrate their history and successes.

If you would like to become a part of a Greek organization, we encourage you to take part in the recruitment periods, held at the beginning of each semester.

Why go Greek? Why not?

Alternatives to improve the fourth meal plan

Matthew E. Hurff explains how the current 4th meal plan can be better.

I'm not going to beat a dead horse and explain the faults in the current 4th meal system.

Nor will I point any fingers at anyone; however, the limited 4th meal menu leaves much to be desired.

Instead, I would like to point out some of the alternatives to the current 4th meal system.

I feel that the Pub would not be as overwhelmed with this system if they would allow 4th meals to be served during the daytime also.

Pa. Parking Problems

BJ Shorb explains her parking predicament on Pennsylvania Avenue.

If I recall correctly, parallel parking is one of the basic skills needed to pass the driving test. Yet, it still amazes me that so many people do not know how to do it.

There is nothing more frustrating than trying to parallel park behind or in front of someone who obviously lacks the ability to do so.

As a resident of Pennsylvania Ave. for only a few weeks now, I have come across quite a few instances of this problem.

In fact, as I drove to work just the other day, I counted about ten cars on Pennsylvania Ave. alone that were not properly parked along the road.

Returning from work that day,

In fact, as I drove to work just the other day, I counted about ten cars on Pennsylvania Avenue alone that were not properly parked along the road.

I went to park behind a car in front of my house. Then, I realized that the car was not only far from being centered in the spot, but it was practically occupying half of the spot behind it.

I don't know how familiar you are with the street, but it is a popular street for parking, and the majority of the time there are few vacant spots. So, I didn't have a whole lot of options at the time.

I managed to just barely fit my car in the halfway occupied spot. I have a fairly small car. However, had it not been a Ford Escort ZX2, but a larger vehicle, there would have been no way it could have fit.

It looked as though all the driver would have needed to do was pull

This would help alleviate the lengthy lines going into Glar during particularly busy eating hours.

This would be especially helpful when students leave their last classes of the morning to eat before their afternoon classes, only to find a line reaching all the way to the bookstore.

Occasionally, my friends and I will just become so frustrated with this occurrence that we will immediately decide that it is time to go to Burger King.

However, many people on campus do not have this option due to lack of vehicular transportation.

Therefore, 4th meals should be

up another four or five feet. This would have given them a fine parking job and allowed me to park much easier. Whether they were concerned about preserving gas or just being disrespectful, it was obviously too difficult to pull up.

That was just one of the various displays of ignorant parking habits I have observed lately. Other residents of the same street have experienced and observed similar situations.

Brandi Crawford expresses her concern about the unmarked parallel parking spaces behind Hoover Library. She says it is "just a pain" when people leave a space, yet it isn't even big enough for a Geo Metro to fit. Why even leave the space at all?

I understand that parallel parking is not the easiest task to per-

form, and most of us don't get a lot of practice at doing so.

A few of my housemates admit that they either don't know how to parallel park or they have no success at it.

Their solution is simply don't do it, find a pull-in spot. If you don't have any other choice, then perhaps it is time break out the orange cones, trash cans, and tape measure and just practice a little more.

This may seem insignificant to some of you, but it truly is a nuisance.

Not just any nuisance, but a daily nuisance that can be avoided with just a tad more time, respect, and effort.

offered at the Pub at least when the line at Glar is obscenely long.

Furthermore, this would allow students to have more choices and would spread out the 4th meal crowd throughout the day.

Another idea that should be explored is the possibility of an agreement with area fast food and pizza places.

I have spoken with students at other colleges such as Rowan University.

There they have a system in place where you can order pizza, and the cost of the pizza comes off of your meal plan.

I am sure that a similar plan

could benefit the WMC students, staffed pizza places, and the under-staffed pub.

Whether the pub is staffed or efficient enough, one problem still remains: students like variety - a whole lot of variety.

My proposed plan would certainly accomplish that.

It would be impractical for the college to open another place to eat to provide this variety.

I am sure that the participating restaurants would have many restrictions on the program, but there is already many regulations on the 4th meal system.

What is the difference?

Revisiting the triple issues in Whiteford

Cyndi Nicoli discusses the outcome of her terrible triple troubles.

In the last issue of the *Phoenix*, I brought up a lot of the complaints from those living in triple rooms.

I was well aware of the pros and cons of living with two other roommates because I myself was involved in the triple situation.

However, WMC has made good with their promise to quickly solve this matter.

To update the readers of the *Phoenix*, on Wednesday, September 13, one of my two roommates moved from our third floor room to a first floor room with a single roommate.

She was called and told that she could move out that very night, so in a matter of 45 minutes, my triple room was a double.

We each had our own closet, a side of our room completely to ourselves, and more room to put things. Although we now have to tackle the problem of what to do with the furniture, we are all happy with our new living arrangements.

Instantly, my roommate and I were delighted at all the space.

We each had our own closet, a side of our room completely to ourselves, and more room to put things.

Although we now have to tackle the problem of what to do with the furniture, we are all happy with our new living arrangements.

Of course, no one can expect me to be completely happy with how the situation turned out. I like to complain, so I will take this opportunity to gripe to the WMC newspaper readers.

I miss my roommate, she was nice, funny, and always had an exciting thing to share with the room when we felt that the day was just too boring.

Now she is gone and there is an emptiness felt.

Yes, we are sentimental wimpy girls, but it's hard to lose a roommate, even if we had one too many.

Also, I really wanted one of those awesome beds that doubles as a sofa and has all the storage space.

Those beds helped me choose this school, and I will not even be able to have one.

So my room is still more cramped than the doubles. I only wanted a big dorm room, with plenty of space and a cool bed. Is that not what we all want?

However, we must all deal with our various hardships here at WMC.

There is a good side to all the trouble that was experienced. I had two friends that I got along with great from the very first day of class.

It isn't like the third roommate is lost in some far-off campus land. She lives only two floors down.

My first three weeks as a col-

lege freshman were undoubtedly filled with unexpected excitement that made for some great stories to tell friends and family back home.

However, now it is back to being just a regular freshman, with just one roommate.

What will I do now?

Will it take longer to "clean" my dorm room now that we are one gal short?

Who will entertain me late at night when I am not tired?

Will my room be getting less phone calls, so that I am forced to feel unpopular?

What will I call home to complain about so that I can receive a sympathy package?

Could this change that I hoped for have come to fast?

Maybe, but I will be getting over it while I am shopping for new clothes to fill my very own personal closet.

Problems in Glar

Jessica Fisher comments on the conditions inside Englar Dining Hall.

The school year is already well into its third week and some can't help but wonder: will the "GLAR food" ever get better? I know I am only a freshman and that I have had to put up with it for only about three weeks, but it has to get better, right? I asked some upperclassmen around campus. To my dismay, they all replied with: it'll be better next year when you have a car on campus and can go out to get meals. These types of answers were not exactly what I was anticipating to hear from my fellow classmates.

In all fairness, I must admit that on some rare occasions I have gone back up to the GLAR line in order to get a second helping of something that was prepared well. On those days, I can honestly say that is the highlight of my day.

Of course, those are the days when one must look past the fact that occasionally the Sprite dispenser is filled with club soda. You go back to your table, sit down, take a sip of your drink, and have to go back up to get a good drink. If your lucky you may get the cranberry juice that was made especially for that day. The secret is one drop of cranberry juice and then 99% water.

All the times I visited WMC for orientation and such, the food was excellent. Even the first day I got here, when I ate my last meal with my parents, the food was very appetizing. As days followed, the food became less appealing. I was informed that the food was good on those occasions in order to impress parents.

Well, I suppose it worked because whenever I talk to my parents and feel the need to complain about it, they say the same thing. "Jessica, you are just too picky. The food is very good. You just want to find something to complain about," they say.

I told them to just wait until Parents' Weekend, but now since it has passed, I am a little upset. Food has once again become more appetizing and the cafeteria is filled with a wonderful smell. I'll have to sneak them in one day so that they can taste the real food for once.

One of my sophomore friends advised me to eat up during this weekend. For once the nachos will not be stale, the plates will be extra clean, no particles left on them from the previous persons meal, and lastly, the taste of the food in general will greatly improve, he said.

I still have the hope that one day I will enter GLAR and there will be an unexpected surprise waiting for me, tasty food.

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An apology to residence life

Michael Wiles apologizes to Residence Life after last year's problems in Rouzer.

I have a hard time admitting when I am wrong. My girlfriend has told me that I am rarely apologetic, and I would have to agree with her, as I am sure many others would as well.

For the most part, I feel this is because I lead a very careful existence: both with my words and in my actions.

Despite this fact, I make the same mistakes that everyone makes from time to time, and I would like to publicly apologize for one of them now.

It comes as no surprise to many readers that I am not a fan of the living conditions in Rouzer Hall, and that I whined and complained through most of my stay there last year.

In almost every issue of the paper, I found someone or something to blame: mostly it was the students who wrecked the place (and who rightfully deserved the blame), but sometimes my spray of complaints fanned a bit too wide, and the wrong people were hit. More times than I care to admit, I blamed those in the Residence Life department for the chaos around me.

In hindsight, I regret having blamed them for a situation they could all but control.

When I developed a problematic situation with my housing about two weeks back, I was cynical about approaching the people in Residence Life with my concerns. Still poisoned by my prejudice, I thought they would have little interest, or limited means, to help me.

However, upon approaching them with my problem, they not only helped me beyond my expectations, but have quickly become some of my favorite people on this campus.

Not only did they treat me with an abundance of respect, but they worked with me as an equal to solve my problem quickly. The Residence Life department, Scott Kane and Beth Rosko in particular, have earned the respect from me this week they should have gained a long time ago.

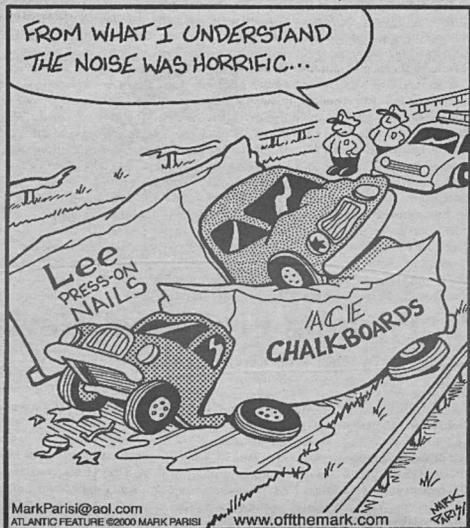
It might be hard to admit when you are wrong, but it is a crime to lead a wrong go unresolved. At best, this whole experience can be taken as a lesson learned: both for me and, hopefully, all of you as well.

One should never judge or blame where they have no right, and that is a lesson I think we can all benefit from.

Although I no longer blame Residence Life for the conditions of Rouzer Hall, I must say I still think SOMEONE should do something about it. I hear it is getting pretty rank in there.

off the mark

by Mark Parisi



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Survivor: the show that captivated millions

Edward K. Schultheis explains why Survivor became such a thrilling TV show.

Why did this show captivate the minds of everyone who watched it? Why were we so intrigued week after week? Why did we even care if Richard got naked or if Gervase did turn out to be the big money winner? Why did we keep coming back every week to watch another "Survivor" episode?

We asked ourselves these same questions every week, and every Wednesday night we found ourselves sitting in front of the tube watching Sue and Richard conspiring against the likes of Colleen and Sean. It was the show that brought us back to watching television and it was certainly the talk of people standing around their water coolers at work. Why did it captivate us so much?

Was it the money and potential fame that we were all interested in? Was it the competitions that they all went through? Did we like seeing who was going to be kicked off every week? Or was it simply the cool one million dollars that we were waiting to see dished out to the lucky survivor? I think it was a combination of all of that, not to mention that in some way we all envisioned ourselves as part of the cast of "Survivor."

This is why "Survivor" was more like a voyeur show than a reality show. You got to get inside the castaways heads. You were able to see them triumph and in many cases fail miserably. We got to see Rudy call Richard a "fag" and we got to see Kelly win immunity challenge after immunity challenge to keep herself from being voted off. This is what made this show different from "Real World" and "Big Brother."

In the "Real World" the seven strangers have to work together and live together,

but in "Survivor," the castaways had to work, sleep, fish, cook, catch rats, and create strategies together. Something that can be sympathized with by most college students. Although if college students are chasing rats, they are normally not for consumption, but rather to get them out of their dorm rooms.

While watching "Survivor," I was amazed at the simplicity of the show and how it still kept me wanting more, even after watching it for more than 10 weeks. I was especially amazed how, unlike "Big Brother" or the "Real World," the show didn't need a highly elaborate set or a mansion to be a good setting for the show. In fact, I liked how it was on a beach and how the show pitted the survivors not only against one another but also mother nature. There were many times when the two tribes found themselves in the middle of monsoon conditions when shelter was at a premium.

The 39 days that the castaways spent on the island were filled with hunger, sickness, and politics. It was a dog eat dog world, where the sneakiest survived and the meek were sacrificed off first. Maybe this is why Richard Hatch won after backstabbing and snaking his way to the finish line. I knew that to survive, you had to be the best at everything and certainly Richard was the best at fishing, competing and convincing.

I even found myself wondering if I could have competed with some of the people. I know that I am not the easiest person to get along with, so I probably would have been kicked off the island somewhere around... week 3. Even my girlfriend would probably agree on that.

Even if I couldn't have survived the 39 dog-wrenching days on the island, it was exciting to see 16 people try to outplay their way to \$1 million.

Big Brother: Is it a waste of television viewing time?

Sara Hoover expresses her disappointment with CBS's Big Brother.

Okay, call me crazy, but "Big Brother" just didn't "do it" for me!

Sure, I watched practically every episode of "Survivor," and yes, I am a total freak when it comes to "The Real World" but there is just something about BB that rubs me the wrong way.

Mainstreaming... maybe that's what it is. "The Real World" took off because it was new. "Seven complete strangers, picked to live in a house..." admit it - it was appealing.

But the best part of RW was that it was the creation of MTV.

MTV was never a station that held back, or followed the rules, most importantly, never what mainstream society wanted to see.

Famous for making a mockery of the "Academy Awards" with the birth of the "MTV Movie Awards," they reminded us that it was okay to laugh at the world, they gave us situations we understood, jokes we liked, and (duh) the music we rocked to.

When CBS formed "Survivor" it too shared the basic premise of strangers brought together and to live together, but the surroundings were very different.

"Survivor" placed those total strangers on an island where they had to "outwit... outplay... and outlast" one another and in the end, one was chosen as the winner.

And the show was a hit! No one, not even MTV with their "Road Rules" dared contestants to hunt for their food (literally), compete against each other, and of course - let's not forget the one-million-dollar prize!

Then, CBS spoke too soon. "Big Brother," named for George Orwell's classic novel 1984, depicts a world roughly based

on that in the book: video cameras recording a community's every move... even, the bathroom.

BB pushes the button by building a commune in which the members of the house cannot leave, nor are there any of the "modern conveniences," i.e.: TV, Computer (or Internet), telephone or even books!

But what's the problem? If MTV can do it, and CBS hits big with a "Gilligan Island" spoof, why not twice? The answer is clear to me.

Did you watch the show - ever? If so, then it is clear to you as well.

Too much technology, too trendy, and trying too hard to be cool!

Could we try and fake out the audience a little more with all the fun cameras we can hide?

Can we make the show seem a little more like it's the most important thing in the world?

How many IKEA show rooms were struck bare after CBS furnished that house - I ask you?!!

Could we please try and add more fun colors that the young audience will want to see more of?

And please, oh please, add more lame interviews with "banished" cast members, more cheesy theme music and more dramatic moments of silence?!!

Note to the reader - you can't spot the sarcasm in the above three paragraphs please stop here and start again!

Maybe it's just me.

Maybe the rest of the world likes intruding on other people's lives (and who's to say that I don't?) but it is an intrusion if a major corporate business, like CBS, buys an awesome house, furnishes it, AND chooses the houseguests?

How real can it really be? And besides, did we not learn anything from watching "The Truman Show"?

The most exhilarating experience of a lifetime for one student

GABE SHULMAN
Staff Writer

The mountains are beautiful here, especially these mountains. Purple in the twilight, golden during the day.

I lived under their protective shadow for a month, sweating and bleeding to build up their defenses. To protect a country I love so much.

For the last few months of high school I had been thinking that I wasn't ready for college yet.

I didn't feel mature enough to handle living on my own and worrying about grades. To be honest, it scared me.

So, one day my cousin told me about this program that she had done, where she went to Israel for nine months.

She said it had helped her mature, realize who she was, and to see the world.

I was a bit dubious at first, but I eventually warmed to the idea, and within a few months was all signed up to go.

We arrived at the base in the northern part of the Golan Heights in late April. The scenery was stunning.

We were stationed in small barracks like the rest of the soldiers, given sleeping bags we were ad-

vised not to sleep in (on account of their disgusting condition), and given the same food everyday.

We lived just like the basic army grunt and did the same work.

Everyday we would pile onto our bus and they would take us out of the base and into the mountains.

After about ten minutes, we would come to a large gate. This gate was the political border of Israel and Lebanon.

We worked across that border everyday (except for the few that we were being bombed).

Our task at the border was a menial but necessary one. The fences are the primary protection against people sneaking over the border, so they needed to be up kept.

That is just what we did; strung

new wire, laid new poles, took out the old ones damaged by snow, and generally made it impossible for any

one to walk the rest of us up the road in plain sight.

The people in hiding would periodically shine a flashlight on us and we would have to dive onto the rocky ground and find cover before we would get hit by the beam. Few of us ever made it.

In another drill we did we would walk down the road, with our mufeked ahead of us, and he would throw rocks on the ground and yell "grenade!"

Same drill - dive on the ground and find cover in the six to eight seconds we had before it went off. Then we would lie there and he would walk around and tell us which parts of our body would have been blown off.

The last few weeks were a build

up of constant excitement about the final thrill: we were going to be able to shoot an M-16 rifle. Now, I shoot handguns with my dad at his range, but laying there with an M-16 pressed up against my cheek, is something completely different.

We had training for a few days but then it finally happened.

We had to sit down on the range, which was a small valley closed in on three sides, facing away from the target with the guns behind us. When we were told we could turn around and lie down next to it. Then we were given permission to put the clips in and load the gun.

Two of us shot at a time and with each shot of the gun next to me, I felt a blast of air hit my body. Each time I squeezed the trigger I felt this surge of excitement course through my body, making my stomach turn over.

We had a clip with ten bullets in it and I hit the target nine times. I still have my target. It was funny because the girls were assassins compared to the guys.

The time I spent in Israel was the most life changing and exhilarating experience I have ever had and I would do it again in a second.



Shulman protected the Israeli/Lebanon border during his nine-month stay.

border jumpers to get across.

We worked for about six hours a day, and it got plenty hot out there. After work we went back to the base for dinner and showers. Then we hung around base until it got dark, when our mufeked (drill sergeant) would take us out on night hikes.

He would select a few of us and have them wait up the trail, then

our mufeked ahead of us, and he would throw rocks on the ground and yell "grenade!"

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The last few weeks were a build

The WMC Education department adds five new faculty faces

Sharon Craig

Sharon Craig, a graduate of the University of Arizona, earned her master's degree from Western Maryland College. She is currently completing her dissertation for her doctorate in education at the University of Maryland. She joins the Green Terror faculty from the Carroll County Public School system where she had been the Coordinator of Continuous Improvement in the Integrated Arts Program since 1998.

In the past, Craig has also taught at William Winchester and Carrolltowne, as well as working with students at Friendship Valley Elementary.

This school year, Craig will be teaching undergraduate reading program courses as well as a graduate reading assessment class.

On a more personal level, Craig enjoys both watching and partici-

pating in all sports, as well as reading and writing. - *Katie Champion*

Eddy Laird

Hired to teach in the deaf education program, Eddy Laird has more than 25 years experience, including superintendent at Indiana Deaf School.

He has taught at Lamar University, Northeastern University, Boston University, Riverside County Schools in California and Tennessee Deaf School. Skilled in American Sign Language and English, he also directed New England Deaf Homes from 1981-1992.

He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Gallaudet University, a master's degree in special education from the University of Tennessee, a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from California State University in Northridge and is

currently working on a doctorate in deaf education/deaf studies from Lamar University. - *Courtesy of Public Information*

Janet Medina

Trained as an archaeologist, Janet Medina got into education due to the lack of available jobs in archaeology within the region. She began tutoring while teaching courses at Mary Baldwin College in Virginia and has since earned a Masters in reading and a Doctorate in School Psychology. "I got my Ph.D. from Alfred University, which was a lot like WMC. While I was there, I worked helping undergrad students who didn't have great GPAs or SATs for a variety of reasons."

Medina's primary experience is with learning support services. She spent several years at Hartford Community College as the Direc-

tor of Learning Support Services. Now she is teaching several first year teaching courses (undergraduate) as well as a diversity course for student teachers, "which deals with all sorts of diversity. Racial, ethnic, sexual, yes, but also diversity of disabilities, sexual preferences, and so on. It's important for teachers to learn these things."

Most of Medina's spare time is spent with her family (a husband and two daughters), part of the reason for her change in jobs. Through it all, Medina came to WMC last year as an adjunct, and now joins the college full time. "I like it here a lot, though I can certainly relate to the freshmen or anyone who's exactly new this year. It's all very exciting." - *Matt McGowan*

Debra Miller

Debra Miller has always wanted to teach, and in fact, comes

from a family of educators and administrators. "It's the best job in the world. It's not really work, it's fun," she said.

Miller has been at WMC as an adjunct in the Education Department since 1993. Before that, she taught for twenty-three years within the Howard County/Salisbury school system. Now Miller teaches mainly graduate courses, with the exception of one undergraduate course.

Miller got her teaching degree and BA in Elementary Education from Frausburg, and went immediately into teaching. "I've picked up a Masters Degree in reading, and a Ph.D.," added Miller, who has always loved reading and has, therefore, taught it a great deal.

In her spare time, Miller likes to read and travel. When asked whether she likes her job, Miller responded enthusiastically, "I love it. LOVE, all caps, that's what I always tell people." - *Matt McGowan*

Marcia Virts

Marcia Virts, who before joining the full-time faculty was an adjunct instructor in the deaf education program at WMC since 1978, will be teaching English as a second language to deaf students as part of the deaf education program's recent \$1.5 million grant from the US Department of Education.

Virts has also taught at the Maryland School for the Deaf. She earned her bachelor's degree in English from Washington College and a master's in deaf education from Western Maryland. - *Courtesy of Public Information*

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Need a break? Then read on

KATE ESPOSITO
Senior Writer

So three weeks of school have already passed us by. Just enough time to reconnect with friends and meet new people; almost time to actually start going to class. And if you are anything like me, it is about the time you run out of that summer cash. There are several choices for the student left in this situation:

A) Hit up family members and friends for cash.

B) Start selling prized possessions and internal organs.

C) GET A JOB.

However, if none of these options appeal to you in the slightest, have no worry. There are many exciting things to do on campus that don't cost a cent. You're paying enough to be here already.

First of all, there are outside activities. You have to be a moron to not realize how beautiful this campus is, especially when it comes to the sunsets. Go watch one. This can also be terribly romantic (hint for all you boyfriends out there). Another thing that sounds kind of interesting is running on to the golf course, twirling around and singing "The Sound of Music" like fraulein Maria. I have never tried this, but if you do, I applaud you. Extra credit if there are perplexed golfers present who think they may be in Austria.

Two more subdued activities involving the outdoors are cloud watching, and the night time version: star gazing. These can be used as excellent excuses to be lazy, also as research for science class.

For the more active set, there are many free and fun sports to play including Frisbee, tennis, soccer etc. Okay maybe those aren't

free if you don't have the equipment. Try to sneak some out of the gym. (But put it back of course).

For those of you who are lazy slobs and don't want to make the effort to go outside, there are also entertaining activities that can be done on your floor. If you are extremely bored, and fortunate enough to not live in Whiteford, you and your roommate can have a fun day rearranging the furniture. Who knows? Learn the ways of Feng Shui and this could greatly improve your life. If your roommate is away, move all of their furniture into another room. See if he/she notices.

If you can at least bring up the energy to make it to the hallway, try bowling with soda bottles and a soccer ball. Once you have declared the champion, have a floor movie marathon. Collect everyone's videos and watch them all back to back. Turn off the lights and play the sound loudly, to pretend that you can actually afford to go to the movie theater.

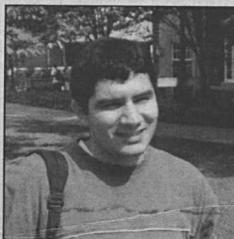
Another place on campus which can bring endless hours of amusement is Glar; which most of us are forced to pay for anyway. Aside from guessing what the main dish actually is, which could fill up at least a few hours, here are some more: make sculptures of animals out of frozen yogurt or mashed potatoes; fiddle with the radio; or see how many pieces of fruit, ice cream bars, cookies, or bagels you can sneak out the door without getting caught.

Finally, for those of you who can leave campus, there is the number one guilty pleasure of Western Maryland College: going to Walmart. For a list of the many games that can be played at Walmart, ask any upper-classman you see roaming around the campus looking for things to do.

60 SECONDS

What is the "Green Terror?"

Compiled by Brad Widner



"It's a concept, man!"
-Marc Conley '03



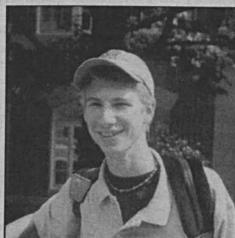
"A big fluffy monster, kind of like Grover"
-Rachel Ward '02



"A cross between the Incredible Hulk and the Tazmanian Devil"
-Matt Burger '01



"The monstrous amount of school spirit that we have at WMC!"
-Brandi Livesay '03



"It's what makes WMC clothes so damned expensive."
-Pat Pulliam '03

College life is full of "Choices"



COURTESY OF ERIN OWEN

The cast of Choices 2000 greeted the class of 2004 in the annual production of "Choices." The humorous skits covered issues focused on surviving life at Western Maryland College.

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New faculty brings many talents to various departments

Educational institutions, perhaps more than any other type, enjoy a constant flow of new individuals, each of whom bring to their respective campuses renewed visions of their craft, and new energies to get students to love what they're learning. Let's meet the new professors who will do just that here at WMC.

Nicholas Boer

Nicholas Boer, visiting lecturer in exercise science and physical education, is most definitely "fit" for his job.

This Hungarian professor does many fun and challenging activities to keep up his physical fitness. Professor Boer is a recreational weight lifter, cyclist, soccer player, and runner. He has even run the 26-mile Pittsburgh Marathon, twice!

Boer, who earned his Bachelor of Science degree in biology at Loyola College, just completed his graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh, where he was in charge of running a lab while taking part in the research projects that went along with it. At Pittsburgh, he earned two master's degrees and a Ph.D.

Boer came to WMC after Dr. Sam Case had interviewed him and offered him a job taking over his position. Boer expressed delight to "now be able to work in a small, attractive, private college with Dr. Case as his mentor and guide."

Professor Boer is now teaching the classes of Exercise Physiology as well as Human Physiology. - *Melissa Blackwell*

Donald Craig

Originally from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Lieutenant Colonel Craig came to The Hill after leaving his position as Chief of Leader Division at the Center for Army Leadership. While at Ft. Leavenworth, Craig co-authored a rewrite and update of the field manual on Army leadership.

Acting as the Green Terror Battalion Commander of WMC's ROTC and full time professor of Military Science, Craig has his mind set on being a positive addition to our campus. He has a three-year appointment at WMC.

Craig earned his Bachelor of Science degree in human resources

at Troy State University.

How does Craig differ from other professors at WMC? He loves physical fitness activities such as cycling and running, as well as spending time with his two girls (aged 7,10). - *Brandi Thayer*

Psyche Forson

Psyche Forson, Jessie Ball duPont Visiting Scholar in English, has been teaching English 1101 this semester, and in the spring she will begin teaching an interesting class

Roxanna Harlow

Roxanna Harlow, the first African-American female sociology professor at WMC, grew up in the urban area of south Chicago. She sought out her undergraduate degree at Northwestern University and Indiana University for graduate school.

She says, "the reason I became a professor was to be a role model to all student and in particular minority students."

physics and astronomy from the University of Oregon, where he specialized in Physics Education Research — how people learn physics and trying to teach it in a way that makes learning it a better experience.

Marx received both his undergraduate and doctoral degrees at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Here at WMC, Marx is an assistant professor of physics. Marx hopes to launch his Renaissance

University of California at San Diego, where she also won the Teaching Assistant and Development Award. - *Courtesy of Public Information*

Kevin McIntyre

Assistant Professor of economics and business administration, Dr. McIntyre specializes in international finance, monetary economics, and economic history.

Dr. McIntyre earned his graduate and doctoral degrees from the University of Virginia, and a bachelor's degree from Grinnell College. He also studied at the London School of Economics and the Institute of European Studies.

Before coming to WMC, he was senior economist and head international economist at Dismal Sciences/RFA where he was responsible for economic forecasting and analysis. He was frequently quoted by major national media, including The Wall Street Journal, Associated Press, Investor's Business Daily and the Boston Globe, on current economic issues. - *Courtesy of Public Information*

Jakub Zejmis

Jakub Zejmis is teaching the western civilization section and History of Russia for Theodore Evergate while Evergate is on sabbatical.

Besides teaching, Zejmis worked in Russia from 1990 to 1993 doing journalism, consulting about western investment, and guidebook contributions to two companies. He has also done archive research on early Soviet history in Belarus and Poland from September 1998 to August 1999.

Born in Poland, Zejmis came to the United States as a child and has since lived in Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington DC, and Baltimore. His main field is Russian and East European history.

Though he spends most of his free time with his family and three-year old daughter, Zejmis has traveled extensively in Europe. The reason he hasn't visited these countries is because "you can't do everything and we tried to focus on the inexpensive." - *Joan Faulkner*

Additional Information courtesy of Public Information.



Pictured from left to right are: Roxanna Harlow, Marcia Tressler Virts, Lt. Col. Donald Craig, Janet Medina, Eddy Laird, Debra Miller, Jeffrey Marx, Margaret McDevitt, Kevin McIntyre. Not pictured: Sharon Craig, Psyche Forson, Cristina Seckman

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called Women, Food, and Identity in Literature of the African Diaspora, which will satisfy the Global Perspectives BLAR.

She has studied English, Women's studies, and African American studies. She received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Virginia and her Master's Degree from University of Maryland, College Park.

For a number of years, Forson worked at the Smithsonian Institution as a museum consultant. She also taught at numerous places including University of Maryland, UMC, and UDC.

Currently, Professor Forson is living with her husband in Beltsville. She is also attending University of Maryland, College Park in order to complete a Ph.D. in African American and Women's studies, focusing on literature.

- *Cara Jacobson*

Dr. Harlow chose WMC because she "was impressed by how genuinely friendly the faculty and everyone was."

She feels like this campus and the people here are a big family. She also saw something inspiring about WMC students, "I was really impressed by the students, how interested they were in the faculty selection process and how involved they were in the classroom. I could feel a need, particularly for minority students who wanted more faculty of color."

Dr. Harlow has some ambitious goals for WMC: to create an African-American studies minor, be an instructor that can facilitate students with their needs, and connect with the African-American and other minorities students.

- *Mohindra Ramphal*
Jeffrey Marx

Marx is a former professor of

Physics Program here at WMC. The program is designed to aid non-majors in the basics of science and mathematics, which are necessary requirements for physics. - *Brandi Thayer*

Margaret McDevitt

An experimental psychologist, Margaret McDevitt was hired as an assistant professor of psychology. She has taught at the University of California at San Diego, San Diego State University, and California State University at Stanislaus.

Dr. McDevitt also has clinical experience with developmentally disabled and emotionally disturbed populations at Behavior Intervention Services, Creative Alternatives and Camp La Honda, and in California.

She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at California State University at Stanislaus and master's and doctoral degrees at the

Horoscopes: forecasting your future for the onset of Fall

LISA STANLEY
Staff Writer

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

So you Virgos are still eating the pizza? Maybe this time you'll listen to me and keep clear of eating too much grilled cheese. Your lucky numbers are 1, 13, and 34. Your best color: stick with a clean white.

Libra (Sept 24 - Oct 22)

Spend some quality time with new buds, Libra; events will take a surprising turn for the better. Your lucky numbers for the week are 5, 17, and 26. This week get playful and go with purple.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 22)

Really get to know your co-workers, Scorpio. This will open up many doors for you - i.e. spice up your life. Your lucky numbers are 3, 14, and 30. This week wear something red.

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

Jump up on any new opportunities that come your way. This week your lucky numbers are 2, 9, and 18. Your best color is a cool gray.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

Now that you have that cutie's number, call them! If nothing else, you will have a new friend. Your lucky numbers are 8, 22, and 28.

Your best color is yellow, so let it shine!

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Hit a new club and strut your stuff, Aquarius; you will have such a great time.

Your lucky numbers this week are 11, 16, and 24. Your best color is a sexy black.

Pisces (Feb 20 - March 20)

Keep your hands to yourself this week, Pisces - trust me. Things will be best this way.

Your lucky numbers are 7, 20, and 32. This week tone it down with a pale blue and pale yellow combination.

Aries (March 21 - April 20)

Hold your tongue. Go with the flow this week; you will avoid some rough water that way. Your lucky numbers are 6, 21, and 35.

Your best color is green.

Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Careful not to over analyze everything. Your lucky numbers this week are 12, 25, and 33.

Go with earth tones and wear some cream.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

Remember that you can't change anyone but yourself. Live and let live. Your lucky numbers are 15, 27, and 31. Your best col-

ors will be the fluorescent shades of green and pink.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

Threat yourself this week and try something totally new, like a new outfit or maybe even try that new dessert you heard about. Your lucky numbers are 10, 19, and 36.

This week, your best color choice will be conflower.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 23)

Try to catch up on your work. This will make play time all the more fun for you.

Your lucky numbers are 4, 23, and 29. Try wearing the color melon for a nice change.

Sportswine: Knight falls plus the world in sports

MATTHEW E. HURF
Sports Editor

Finally, an era came to close in college basketball this week as Bobby Knight was fired from his post at the University of Indiana.

University officials made the decision because Knight violated the zero tolerance policy placed upon him as a result of past violent outbursts.

Knight violated this policy in an "arm grabbing" incident involving Indiana freshman Kent Harvey.

The decision to fire the caustic Knight was a prudent decision for the University of Indiana and for NCAA basketball.

The coach who was once known for his incendiary personality and his winning ways, has not won the NCAA championship since 1981, and is now just known for his chair throwing tendencies and his verbal lashings.

He will be replaced by his assistant Mike Davis on an interim basis.

I feel that this changing of the guard signifies the culmination of a trend in coaching which has been in the works over the past few decades.

If you have not noticed, there are no longer coaches like Billy Martin, or Earl Weaver screaming at umpires, players and other coaches at your nearest baseball stadium.

Instead, teams are led by more subdued coaches like Tony LaRussa, Jerry Manuel and Larry Dierker.

This is not to say that these coaches are never seen in the midst of a tirade focused at their players, or even that they are never involved in a heated conversation with an umpire, but these outbursts seem to be more strategic than the violent tantrums Knight has oft burst into.

In football news, yet another quarterback has been felled due to concussions.

Only a few months removed from the retirement announcement from the 49ers Steve Young, Cowboy Troy Aikman has been stricken with his 7th NFL concussion.

Aikman, however, is refusing to retire and will rehab and play once again. His replacement will be veteran Randall Cunningham in the meantime.

Aikman's injury in combination with the injury of prize wide receiver Joey Galloway will make a playoff run very unlikely for Dallas.

Galloway tore his knee during the same game at Texas Stadium against the Philadelphia Eagles.

Aikman is practicing and may be able to start in a difficult game against the Redskins on Monday night.

Troy, take some time off, I wouldn't recommend returning against Bruce Smith, Lavarr Arrington and crew.

Take a word of advice from Steve Young, and do not be too hasty.

Redskins fans, do not expect an upset by the Cowboys this week.

After last week's defeat, Coach Norv Turner will have his team on their toes and prepared to take advantage of a beleaguered Cowboy squad.

The injuries that occurred to Aikman and Galloway occurred mainly because of the Astroturf which covers the field at Texas Stadium.

This material invented for use in the Astrodome, the first domed stadium in MLB is used on many pro football and baseball fields throughout the country.

Just like the gun, it is something which many wish they could un-invent.

Astroturf has ruined many players careers and countless playoff chances for various teams around the league.

Imagine being tackled while running full speed on a green spongy piece of concrete, and that will give you an idea of what athletes such as Aikman and Galloway deal with.

It would make sense for owners to opt for grass in open air stadiums such as Texas Stadium, but then again, owners do not always do the smartest thing; case in point, the Orioles.

For years I have been saying that the Orioles should dump some of their old, over priced veterans in exchange for some promising prospects.

Finally this year, they've decided to listen, however, they executed this plan poorly.

When they traded Mike Bordick to the Mets, Bordick responded with a strong show-

ing in New York, hitting a home run in his first game.

In return for Bordick, the Orioles receive 28-year-old rookie Melvin Mora.

Mora has been a bit unsteady in field, in large part because he is not a natural shortstop, and does not have the range to play there everyday.

They also unloaded first baseman Will Clark, who has returned to his past form while filling in for Mark McGuire in St. Louis.

While Clark is playing well now, he will probably be out of the league in a year or two, therefore, the O's made a wise decision in this situation.

However, the O's should have extended this process by unloading Delino DeShields, Albert Belle or Brady Anderson.

The reason these players are still on the team is because no one would want to pay,

so much to three such over-valued players, besides the Orioles that is.

Well O's fans, expect a decade of rebuilding to account for the decade spend squandering cash and prospects to promote the "win at all cost" attitude.

If the O's had acted when the older players they possessed were somewhat valuable, they could have received many valuable prospects in return.

If this had occurred, we could be looking at a winning team next year. How you ask?

Just look how quickly teams like Seattle and the White Sox have rebuilt.

Both teams lost considerable talent, but are now contenders once again due to shrewd trading and excellent farm systems.

But hey, if you feel like paying 5 million dollars to a 36 year old who has left his better days in the past, go right ahead, but that will leave your teams better days in the past.



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Freshmen recruits propel field hockey to strong start

AMY BITTINGER
Staff Writer

Western Maryland College's field hockey team finished up its 1999 season with five victories.

After the first five games of its 2000 season, the team is only two wins shy of that same mark.

This season was the debut of second year coach, Mindy Manolovich's recruitment efforts, which thus far have proven to be remarkable.

Manolovich did lose seven payers from the 1999 season to graduation, but also lost four potential returnees who decided not to play this year. One of those was goal-keeper Kate Boyle.

This forced Manolovich to put a freshman goalie in the cage.

However, Becky Arnold has faced the challenge with grace by giving up only five goals on 82 shots with 34 saves.

Arnold was aware that a freshman would be starting in goal but felt prepared because, "coaches have given me a lot of one on one attention."

They have pointed out what my weaknesses are and what I need to work on," Arnold says.

One thing Arnold spent a lot of time working on was defending the one versus one attack.

The practice effort paid off.

In the WMC's second game of the season against Frostburg State, for the first time in Arnold's career, she participated in a stroke off.

It is NCAA regulation that games that end in a tie after twenty-five minute regulations and two fifteen minute seven versus seven sudden death overtime periods that a stroke off competition is instituted in which one player takes a shot on goal 6.4 meters out from the goal line.

In Arnold's first ever stroke off only one goal was allowed resulting in the Terror victory.

Arnold admits that the stroke off "happened so fast that I don't remember it."

All over the field, throughout each game first-year players have left their mark.

Freshmen Kristin Talarovich and Tara Morris displayed their talent by each pounding hatricks in an 18 - 0 rout over Salem College of North Carolina in Lynchburg, Virginia.

That victory smashed the old Western Maryland record for most goals in a game, which was set in 1952 with nine goals and tied in 1972 and again in 1996.

That victory was one day before a 3 - 1 victory over Manolovich's alma mater, Lynchburg, in which freshman Susan Rohrer slammed in the third goal with 21:01 remaining in the game to seal the victory. Rohrer is a quiet presence on the field, but her presence on the record has been noticed.

In addition to her goal in the Lynchburg game, she has twice scored against Salem, and scored



AMY BITTINGER

WMC's Jen Flannery dribbles between two Salem players

the Terror's lone goal in the York Fogler is an off the field leader

because she has helped the nine returnees and sixteen new players to form a team-like camaraderie that has benefited team union on the field.

Fogler has also been a leader on the field by opening the scoring in the Lynchburg game by notching a goal off, sophomore, Tracy Kessler's cross.

Heather Arnold is a defensive stronghold that, along with the rest of the defense, has held opposition to five goals.

However, there is still a lot of room for improvement for the freshmen and the team as a whole.

Manolovich points out that "the team fails to take advantage of numbers up situations."

Versus Frostburg, on several of Frostburg's early penalty corners the ball was over hit and sent into the Terror's attack with the Terror going to goal five players up.

But the attack would hold up the advance for the Frostburg defense, and rest of the Terror attack.

Similarly, the team still needs more communication and off ball movement to enhance their offense and defense.

In the future, Manolovich will recruit players for specific positions and roles that the team may lose to graduation.

She notes that the problem with having sixteen recruits is that in order to bring in an ideal size of recruits each year, it will be difficult carrying the group of sixteen each of their four years.

However, each freshman has made a significant and worthwhile contribution to Terror's outstanding start.

Assistant coach Amy Eggers explains that "the first year players all came into preseason with excellent skills and conditioning so that during the preseason, they could spend all of their time learning and practicing strategy."

Kristin Barrick echoes this same sentiment explaining that she "learns by doing and practicing, so being able to spend all of the practices on strategy helped prepare me for games."

And ready they were. In the 10 minutes of overtime, in which the teams play seven on seven, Manolovich had on the field one senior, one sophomore, and five freshman, including the goalie, reflecting her confidence in her new players.

And the confidence paid off. The squad dominated the over time period by having 10 shots, five penalty corners, and allowing only two shots from the opposition.

Similarly, in the stroke off Manolovich had three freshmen and two seniors shooting.

Three of the five made their shots resulting in the Terror win. However, sophomore Sarah Hansen admits that "the core of the team is still the upper-class."

The team is led by a solid upper class that includes senior captains Sara Fogler and Heather Arnold.

Men's soccer battle nationally ranked foes

GREG LEDERER
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite the fall's dreary weather, the Western Maryland Men's soccer team is adapting to the conditions and is sporting a solid 3-1 record to begin the 2000 campaign.

A early season schedule including nationally ranked opponents would scare some teams, but the Green Terror have shown that they are up to the challenge.

The Green Terror kicked their season off with a September 2 tournament game against 20th nationally ranked Salisbury State, a very opposing foe.

As rain and thunderstorms loomed on the horizon, the game was tightly played throughout. The opposition struck first with a first half goal, but WMC trudged into halftime only down 1-0. After intermission, senior striker Darren Wolfe netted the team's first goal of the season at the 67 minute mark to tie the contest and the game continued scoreless for the rest of regulation.

Then off and on thunderstorms hit the field and finally, after over two hours of day continual play continued. When the overtime period got underway, the Green Terror hit a bad break when they were called for a foul in the penalty area, giving Salisbury a penalty shot to attempt to end the contest. With just a few seconds left in the first overtime, the opposition nailed the kick to win the game and give WMC an exhausting (almost five hour game) and heart-breaking defeat.

While they played well against a great team, they fell just short of pulling off a major upset.

The next day, the team tried to redeem themselves against another nationally ranked opponent, Eastern Mennonite. In another hard-fought contest, the Green Terror were determined not to come up short.

The opponent struck first early with a netted goal and WMC again found themselves down 1-0 at the half. Down in the second stanza, the team responded when junior Tommy Long found sophomore Ryan Tetters to pull them even again at 1-1.

As regulation came to an end

with the score tied, the team went to overtime again. This time though, one overtime wasn't enough as the teams played to a stalemate. In the second overtime, highly touted freshman Chris Smith took a pass from junior sweeper Barclay Losse and netted his first collegiate goal to take home the win for the Green Terror. Another bright note for the team was junior goalkeeper Ryan DeFibaugh who was rewarded as the MVP of the tournament for his play.

In their next game, the Green Terror returned home to face Villa Julie. The contest was fiercely fought and the team was able to register a hard earned home win to bring their record to 2-1.

On September 9, WMC visited rival Swarthmore for their league opener. Points were hard to come by as the two teams battled it out.

Despite a couple of chances to win the game, WMC was unable to score in regulation and headed for another overtime period. This has been a recurring theme for the Green Terror who have been to three overtime games already this season.

On the positive side, the WMC defense has been unbelievable this season with strong play from defenders David Filo and Long among others.

Late in the first overtime, the opposition was whistled for a foul inside the penalty area giving the home team a chance to end another exciting contest.

Senior captain Vinny Pedalino stepped to the forefront and iced the game with a netted goal. Once again, junior DeFibaugh played outstandingly not allowing a goal throughout the contest.

Despite the intense early season schedule and weather problems, the Green Terror squad is off to a strong 3-1 start to the season.

Faced with marathon games and exciting action, there are many positives for the team early in the season. With the program's first ever Centennial Conference title as the goal, fans should be braced for an exciting and successful season of men's soccer on the hill.

Football

Saturday, September 23
At Ursinus@ 1:00 PM

Field Hockey

Wednesday, September 20
Vs. Elizabethtown
Saturday, September 23
Vs. Haverford

Cross Country

Saturday, September 23
@ York

WMC Sports Calendar

Saturday, September 30
@ Frostburg

Women's Soccer

Saturday, September 23
Vs. Rutgers-Camden
Tuesday, September 26
Vs. Washington
Saturday, September 30
Vs. Ursinus

Volleyball

Thursday, September 21

Vs. York

Saturday, September 23

Vs. Muhlenberg

Vs. Bryn Mawr

(Away)

Men's Soccer

Saturday, September 23

Vs. Rutgers-Camden

Saturday, September 30

Vs. Franklin &

Marshall

***All games are home unless otherwise stated.

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Women's soccer off to a strong 6-0 start

GREG LEDERER
Assistant Sports Editor

Sizzling! It has been a perfect start for the Western Maryland College women's soccer team as they are off to the best start in school history going undefeated in their first six games of the season. Following last year's school record 11 wins including ten consecutive victories in a row at one point, the team is poised to have even more success this season.

The team began its season with a September 2 road game against Ferrum College, VA. Battling the dreary weather, the teams went scoreless in the first half, but the Green Terror broke out with two second half goals to take a 2-0 opening day win.

Freshman Nikki Lepson scored the team's first goal of the year at the 65 minute mark, and senior striker Jess Stickle finished off the scoring with a netted goal at the 70 minute mark.

The defense was also spectacular as the opposition only attempted three shots on goal.

The following day, the team took on Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va.

In the first half, the game was very tight played as the Green Terror netted the only goal and a close 1-0 lead. After the break, the flood gates opened as WMC women

poured nine goals on the opposition in route to a lopsided 10-0 victory.

The team spread the ball around as many players got at least one goal in the contest.

On September 6, the team looked to keep their early season success going in another road game at Goucher College. The Green Terror took a hard-fought 2-0 lead into halftime on goals by senior mid-fielder Tracy Castor and freshman Carah Medill, at the 5:10 and 13:32 mark respectively.

Once again after intermission, the team went on the attack with five more goals to register a commanding 7-0 victory.

Medill had an incredible game with two more goals and picked up a hat trick (three goals in one game), while Castor picked up her second goal of the contest. Lepson and sophomore Alice Litsinger also netted goals in the second half explosion.

The team continued their strong play in the First Annual WMC women's soccer tournament. In the first round, the team dominated their opponent, Maramount College, to the tune of a 6-0 shutout. Carah Medill picked up her seventh goal of the year and despite only a 2-0 lead at intermission, the Green Terror pulled away again in the second stanza. The team got second



BRAD WINDER

Tracy Castor slices through the Dickinson defense. The Terror won a sound 4-2 victory against the Red Devils.

half goals from Castor, sophomores Melissa Merson and Lauren Harrison, and freshman Rachel Browne also got in the score book. In the next day's final, the team took home the title with another dominating 6-1 win over Shepherd College.

The win snapped the Green Terror's shutout streak at four games, and it was the first goal that the team had allowed all year.

The biggest test of the season so far came in the Centennial Conference opener against also undefeated, Dickinson.

At this point, the Green Terror had outscored their opponents 31-1 and were facing a very tough opponent at Gill Field. Early on in the contest, the game was very tight as

the teams became accustomed to each other in the first half.

The Green Terror struck first when Castor received a Melissa Merson assist and netted a goal to give the team a slim 1-0 lead at intermission.

Visiting Dickinson charged out of the half with two quick goals and put WMC in their toughest test of the season so far.

The young team hadn't been down all year, but they quickly accepted the challenge as Merson tied the game in the middle of the second half.

The team then used Castor's second goal of the day to take a 3-2 lead they would never relinquish. The final piece was put in place by Medill's team leading ninth goal of

the season.

The team took their league opener and showed they were something to reckon with in the Centennial Conference race. The WMC women's soccer team is off to a great start in the 2000 campaign.

Last year, the Green Terror had a record breaking season, but fell just short of the team's first league title in the program's history.

If the team continues its great play, this very well could be the season that women's soccer finally grasps the elusive Centennial Conference title.

Follow their quest as they take on Rutgers-Camden on Sept. 23 at 2:00 p.m. along with Washington College on Sept. 26th at 4:30 p.m.

Football rebounds from Bridgewater loss with two stellar victories over Randolph-Macon and Gettysburg

MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

For many years Gettysburg and Western Maryland have had one of the longest standing rivalries in Division III college football.

Western Maryland Alumni and Green Terror football players have always been very excited for this rivalry game to commence. Unfortunately throughout the wars of the past, it hasn't been much of a battle. Going into last Saturday's game, Gettysburg has won the one on one matchup 41-11-1. In recent years things have changed in the matchup. Western Maryland has won three consecutive games going into this year's contest.

The Green Terror went into "The Battle of 97" on the momentum of a dominant road win at Randolph-Macon.

The game started off looking like a rivalry game, as both teams'

defenses were able to shut down the opposing offense. The second quarter was a different story.

Western Maryland was able to put two quick scores on the board. Both TDs went in the direction of junior wide receiver/part-time running back Teron Powell.

Then, late in the third quarter, the Terror was able to add another score, and not surprisingly the TD belonged to Powell. The play was another testament to the abilities of the versatile star.

The play occurred when a defensive back from Gettysburg committed a blatant pass interference on Powell.

While falling to the ground, Powell was able to reach up and catch the ball, securing the TD and thus negating the penalty.

The third quarter of the game was a very exciting period for both sides.

QB Jamie Harris ran in a TD on an option play that built the Terror lead. The Bullets were able to bring excitement back to the game with an interception return for a TD, followed by a long TD pass.

In a play that reversed the momentum of the game back in favor of the Terror.

Junior Jason Weingert intercepted a pass and returned it for a TD.

The fourth quarter saw the momentum swing back and forth, with the score resting at 38-27. The Bullets were driving, with thoughts of a late comeback still in their mind.

When Gettysburg was forced to punt, senior captain Aaron Bartolain swung the momentum back in the favor of the Terror for good when he blocked the punt.

This allowed the Terror to tally another score and diminish the thoughts of a possible Bullet come-

back.

Throughout the ups and downs of this season, Jay Lorenz and John Rydieski, two veteran offensive linemen, have suffered some injuries.

Freshman Drew Reinicker has stepped into a starting role all three games this season, performing well for the Terror.

Other individuals have stepped up for the Terror as well. The aforementioned Harris ran for over 100 yards in the victory over Gettysburg.

This is a testament to the play caller's mobility and athletic talents.

Perhaps most importantly for the Terror, junior defensive lineman Josh Galemore had a breakout game.

He dominated the Bullets offensive line applying pressure all game and adding two and a half sacks.

The week before the Terror marched down to Randolph-Macon College in Virginia and dominated the yellow jackets.

The defense allowed less than 100 total yards of offense in the 21-0 shutout. Joe Kendorski added 100 plus yards and two TDs in a career performance.

The game was a non-conference game and was a very important bounce back win after the disappointing loss from the week before against Bridgewater.

The Terror now have one conference win notched on their belt as they prepare to play Ursinus this coming weekend.

The contest is set for a 1 P.M. start in Collegehill, Pa. Expect the Terror to build upon the success of the past two games, as Harris grows into the QB position, and the defense continues to dominate the opposing offenses.



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Dorms vandalized with hate crimes targeting homosexuals

MATT MCGOWAN
Assistant Features Editor

Within the last few weeks of the semester, there have been multiple instances of homophobic slander scrawled on various surfaces on the WMC campus, some of which were aimed directly at a student while others targeted homosexuals as a group.

On Friday, September 28, Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre, at the prompting of the Student Government Assembly, sent a letter to the entire campus community stating what happened, and assuring students that when "we ascertain who was responsible, we will respond with firm and immediate disciplinary measures."

As many as eleven incidents have occurred, according to sources who prefer to remain anonymous, but only three or four have been reported to the Department of Campus Safety.

Other incidents should have been recorded by Resident Assistants (RA's) or custodial staff with

the Department of Residence Life, but that department's records are not open to the public, explained Director Scott Kane.

Kane added that, "I have heard of one or two incidents in Rouzer, and if there have been more to these, they should have been reported to us, so the prescribed measures can be taken. As is, anything found written on walls is removed within an hour in most cases, and then dealt with within the preset guidelines of the disciplinary process."

While some have suggested that incidents like these, and one in which "Lesbians" was written across one of the doors to ANW, were mere jokes, Interim President Joan Coley holds a different opinion. "This type of behavior is completely unacceptable and runs directly counter to what I said at convocation this year—that we need to function as a community," she said.

The problem is not a new one on the WMC campus, and, according to Coley, "represents how the campus mirrors society."

An incident two years ago in which remarks were found aimed at a black student prompted a great deal of not only outside media coverage but overwhelming student reaction, including a candlelight vigil, according to Student Government Assembly vice president Amanda Cline.

While it was later found out that the student targeted had written the remarks himself with the intent of spurring the reaction he did, many are questioning why this year's

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Lysistrata excites crowd



GEORGE OWEN

Erin Owen, Martha Tudor, and Laura Albaugh star in Aristophanes' Greek comedy "Lysistrata." This was WMC's second production of the anti-war play.

New grading system now in effect

STACI L. GEORGE
Co-News Editor

By now, most WMC students have heard the discussions and read the editorials concerning the new plus/minus grading system.

The new grading system, which will take effect this semester, has also been the concern of the SGA for the past few semesters.

A few years ago, students' voices were heard when they favored a new grading system that calculated pluses and minuses into one's GPA. In March 1997, after carefully examining the issue from all angles, the faculty voted overwhelmingly to implement a plus/minus grading system.

Under the new system, grades are worth the following: A+ = 4.3, A = 4.0, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, B = 3.0, B- = 2.7, C+ = 2.3, C = 2.0, C- = 1.7, D+ = 1.3, D = 1.0, and F = 0. At that time, however, implementing the new system was delayed because the college did not possess a computer program capable of performing such calculations.

In the last three and a half years, WMC has invested in a new computer program, and computer technicians have worked out the glitches, according to Dr. Samuel Case, Interim Provost.

Computer glitches were not the only obstacle in implementing the change, however.

Many students who favored the new grading system in 1997 have graduated, and last semester the

SGA went to great lengths to show that not all current students favor the plus/minus system.

Interim President Joan Coley said that, "students' voices were heard over and over again. Faculty, committees, and trustees spent an incredible amount of time discussing it." The faculty has considered everything SGA has given it, she said.

When voted on a second time last spring, the faculty approved the plus/minus system without a single dissenting vote.

"Every time the SGA brought a proposal or request, 100% of the time it passed along to the appropriate faculty committee," said Coley. "This is a faculty decision. It is important to recognize how small of a percentage of the student body had an opinion about the plus/minus system."

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Speaker discusses detecting lies

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Features Editor

Gary Ashenbach, an expert in behavioral science and forensic statement analysis, spoke in Alumni Hall about detecting deception through written statements and the body language of individuals accused of a crime.

Ashenbach, who appeared as a guest speaker for the WMC Sociology department, explained that his lecture would be a condensed version of what is normally a three-day class—focusing on both written statements and body language.

Enthusiastically, he spoke

about his theories on the written statement of confession from Susan Smith, a South Carolina mother of two, who drowned her sons in 1994.

He also addressed the written documents from the 1996 Jon Benet Ramsey case.

Ashenbach, a former criminal investigation supervisor for the Maryland State Police, began by discussing how observing a person's body language could give clues that the individual is lying.

Ashenbach told how simple things such as crossing one's arms, running fingers through one's hair, not making eye contact, or tugging

at one's collar can be an indication of lying.

However, he cautioned people against using these clues as their only evidence because body language is not always accurate, particularly when dealing with people from other cultures. In some cultures women are not allowed to make eye contact, so this would not be seen as covering a lie.

He continued by speaking about how people base 87% of what they know and do on what they see, which is partly why body language can be indicative of a lie.

Ashenbach spoke about state-

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Writing Center loses another administrator

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After the resignation of two administrators within the past year and a half, the writing center has suffered the loss of yet another, Cristina Seckman.

Troubles with keeping the position filled first began with the resignation of Virginia Story, followed by the departure of Mark Honeycutt last February, and now Seckman's recent resignation on September 18.

The English department is now wondering what to do with the current vacancy.

When Virginia Story, administrator of the writing center since 1991, left the administration about a year ago, people were left wondering who would be taking over as the administrator.

The English Department was trying to figure out how to take the writing center "to the next step," said Dr. Erin Smith, which included developing a workable structure for

students.

Initiated in 1984 by Dr. Pam Regis, professor of English, the writing center has put more emphasis on developing writing skills than focusing on the use of computers and their technology.

When Story left, the writing center was just beginning to survive on its own and become popular among students.

The combination of the center's independence and Story's departure put a lot of stress on the En-

glish department this past year, adds Smith.

With a Writing Center committee, which was formed three months ago to discuss the "policies, procedures, and services to be provided," Smith feels that the writing center will receive more attention.

Now, Smith will be "playing a bigger role in teaching tutors and making it a campus service," by overseeing the writing center with the aid of 2000 WMC graduate

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Health Education coordinator leaves Western Maryland

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Dedicated advisor of AIDS Support Awareness and Prevention (ASAP) Programmer of alcohol awareness events. Initiator of the College's OCTAA program. Guest speaker in many WMC classes. But above all, a treasured asset of the WMC community.

The accomplishments of Bonnie Bosley, former Health Education Coordinator, have been shared with everyone she worked with here at WMC in the past eight years. On Friday, September 22, Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, accepted Bosley's resignation.

"You could delegate something to Bonnie and know she would follow through with that program and approach it with great attention to detail," praised

Barbara Horneff, the associate dean of the first year program.

Four years of Bosley's career at WMC were spent as a nurse in Smith House, and the latter four years in the position of Health Education Coordinator.

However, she will not be a stranger to WMC; she will return to instruct a Jan Term class titled "Alternative Medicine: Health or Hoax? A Critical Evaluation."

Bosley's choice to leave revolves around an opportunity to spend more time with her family.

As school nurse of Chapel Gate Christian Academy, a private school in Howard County where her two daughters are in the 6th and 9th grades, Bosley's schedule will now mirror her children's.

"It's very different. Chapel Gate has wonderful students and faculty. It is a lot less pressure, with less after-hours work," said Bosley. "I am looking forward to being off

when my daughters are off."

The opportunity arose over the summer, when the assistant principal contacted her and asked her if she would like to chaperone the senior high school (grade 9-12) students' trip to a New York camp for four days be-

include sharing a car pool with two other families, possibly substituting for a 10th grade psychology class, and maybe even coaching her freshmen daughter's cheerleading squad, she shared.

The decision to leave WMC was a hard one, she commented, but she knew it would be a good choice, allowing her to be more involved with her children. "I liked my years at Western Maryland. It's very exciting working on a campus," she said. Although her job was considered part-time, she was no stranger to the campus community.

In particular, Bosley helped Horneff with two major aspects of freshmen orientation: the "...on-campus talking about alcohol" program (also referred to as OCTAA), and the "Choices" skits. She was also a frequent guest speaker for Horneff's course for incoming students. This class, titled "SUCCESS: Your College Experience," meets twice a week. Horneff said Bosley took full responsibility for the training and implementation of the OCTAA program. "It was really her brain child because she had attended a conference on the program. She came back and presented it to student affairs directors and asked to implement it in the orientation program," said Horneff.

Thus for four years, it has been a significant part of the four-day orientation program. The absence of Bosley will be felt in more places than Smith House, however.

Senior Erin Owen, president of ASAP, also worked with Bosley for the "Choices" productions. Her leaving "was a big surprise. We were really disappointed because she is such an asset to the program. It is weird without her, because as long as I have been with ASAP, she's been there. We're all so happy she got a better job, but we'll miss her," she

said. "Bonnie was very careful about dotting her i's and crossing her t's before she left," said Horneff.

She "was very considerate when she took her job. She negotiated with the school in order to stay on in take care of OCTAA [and "Choices"] for fall 2000, in addition to the ASAP retreat," said Sayre.

"I always found the students' talents energizing," Bosley said. "It's really an experience to work with young adults."

Both Sayre and Horneff were amazed at the talents Bosley possessed. "I think Bonnie was very energetic and creative in her approach to health education on this campus. She was always coming up with ways to educate the campus on a variety of issues," remarked Sayre. "I really liked her, I always ended up laughing. [She had] a great sense of humor. So, she'll surely be missed."

Horneff noted that, "whatever she did, she did it with entirety and with a smile. She seemed to really like what she was doing. She spread sunshine with any task she did."

At the present time, the position of Health Education Coordinator is vacant. Sayre met with the Budget Committee on Friday, September 29 to ask for permission to refill the position. They approved the refilling of the position, confirmed Sayre.

Refilling the position is a task he will be working on within the next few weeks, a process that will take some time to advertise the job opening and select the best person, Sayre also noted.

So for the time being, several of the responsibilities that Bosley undertook have been reassigned. According to Sayre, Betsy Chimock, the assistant director of college activities, came forward and volunteered to handle the planning of Alcohol Awareness Week, which is October 15-21.

Additionally, Mitchell Alexander, director of College Activities, will be helping out with some of the programming details said Sayre, who is also fulfilling some of Bosley's previous responsibilities.

Horneff explained she is "not expecting someone to come in and be Bonnie, but rather to bring their own unique ideas."



Bonnie Bosley, former Health Education Coordinator and adviser to ASAP, receives a gift from club member Cathy Pendorf at the organization's fall retreat.

NICOLE NOVOTNY

cause they needed female chaperones. She said that the first question that came to mind was "Are you asking me to go as a mom or a nurse?" The assistant principal was interested in the last part of her question. In fact, he said that there may be a school nurse's position open.

Previously, a 68 year-old retired woman had the title of health aide at the school. However, under new Maryland laws, one has to be certified in order to administer student's medication. She had not received such certification and refrained from going through the necessary course to obtain certification.

Therefore, on August 28, Bosley received a phone call and was officially offered the job. The next day, she started caring for students in grades 6th through 12th.

As with any new job, it meant a new list of responsibilities. In addition to "adhering to certain duties, protocols, state regulations, and guidelines" as the nurse, new duties also

Hate crimes target homosexuals on Western Maryland's campus

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events have gone all but unnoticed.

Grace Almandrez, director of Multicultural Services, said, "every level of the institution should be involved in and deal quickly with these type of crimes, and let those involved know that it won't be tolerated."

The issue of hate crimes on campus was raised at the SGA meeting on Thursday, September 28.

Students there voiced opinions which ranged from the idea that the school is not reacting to the incidences because it is "covering its own a--," to the question of a simple lack of awareness on the part of the administration. Distress about the administration's lack of response led the SGA to prepare a letter which went out earlier this week, as well as taking several other immediate actions. This resulted in Friday's letter.

Sayre commented, however, that he, like Coley, had not heard of the aforementioned incidents until the issue was brought to him by *The Phoenix*. "I had heard of some incidents, but nothing specific. Any such behavior violates the conditions of acceptable conduct clearly spelled out in the college's codes, as well as the first principles of the college," said Sayre. "The spirit of the code is that all here are to be respected. And the

college does its best to do programming and education initiatives to see that this goal is achieved. Though we have more to do."

While the issue appears to have been closed for several weeks, the response from students as they've found out has been strong and fast.

Michael Baker, Co-president of Allies, gay/lesbian/bi/transgendered/straight alliance on campus, explained, "We agree with Dr. Coley that this behavior is totally unacceptable, and is sparked by ignorance and bad addressed by education, which is part of Allies' job."

Baker believes that the college's hate crimes policy needs to include a reference to sexual orientation. "It needs to change, in its spirit as well as its published literature. A hate crimes policy needs to include all hate crimes," he said.

Whether the answer to such problems that have arisen is disciplinary action or education, the issue needs to be addressed by the entire institution, Almandrez said. "This needs to involve the SGA, Dean Sayre's office, the admissions office, students, Dr. Coley, and everyone from the top down. The issue of differences in how racism and homophobia are viewed also needs to be addressed. And there should be a public record

of what goes on, to hold the college accountable," she said.

While the target of those crimes reported to the Department of Campus Safety (DoCS) earlier this year chose not to pursue the matter beyond his preliminary reports, DoCS, says Director Mike Webster, is not ignoring the issues.

These matters, now that they've been brought to the attention of the SGA and administration, will be discussed.

And though a true solution is years in the making, according to SGA president Steve Sharkey, in addressing the SGA last Thursday, "we need to take the first step now."

Update

In this issue, *The Phoenix* was planning on printing a follow-up story on whether athletes receive preferential treatment. However, the reporter was unable to receive necessary data, and continues to research the topic.

The Phoenix has been unable to print the Department of Campus Safety blotter. The department explained that they are unable to provide the documents due to computer problems.

Writing Center

Learn how to develop a thesis, Smith said, and how to use proofreading. Smith plans to "provide more students to our tutors so they can help students with writing across the curriculum."

Senior Carl Shutz, starting his second year of tutoring, says it "was more editing than now. [There's now] more emphasis on building writing skills."

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ment analysis and said that looking at a person's exact word choice is important. The difference between using "this" or "that" could give clues about where a person really was in relation to a crime scene.

Also very important is a person's use of pronouns in his/her statement.

Ashenbach said sometimes people "accidentally" leave pronouns out and usually have no idea they did so.

Ashenbach displayed a copy of Smith's confession statement in which she stated how sorry she was for what she had done but felt that she had no other choice in the situation; she was in love with a man who did not want her children and she felt that she "deserved" some happiness in life (she came from a broken home).

She wrote that she was glad no one could hurt her children any

longer.

Through her statement it is obvious that she felt the death of her sons was a reward for them.

A further example of her detachment is the fact that she did not mention her sons' names (Michael and Alex) until they were already dead within her story.

Ashenbach then asked the audience who killed Ramsey.

The majority said it was her mother, Patricia Ramsey. However a few said it was both of her parents and about six said it was Burke, Jon Benet's brother.

Ashenbach proceeded by showing the audience a copy of the ransom note written to Mr. Ramsey.

It started out as a formal letter, but went downhill from there.

Ashenbach said he believed Patsy Ramsey wrote the letter with help from her husband John, and then he pointed out all of the textual clues which led him to that de-

cision.

The clues in the Ramsey case led Ashenbach to believe the Ramseys wrote that ransom note to themselves.

He believes the reason they would have had to write that note was to protect their son, Burke, who had been the one who killed Jon Benet.

When asked about cases where his technique gave false results, Ashenbach answered that nothing is 100%, including his profession. He said he could not remember any cases that yielded an incorrect analysis, but he was sure they were out there.

Dr. Lauren Dundes of the Sociology Department further expounded on the issue.

She said when people hear a speaker such as Ashenbach, they must think critically about it, and "in being a critical thinker you want to be aware of the downside."

New grading system in effect

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Although, the new grading system is to begin affecting grades this semester, there is still question about whether it will work.

"We certainly hope that to be the case," said Coley.

Unfixed computer glitches would be the only reason the new system would not be implemented, according to Coley.

"We should be able to give plus and minuses in the fall and they will be calculated into the GPA. However if there are any remaining computer problems, plus and minuses may not be calculated," said Case.

For now, the plus/minus grading system will only apply to all undergraduate students. Case said that, in the future, it is a possibility that graduate students GPA will also be calculated with the pluses and minuses.

"I think they'll [undergraduates] be astonished by how little their grades change," said Coley.

Coley also noted that the benefit of the plus/minus grading system is that since graduate schools and medical schools make students compute their GPA in order to account for pluses and minuses, this step will already be done.

Dundes reiterated the point that nothing is 100% and while statement analysis works in most cases, there will be some where it doesn't. It is just a tool to aid in the entire trial process of an accused person.

Dundes also said that she teaches about this in her criminology course.

She said that students don't believe that people will confess to crimes they didn't commit.

Dundes spoke with Professor Mary Bendt-Sims about inviting Ashenbach back again for a combined English and Sociology lecture with a focus about how grammar is a large part of his job.

Former Art History professor fights brain cancer

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On January 28th, 2000, just after the start of the spring semester, WMC Art History professor, Dr. Julie Badiee collapsed in front of her History of Western Art II class.

She was hospitalized immediately following her seizure, and a few days later was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme, an aggressive brain cancer commonly known as glioma.

The diagnosis was a surprise to her colleagues and friends.

"She had no warning, no headaches, nothing," said Stacey Coverstone, secretary for the Theater, Art and Music Departments. "It was devastating, in shock, [I] couldn't believe it."

According to the National Cancer Institute, primary brain tumors (cancer that begins in the brain) are very rare and account for only about one percent of all cancer diagnoses in the US, or about 17,600 cases per year.

However, because most brain tumors are malignant, they make up approximately two percent of all cancer related deaths in the U.S.

Glioma is a particularly fast-growing tumor, and the cure rate is very low.

Badiee has resigned from her position as professor of Art History, and has been appointed a College Fellow, a position that allows her access to the campus and the ability to lecture here when she feels well enough.

On February 9, 2000 Badiee underwent her first surgery to remove the tumor and prevent further growth. She followed that surgery with five months of extensive radiation and chemotherapy. However, these measures were unsuccessful in slowing the growth of the tumor, said Sue Bloom, chair of the department of Art and Art History.

At this point, she has been accepted into an experimental clinical trial at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA. According to www.thestat.us.com, a website set up by Badiee's family as a source of information to close friends and relatives, the trial "seeks to create a vaccine from a combination of Julie's tumor cells and dendritic cells [nerve cells] from her blood which will hope-

fully teach her body to identify the remaining tumor cells as foreign and fight against their further growth in her brain." The trial is being conducted by Dr. Keith Black, a doctor noted in the medical field for his dedication to extending the life expectancy of brain cancer patients.

Badiee was scheduled to begin participation in the trial on September 25, 2000; however, because she needed to have an MRI (a magnetic scan of the brain that determines the exact position of the tumor) retaken, she has not yet begun.

A long-time member of the WMC community, Badiee has always been active in campus life. Since coming to this campus in 1978 as an assistant professor of Art History, Badiee has led three Jan-term trips to Europe, taught Art History at the University of Pittsburgh's Semester at Sea program, served as a guest professor of Art History at Harlowton College in Grantham, England and is an affiliate professor of the arts at Landegg Academy in Wienacht, Switzerland.

Badiee has also received several awards from WMC, including: the Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award in 1996, the Faculty Creativity Award in 1995 and the Faculty Book Award in 1993.

Kate O'Neal, a sophomore Art major, remembers her freshman seminar with Dr. Badiee well.

"She was like a mommy," comments O'Neal. "Some teachers just do their job, but she loved her job and loved freshmen."

Even now, fighting her brain tumor, Dr. Badiee extends her love for others.

"She's been - considerate of other people, asking what's going

on in their life, [she's] always thinking of other people," said Coverstone.

One of the words that keeps coming up in reference to Badiee is "remarkable."



Dr. Julie Badiee (right) and her daughter Andaleeb, who both taught Art History classes at Western Maryland.

Professors Susan Bloom, chair of the department of Art and Art History, and Sue Singer, department of Economics and Business, both describe Badiee as "a remarkable person."

The quote from Arthur Rowshan's "Stress, An Owner's Manual" that Badiee has posted on the webpage illustrates her attitude at this point in her treatment. "Humor allows us to free ourselves from the limitations of negative emotions. It helps us alter our emotional perspective; it broadens our point of view, opening us to new insights and even wisdom. Humor, by changing our perception of events, helps us see alternative solutions."

"She's always positive," says Singer, who considers herself the campus cancer researcher, both because of Badiee and because of family. "It's very easy for cancer patients to go one of two ways. They are either totally pessimistic, or they believe they will definitely

be cured. Sometimes faith will [cure them] actually."

And Badiee is a woman of powerful belief. A member of the Baha'i faith, she benefits from the close religious community. "One of the main reasons she's in California now is that there is a strong Baha'i community there," said Singer.

Coverstone, also a Baha'i, believes that strong faith may be one of the reasons that bad things seem to happen to good people, and Badiee's diagnosis, while devastating, serves a higher purpose. "God gives us the tests we can endure, and unfortunately, Julie's a very strong person. That's the reason, so that people like us will learn - it's changed my life every-

day. As Baha'i we are to thank God for tests and tribulations, the outcome is meant to be."

For now, Badiee's friends and family gather around her, drawing as much from her unbreakable spirit as they give. "I am enjoying being with Julie... it's like Hassan and I have won the lottery," said a friend of Badiee's, Barbara Movahhed, in a letter on the website. "We are the ones fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time to help our dear, sweet friend, Julie. We are the ones that have the bounty of being with her now."

Due to the nature of her condition, Dr. Badiee was unable to respond to a request for an online interview, and her husband Heshmat Badiee preferred not to comment at this time.

Badiee is not receiving phone calls or visitors now. She was received email, but was overwhelmed by the response, and can no longer keep up correspondence.

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SGA debates allocations for campus organizations

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Student Government Reporter

The Student Government Assembly distributed \$10,290 to 29 clubs on September 21. This year the SGA received \$15,000 to distribute to student organizations over two semesters. The confirmation of the allocations was not without conflict, however.

Senior class president Jeremiah Kelly was troubled by a discrepancy he noticed between the total amount received by cultural organizations and the total amount received by service organizations.

Kelly felt the SGA was "sticking it" to the service organizations. Their membership, he felt, was more open to the campus than cultural organizations.

President Steven Sharkey pointed out that if the BSU's allocation was subtracted from Kelly's calculations, the figures would be very different. The BSU received the largest allocation with \$1950.

When asked what the cultural organizations planned to do with the money, treasurer Stephanie Knight replied that the organizations wanted money to put on campus programs such as Diversity Day and to purchase educational materials for the campus.

There were several reasons that service organizations received less money overall, according to the executive board.

Most of the service organizations have more money going into the process than cultural organizations, Sharkey said.

He also felt that service organizations did not advertise projects or meetings to the entire campus, just to members. Kelly calls this "ridiculous." Service organizations work the same way as cultural organizations; "show up to a meeting, and you are a member," Kelly continued.

Sarah Mitchell, secretary, added that the service organizations did not take the allocations process, specifically the meeting with the SGA executive board, as seriously as the cultural groups. The cultural groups, she said, "had ambition that service groups did not have." They were also "more serious than any service group," she said.

Knight agreed, saying the cultural organizations "were impressive, very organized, had dates, and work put in [their proposals]."

The rest of the argument focused mainly on two points.

The first was that of alternate funding. Kelly pointed out that the cultural organizations could get funding from Mary Grace Almandrez, director of Multicultural Services. Sophomore class representative Erin Collins countered that at least the affinity service groups could get money from Residence Life Coordinator Shonda Wilson.

Freshman representative Tierra Jolly said that fund-raising would be more difficult for some of the cultural groups as compared to the service groups.

The second argument was Kelly's contention that some of the cultural groups were not as "proven" as service groups like SERVE, STAY, and Unity. These three organizations are strong with "good, solid programs," he said. They have "really taken off over the past four years," he continued.

Matthew Burger, senior class representative, furthered the argument. There is a "tendency," Burger said, "to give more to the cultural groups." The SGA needed to look more closely at each club's activities and history rather than just giving groups money because they are cultural.

Vice president Amanda Cline responded quickly to what she called "ignorant assumptions." Cline stated that the cultural groups put on programs each month for the entire

campus. "Limited membership," she added, "does not equal unimportance of actions."

Kelly agreed with this statement. His concern was that the older service organizations were getting less funding than some of the newer cultural organizations.

After the discussion ended, the assembly voted on each organization's allocation. Most passed unanimously and all organizations received money.

The newly formed Hurling Club and the Maryland Student Legislature team were the only organizations discussed, and allocations were increased for both.

The Hurling Club received \$75 instead of \$40 because the assembly wanted to give the new organization a chance even though it was not active yet. Maryland Student Legislature was originally allocated \$260.

Because of the enormous expense the club will have this semester while it plans a leadership training institute for Maryland college students, the board voted to increase the allocation to \$315.

Kelly, aware of his bias towards certain organizations, asked that anyone with a vested interest in an organization abstain from voting for their particular group. The members complied with the request.

SGA members had mixed reactions to the allocations process as a whole.

Kelly and Burger were concerned by the fact that the allocations voting and debate only took one meeting instead of two as in the past.

Both commented on the unwillingness of the assembly to debate questions or concerns. Kelly is concerned about this new attitude of the SGA where the body is inclined to pass "whatever the [executive] board puts up without thinking about it." Burger calls this lack of concern "almost apathetic."

Senior class representatives Jennifer Haines and Brandi Holmes also felt that the allocations were not done well. "It was not run as smoothly as in past years," Haines said. Holmes commented that the process was "shabbily run."

Haines felt that the process was unfair to some organizations and that the executive board "played favorites." She further stated that the process did not treat new groups fairly and would possibly discourage new groups from asking for money.

On the other hand, some of the SGA members thought that allocations were run fairly.

According to Cline, the SGA executive board, Dean Sayre, and Mitchell Alexander, director of College Activities, spent three hours trying to allocate the money "judiciously and fairly" to all the clubs that applied. "It's not that we played favorites," she continued. Those organizations that received the most money showed a lot of "passion, thought, and preparation" in their allocation proposals.

Jamin Bartolomeo, sophomore class president, felt that the voting went smoothly and had not heard complaints from any organizations so far. "[The executive] board made excellent decisions," he said. He also thought that the board was very careful to leave money for next semester's allocations.

Several SGA members felt that the process could be better.

Burger feels that the current allocations guidelines, part of the bylaws since last year, need to have additions.

The current guidelines are: no money for charitable donations, no money for food at regular meetings, no money for traveling with exceptions, no money for speakers with exceptions, and no money for academic

honor societies. The guidelines do give preference to proposals that are open to and benefit the largest portions of the community.

Holmes had another suggestion. In order to facilitate debates and discussion on each club's allocation, she would like to see each member of the SGA receive a copy of the allocation proposals.

A third suggestion came from Bartolomeo.

He would like to see the school delegate more money to the SGA for allocations. Last year, the SGA received \$12,000 for allocations. Although there was an extra \$3000 this year, there is still not enough money.

Bartolomeo says that while everyone understands this problem, the school needs to look into increasing funding for student organizations.

Several student organizations were contacted for this story, and only a few replied. Carl Taylor, of the BSU, said that he was pleased with the amount of money they received.

His main problem was with the amount of money the school gives the SGA for allocations.

Allies co-president Michael Baker was also pleased with his group's allocation although they had wanted more.

"What was upsetting for our organization and other organizations was the amount of time to prepare proposals," Baker said. The presidents' meeting was held on a Tuesday, and proposals were due that Friday. Baker

continued, "That's not nearly enough time [to prepare] a well-thought out proposal."

He also said that the SGA needs to find more of a balance of "history and momentum" when deciding on their allocations.

One organization did not find the allocation process to be favorable. Tony Halloran, president of the Hurling Club, felt that the money was "not distributed very evenly or fairly." The Hurling Club asked for \$625 and only received \$75.

Halloran said the SGA gave him three reasons that his allocation was so low.

The first was that all the members were also members of the fraternity Phi Kappa Sigma.

The second explanation was that when asked how much it would take to run an organization, Halloran replied "nothing." Halloran feels that any organization that truly wants to exist can do so without funding from the SGA.

The final explanation, that no paperwork had been filed yet, was false, Halloran said. The paperwork, he continued, was taken to College Activities more than a week before the allocation interview.

Halloran feels that the allocations process "ostracizes new organizations... and favors well-established organizations."

Bartolomeo says that making the decisions on allocations is a "tough job."

He continued, "I can't wait to see what the organizations are going to do with the money."

Art history department in the midst of a growth spurt

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An increased demand for art history classes and the loss of a full time professor last spring has the art and art history department looking to hire two more professors.

The department, currently operating with only two professors, is contending with packed heritage sequence classes, and plans are being made to approve two more art historians, with expertise in European and non-western art, for the fall of 2001.

Dr. Michael Losch, associate professor of art history, feels art history is appealing to more students because it is "the perfect liberal arts class. It has to incorporate history, philosophy, religion, literature, music..." as well as science and mathematics, he later added. "It takes into account every field of study because they're all interrelated," he said.

The need for two more art historians seems to be a reflection of increased student interest in the subject. (The major, which has been offered since at least 1948 under the rubric of the art department, according to Barbara O'Brien in the archives and special collections office, just came into its own in 1995 and five students have since graduated with it.)

The art history minor, offered since 1985, has proved to be more popular, with fifty-five students in the past five years graduating with it, according to Jan Coleman in Academic Affairs.

WMC "has been the springboard for many to a career in the arts," says Sue Bloom, chair of the department of art and art history.

These careers include working with magazines, studios, and even one student

currently working as curator at the National Gallery of Art, in Washington, D.C.

"Sometimes," adds Losch, "they'll take the survey class, find it interesting and take the classes for the minor."

Bloom attributes the increased interest to the art history survey class having "something for everybody. We really pull from a huge range across campus."

Another change in the department that Losch foresees, besides more professors, is better technology.

In years ahead, "technology will allow us to deliver visuals" to students, Losch thinks. This includes clearer, sharper, and higher resolutions of color, plus access to numerous websites.

The art and art history department offer trips abroad annually, ranging from Turkey and Greece this past summer, to Portugal, Morocco, and Spain during Jan Term.

Student interest has also led to the addition of the department's honor society, ETE, or Eikon Techné Ekfrasis. Founded in the spring of 1997 by Dr. Losch and a former student, ETE is the first art history honor society in the world, and has sprung four chapters in other states.

ETE includes fifteen student members and four faculty this year, according to Jen Denzer, a senior art history major. The society has redesigned the student art show, scheduled art museum trips, and increased the student and faculty interaction in the department.

"Students really love it," says Losch. "We're trying to establish national recognition of the honor society." As to the future of the art history department, Losch believes that "if we remain a college dedicated to the liberal arts and hiring qualified people, we can't help but grow."

Life is not so "suite" after all

It is not even safe to sit down anymore.

I know that sounds strange, and it is strange, but it is true nonetheless.

Upon kneeling on my chair last night, I got a screw put through my knee, which required a tetanus shot as a precautionary measure.

Not fun at all, let me tell you. But, being the kind and understanding person that I am, I have let that go already, and would much rather address a more pressing is-

Michael Wiles discusses how life in a suite is much different than expected..

clean...well, at least it is big and quiet.

I was more than just a little dismayed when I found out at the first floor meeting of the year that my suite-mates and I would be responsible for cleaning our own bathroom.

Now, I know that going public with this complaint makes me seem

suite is a bit ridiculous, especially since I was never told I would be cleaning my own bathroom when I signed up to live here.

That fact, among others, makes me truly question the motives behind this policy.

If you were at WMC last year, you might remember *The Phoenix* article discussing how the school's Housekeeping staff are some of the worst-paid employees in their field in the city of Westminster.

With this in mind, it makes me

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sue about living on campus here at WMC.

When I first found out that I would be living in Albert Norman Ward Hall this year, I was quite the excited freshman.

After having paid my dues for a year in the palace that is Rouzer Hall, I could not wait to journey into the realm of upperclassmen-living.

Upon moving in, however, I found my perceptions and hopes to be a little off.

In the interest of being fair, I will be fair: ANW is truly a great place to live. It is big, quiet and

a bit spoiled and selfish, but I challenge the rest of you to place yourselves in the same position and then tell me if you enjoy cleaning public toilets.

In fact, if you would like to give it a try, I have two of them waiting for your care.

Now, do not get me wrong.

I agree that we should all take care of what is our own business in life.

We should clean up after ourselves (and try to never make a mess in the first place).

However, I feel that housekeeping's absence in my

wonder if the school has trouble keeping housekeepers, thus creating a shortage of staff.

If this is the truth, I would appreciate it if Residence Life would just be honest with those of us who live in suites instead of telling us, since we live in private suites, we better get out the rubber gloves and start scrubbing.

If they expect me to clean public toilets, I think the least they can do is "come clean" themselves.

I have no problem with cleaning up after myself.

But, I do have a problem with being fooled.

Life as a commuter vs. a resident

BJ Shorb compares living on campus to living at home and commuting.

'There is no place like home.' I finally know the true meaning of that statement.

With my house sitting about 25 minutes away, 30 minutes if I get stuck at all the new red lights on 140, I commuted to college both my freshman and sophomore year.

You may be thinking: 30 minutes, that is not too bad. You are exactly right, it isn't bad at all.

However, it does become a problem if you have a class in the morning, then one in the late after-

noon concept in a PA house environment.

I must say residential life has both advantages and disadvantages compared to commuting. I will start with the disadvantages, so I can end on a bad note.

First of all, lugging laundry up and down stairs every week is not exactly ideal, considering that in my one-floor home the laundry room is a mere walk through the living room and kitchen.

Secondly, I have never had to wait in line to use my bathroom at home as I do here at WMC.

In fact, I didn't have to share a bathroom with eight other people

to drive to class. My 30 minutes commute has shrunk down to a 5 minute walk. The extra sleep is especially worth noting.

Secondly, with gas prices as high as they are I have decreased one of my weekly expenses. I am filling up my car once every 3 weeks, as opposed to once every 5 days.

Thirdly, I am better informed of things that are going on around campus. This is where voicemail messages from Ernie Ogle come in handy.

Fourthly, I can access the campus resources more often. For example, the library, faculty and ad-

Is there anything to do in Westminster?

Joan Faulkner examines the night life of students in Westminster.

Westminster used to be the ideal "small town" with beautiful old-fashioned houses lining the street, and the perfect friendly atmosphere.

Dr. Leroy Panek, head of the English Department, who has lived in Westminster since 1968, says that thirty years ago "there was just farm land on the other side of Route 140 - no mall, no Walmart, no nothing."

"On the other hand," Panek says, "you could feel pretty secure and your house, your kids...and yourself were always safe."

After walking down Main Street five or six times since living here, Westminster has come to look like a town that in its prime had all the "hot spots" of the community, but lost them when sprawl and suburbia settled in.

The once homey looking Crab Shack looks deserted, as the nearby gas station/grocery store seems to soak up any business.

The independent restaurants Chameleon, Harry's, and Johansen's may be doing OK, but with all the restaurants on Route 140, their business cannot be increasing.

Maybe this is why so many on campus complain that there is nothing to do and many turn to

Gettysburg, with its Civil War era stores and museums, plus a beautiful miniature golf course that was by far the best "golf" I've ever played.

The towns Hanover and Owings Mill actually have movie theaters college students can afford plus a larger variety of movies.

However, though these towns aren't too far away, for people without cars it is very difficult to get anywhere without a ride with a friend.

This problem can be attributed to the lack of bus, train, or subway transportation available within 45 minutes of the college.

But with all the negative aspects of a small town college, one of the positive ones is the very friendly college community here.

This friendliness is one of the main reasons I decided to come to WMC in the first place. At a huge school, like University of Maryland for example, it's probably hard to get around and know people better because you don't see their peers as often.

At a small school like WMC, everyone pretty much knows you, or at least recognizes you, whether you like it or not. Though there are probably plenty of times when it seems like there's "nothing to do," especially on weekends, this boredom can be used for big-time bonding. Says sophomore Crystal Towns, "Being on campus on the weekend

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drinking. Eric Byrd, a 1993 WMC graduate says that "drinking is a large part of the campus now and then because it is a result of the lack of activities and boredom. I often went to other places because there wasn't much happening here, and there's more to do there."

Part of the problem is that Westminster's stores call it a night at 7 or 8 pm, when WMC's "night" doesn't even begin until 11 pm.

Walking down Main Street during the annual Fall Fest freshman year, I was astonished that the stores were open until midnight and that the amount of life on the streets, such as the karaoke and the carnival, existed.

When walking down Main Street again last spring at 11:30 pm with a friend, Westminster was once again a ghost town - not a person to be seen.

The closest town to Westminster that actually has things to do, I think, is

enables you to spend more time with friends on campus because this town is a ghost town on weekends."

Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso, an English professor, says that by living in any small town, "if you want culture you can find culture."

Bendel-Simso also says that, "no matter where you live there's nothing to do...It still has all the best parts of a small town."

Even though you may be bored out of your mind on more than one occasion, be thankful that you attend a small town college where you can have your own voice and not be lost in the crowd.

It is far better to have that and get individual attention from faculty and students alike, then simply being a number in a mass of students. Remember the next time that you have a severe case of boredom that it can be used as "down time" to strengthen the already lifelong friendships that you've made at WMC.

noon, and nothing in the middle of the two.

Not to mention when you try to get involved in campus activities and the meetings are in the late evenings. Traveling 30 minutes becomes a bit of a drive when you have to do it several times in one day.

As a result of wanting to participate a bit more, and taking on a heavier course load, I decided to move on campus this year.

Being a resident of the WMC community for just a little over a month now, I am starting to feel for campus life. I am realizing just how much home actually means to me.

Although I am not living in a traditional dorm environment, I am still grasping the life away from

either.

Thirdly, I have come to realize that refrigerators and kitchen cupboards do not stock themselves. Indeed, groceries can get a bit expensive, especially for a broke full-time college student. At home, the fridge and cupboards were always full when I got there.

Lastly, not once as a commuter did I wake up to 11 messages from a guy named Ernie Ogle. No offense to Mr. Ogle himself, of course.

In fact, this wouldn't necessarily be a bad thing if the majority of the messages were of interest to me.

Now, what about the advantages?

First of all, I do not have to wake up nearly as early in order

ministration are all within walking distance. So, I don't have to spend so much time specifically planning out meetings and research.

Lastly and most importantly, I am developing independence. I am beginning to let go of the dependence upon my parents, which I have possessed for the past twenty years.

By making my own schedule, fending for my own food, and making my own choices, I am reducing my dependence on mom and dad, from living at home to a phone call or two a week.

So as you can see there are just as many advantages as there are disadvantages to living on campus at college.

In fact, having both experiences has been the best experience of all.

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Supreme Court to rule on golfer's future

It seems that it will take a Supreme Court ruling to decide whether or not Casey Martin will be allowed to use a cart on the golf course.

Martin has a disorder of his circulation system that resulted in the malformation of his right leg.

Because of this, it causes pain so severe that he cannot walk for an extended period of time.

The case has been ruled on twice in lower courts, both times in favor of Martin. However, according to the Sept. 27 edition of *The Baltimore Sun*, a federal appeals court based in Chicago has ruled just the opposite, a case

Edward K. Schultheis discusses his position concerning the case of pro golfer Casey Martin.

public places, like golf courses.

The PGA Tour should declare defeat, call off its lawyers and give Martin the enthusiastic welcome that it has denied this golfer, who suffers from a disability that is in no way his fault.

In a unanimous ruling, the appeals court in San Francisco shredded the PGA's arguments that allowing Martin to use a cart would give him an unfair advantage over other golfers, and even serve as a disturbing

The PGA Tour also argues the law was never meant to require professional sports organizations to waive the rules of athletic competition to accommodate disabled competitors.

However, I feel that the use of the cart does not compromise the "purity of the game," and it is covered under the ADA. Here's my interpretation of the ADA in this case: Martin's use of the cart is definitely covered by the act's "reasonable accommodations" section. Martin's cart is a "readily accessible tool" that allows him to do his job, which is to compete as a pro golfer.

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involving another pro golfer, Ford Olinger, who is also disabled.

The PGA Tour contends that Martin should not be allowed to use a cart on the tour because it gives him an advantage over the other golfers competing because they have to walk all of the holes on the course.

Martin contends that his disability is covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act and he should be allowed to play with a cart because it is the only way for him to compete with the other golfers.

In March, Martin won an appeal case against the PGA Tour when a court in San Francisco ruled that the Americans with Disabilities Act applies to pro sport events at

precedent that could lead, for example, to disabled golfers suing for the right to play a shorter course than other PGA tour competitors.

The PGA's claims were rightly and soundly rejected. In reality, the fact that Martin would be able to use a cart only allows him the ability to play on the same level as the other competitors.

As Judge William Canby wrote, "All that the cart does is permit Martin access to a type of competition in which he otherwise could not engage because of his disability. That is precisely the purpose of the ADA."

The PGA maintains that the cart destroys the "purity of the game."

that his use of the cart undermines the game itself, it is simply a way for Martin to get to work and he is definitely covered under the ADA.

Although the case will not be heard until early in 2001, the PGA should just drop the case and stop throwing legal roadblocks in front of a talented and worthy golfer, and give Casey Martin the welcome to the tour that he deserves.

Just a quick little question for you to consider. Do you think if Tiger Woods had a leg injury and needed to ride a cart during a high-interest part of the PGA Tour, pro golf would not accommodate him? I bet they would.

Summer Olympics: Who watched them?

What comes around every four years and stays for only 2 weeks? You guessed it! The Olympics, more specifically the Summer Olympics.

The Olympics that have been gripping an enormous amount of the media's eye for the past couple of weeks took place in Sydney, Australia. Since Sydney's time is 15 hours ahead of Eastern Standard time, none of the events were broadcast live. Instead, events were covered during the following day's air time.

With unlimited media in our reach these days, you would think that many would turn to Internet and other more immediate sources to keep up with the latest medal winning Olympians. Despite this possibility, NBC and its affiliates set aside 440 hours of television air time to be devoted solely to the Olympics.

The question is how much were students watching? Here at WMC, it seems that there were students watching the Olympics on television as many as seven hours per day and as little as none at all.

In fact, some students even participated in what they call "Non-US Olympics." According to senior Dennis Lucey, each person selected a country other than the US and rooted for that team exclusively. He recalls having "40 countries represented, from big countries like Australia, Russia, and France, to smaller countries like Trinidad and Ghana."

Another participant in this "Non-US Olympics" was sophomore Sean Carroll. He said that there were at least 44 people who participated in the selection process. Carroll describes the Olympics as uniting the world "in sport and spirit."

Senior Christa Farrar said that she did not have time to watch any of the Olympics. Despite not being able to see the events this

BJ Shorb surveys various students concerning the television coverage of the Summer Olympics.

year, "Olympics are a place where race, color, and origin are not supposed to matter. It's all based on hardwork and ability," she said.

In a similar manner, freshman Sarah Campbell said that if she had more time she would definitely watch the Olympics. "It is a lot of fun to root for your team even though you don't know the competitors personally", she added.

Watching between one and two hours of the Olympic coverage each day, freshman Mary Dolan thinks that the Olympics are important because "it gives athletes a chance to represent their country and show to the world their remarkable abilities."

Noting that the Olympics are "an inspiring display of athletes and sportsmanship," junior Nicole Novotny wished that the Olympics would have been held during our summer months, so that school work and activities would not have kept her from watching more of the events.

Melissa Donner, a senior, also believes that with more time, she could have enjoyed watching the Olympics more. "It's incredible to see what the world's athletes are capable of doing," she said. She believes that by showing "ordinary people" performing "extraordinary achievements", the Olympics give young people who desire to compete a goal to work toward.

As you can see, some students are watching the Olympics a lot and others aren't watching at all. Some don't have time to watch and some are making time to watch them, no matter what. Regardless of whether the students are watching, the most popular events seem to be gymnastics and swimming.

Did the fact that nothing was live bother the individuals who were watching?

Junior Chris Taugher said that he frequently visits ESPN.com and other sports related news websites, so he tried to avoid those sites during the Olympics. If he found out who won, "there would be no point in watching," he said.

Carroll had the same concern. He said that it is unfortunate when you go to NBCOlympics.com just to see the schedule and you find a list of all the winners for that day on the front page.

Some found themselves actually being told by broadcasters to turn down the volume if they had planned on watching the coverage later to see who won.

The broadcasters did what they could under the circumstances, said Campbell, but it's no fun when you read the results in the newspaper before you get to see the actual events.

Finding benefit in the delay was Dolan. She said, "you get to see all the important stuff and they edit out all the boring stuff."

Likewise, Novotny said even though it ruins the element of surprise, she enjoyed the numerous documentaries on the athletes which they were able to fit in this year. "It brings them closer to you," she added.

For some people, like myself, the delay wasn't a problem. I enjoyed watching the events the next day because that gave NBC time to edit. They were able to create packages that included stories about the athletes and coverage of the event itself.

I don't use the internet frequently enough to find out the results before watching, and I only turned on the TV when I wanted to watch an event they had scheduled to cover.

Overall, the Olympic coverage brought a mixture of attitudes, as most unusual circumstances do.

Freshman realizations

Jessica Fisher reflects on the realizations she has made about college life

Before I left for college, my parents, sister, and friends all told me what to expect. They said it would be such a new experience and that I would miss so many things.

All the things they said never quite sank into my head. I figured I would go to college, realize how much freedom I had, and never come home.

As much as I hate to admit it, I think there may be a chance that they were partially right, but I will never let them know that. I have

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The importance of flip-flops—I have not worn them since I was five, but now I will not even think about going into the bathroom unless I have them with me. One time when I left them at home, I made my parents go to Wal-mart and pick me up a pair. Sure, they are bright pink and they match absolutely nothing that I have; nonetheless, they have become a necessity.

My mom's home cooked meals—Suddenly that spaghetti that we used to have every Sunday night for dinner, that I used to dread, sounds very appealing to me. I have actually resorted to calling my mom and grandmother to request that they make me some food and bring it up here for me. I never knew I could be so creative when it came to preparing food.

The comfort of my new mattress at home—What else can I say? I cannot wait until the break,

so that I can go home and lay down in my bed for one full night of sleep. Buying a new mattress right before I went away was definitely not the brightest thing to do.

The privacy of my own bathroom—At home I was not used to waiting in lines for my showers, brushing my teeth with four other girls surrounding me, and I was definitely not used to carrying around my little blue personal caddy that had all my shower necessities in it.

The comfort of carpet—I have to say I miss walking around in my bare feet. Now when I get out of bed in the morning, I climb down from my loft onto my cold, bare

floor, which usually has something on it that I end up stepping on. Not to mention, I miss the plush brown carpet in my bedroom at home.

Running out to the store at anytime—I would make a list of things I needed from various stores, grab the keys and some money, and I was on my way. Up here, things are very different. I need to beg my boyfriend for a ride to one store, while praying that everything I need will be in that one location.

Relying on my parents to help me with things—For instance, whenever my computer would not work, I would always call one of them upstairs to try and fix it. Now, I just bang on the hard drive hoping that fixes the problem, so I can continue to type up my papers.

Basically, it is the little things that I miss the most.

Each day, I learn a new thing either in my classes or in my living situation.

College has definitely been a learning experience for me.

Coping with Rouzer power outages and ethernet problems

Edward K. Schulteis comments on the power and ethernet problems.

It is Monday night, and here I am sitting at my desk at 11 pm working on my Statistics homework that is due at 8:40 the next morning. I am hungry, yet I do not feel like walking down to the Pub for a fourth meal. My roommate is not around; my girlfriend and my friends are studying and doing their homework, so whom would I eat with anyway.

I decide to make something in my room. I check the refrigerator and the freezer, and Bagel Bites just do not sound appealing right now. I look in my little "pantry" to see what I can find and all I have is Twizzlers, Cup of Noodles, and peanuts. However, there in the back of my shelf is a box of Orville Redenbacher's Gourmet Popping Corn, butter flavored of course.

I pull out one of the packages and place it in my microwave. Turn it on for 5 minutes and go back to my seat where I start on problem number 43. I start talking to myself, working the problem out as I go along.

I look up from my desk as I ponder the Statistics problem and see my fake fish swimming around in my bubble lamp...ah relaxing. I hear the sounds of popping in the background.

As the popping continues, I begin to smell the scent of butter. I go back to my problem set when all of a sudden...ZAP, the lamp goes off, the microwave stops, and my fish start sinking to the bottom of the lamp, which too has switched off. All that is illuminating my room is the light outside Rouzer.

Explosives start pouring from my mouth as I realize the power

has gone out, again. I stumble over to the light switch and turn on the overhead light that never goes out when the power does. I can distinctly hear the voices of my neighbors voicing their concerns over the fact that their power is out also. Ah, life in Rouzer.

As I walk over to the microwave, I realize the popcorn has stopped. Not knowing when the power is to be turned back on, I pull out the prematurely stopped popcorn and make my way back over to my desk. After setting the popcorn down, I walk over to the phone and dial 207, a number that I have had to dial regularly for similar problems.

When Campus Safety answers, I inform them that I live in Rouzer and that...before I can even finish, they are finishing my sentence saying "your power is out."

After hanging up I go back over to my lingering Stat problems and my half popped popcorn and start eating while writing away.

Finally, after about a half an hour, my roommate walks in and immediately asks about the power, to which I answer that I have no clue when it will be turned on again.

Just when I am about to finish my Statistics homework, my light turns back on, the microwave starts buzzing again, and my fish come back to life.

What is even more amazing, or rather not so amazing, when I start up my computer and try to log on to the web, I am greeted by the fact that the web cannot be accessed. Big Surprise! It seems that when-

ever I need to get online, that is when the web is down. And because it is at night, no one is available down in Information Systems to help out. So I have to wait until the next morning to access my statistics teacher's web page.

Maybe I'm being a bit too cynical but it seems that nothing works on this campus when I need it to. Whether it be that the power is going down while I am popping my popcorn, or the computer shuts down while I am typing up my Phoenix article. Either way, the technological revolution seems to have come to a screeching halt, at least on my side of the building. I know that the people who live on either side of my room can sympathize with my article.

It has happened many times in my building, and I know from hearing the complaints of others that the power is frequently down in the other buildings on campus. Also, I know that the ethernet is a new addition to the college, but it would also be helpful if we were aware of the reasons that the ethernet goes down for people sometimes.

While this commentary will not change the fate of my prematurely stopped popcorn, it may save me from having to re-type a large chunk of my paper when the power once again goes unexpectedly...ZAP.

If I could give anyone any advice when it comes to power outages and ethernet downtimes, it is to save often and don't rely on technology. It is a great tool and a great toy, but it never seems to be there when you need it.

Time spent in a Biology lab deserves some sort of credit

With so many undergraduate students that are biology majors or just taking a biology course, one would think that the administration would have a better way to handle the biology lab. After all, many students are required to take the lab in addition to their actual biology course.

For those of you that are unfamiliar with the way Biology labs work, let me explain it simply and quickly.

You basically spend three hours in a lab doing all this complicated, time-consuming, "pain in the butt" work, in addition to your Biology lecture, for no credit.

You get four credits for the actual biology class, and the lab is just a "necessary" part of that lecture class. If I have to sit in a lab for three hours on a Friday afternoon, I want some credit.

Sometimes I have to stay later in the lab to finish up. Then, I still have to study, and take quizzes, etc. just like you have to do in any other

class. Yet, I do not get any credit for the lab.

If I never went to lab, it would not really matter because we were all told that the lab does not really affect your grade too much if you don't do well.

However, the emphasis was heavily placed on how mandatory

Lab is not just putting pretty colored chemicals together just to see what happens. Nor is it looking at neat things under a very high-tech microscope. Lab takes a lot of work that requires you to closely follow directions and then write on what you observed and how this relates to other concepts.

it is to attend labs. If lab is so necessary, what are students getting out of it?

Many times what we are doing in lab does not match what I am doing in class. I am not asking for four more credits for my lab, as if it were a whole other class.

Since the material for the lab is different, I think one or two more

Cyndi Nicolì explains why students with labs deserve credit for their time.

credits for the extra work students are putting into lab is well deserved.

Biology lab can make you feel as if you are taking on another

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It also takes three hours out of a college student's precious time. One could be using this time to study material of the classes for which they actually receive credit.

For all the time and effort that students are putting into their labs, the administration should reward them with a credit or two.

At least then students would

know they did not bust their tails just to increase their percentage grade by about two percent.

When all my friends are done class for the week, I am sitting in lab observing diffusion. For the sadness, boredom, and utter confusion I go through every Friday afternoon, I want a credit or two!

Actually, I'd really like a car of some sort or something, but I won't be greedy.

Other biology students and I are merely asking for the credit we deserve. We are working hard and that work should be appreciated and awarded like it is in all the other classes.

The Phoenix would like to hear your ideas on class hours vs. credits. Should there be more credits for labs, or should they be included in the course load? The deadline for the Pro-Con submission is October 19.

Presidential candidates go hi-tech in campaigning

Matthew E. Hurff analyzes the ways the candidates are campaigning to the American public.

Well the campaign between George W. Bush and Al Gore has become even stranger. First there was the Republican television ad which flashed the word "Rats" in the background.

Then Bush used some choice words to describe a New York Times reporter, only to realize that his microphone was on. Now, the Bush campaign is claiming that a "mole" from the Gore campaign has permeated his ranks, swiping a valuable debate preparation video.

Such an item could give Gore and Lieberman a decisive advantage in the upcoming debates.

However, the Gore campaign claims they purposely leaked the video to give them false material to prepare for.

The whole thing seems ridiculous and shows how phony both of the candidates are. If they really stand for their issues, it shouldn't matter what the other candidate is going to say in his debate.

Such a video could provide some strategic advantage, but it should not matter that much.

On top of the great video mystery, both campaigns are hitting the Internet to drum up support.

Beware when you sign on AOL Instant Messenger, because you may receive a message from a democrat promoting Al Gore. First, Gore says that he invented the Internet,

now he'll probably telling us that he invented AOL Instant Messenger too.

On the GOP side, it is now possible to win prizes for signing up for Bush's mailing list. You could be included in a raffle for such rewards as a Palm Pilot or even a nights stay in Washington, DC on election night.

The Dems are offering tickets to a Knicks Game with Billy Baldwin or even golf with Martin Sheen (President Josiah Bartlet in The West Wing).

Is it just me, or does this all sound like some infomercial on late night TV? Act now and you can get an additional night in DC free.

The parties are not just isolating this proliferation of gifts to the Internet. Last week, a friend of mine received a dollar bill in the mail from the GOP.

They wanted to get his attention with this tactic so that he would send them more money.

This is just plain ridiculous. In essence, the parties are using funds from people they know will vote for them just to buy the undecided voters with gimmicks.

Hey, that's fine if you're trying to lure a person into buying a car at your dealership, put money in your bank, or buy your cheap, useless item on late night television.

But should this be acceptable in the race for the highest political office in the United States?

It would be nice to say it isn't true, but it is. Is there any way of stopping it?

I'm not sure, but if there is please let me know.

I'd be very interested.

off the mark

by Mark Parisi



Why vote? Because every vote will matter this year

Matthew McGowan examines the reasons why it is important to vote for your candidate.

Okay, so our choices aren't so great. "Al Bore" is a cardboard cutout, a representation of another four or eight years of the status quo.

"George W." is a compassionate conservative who's executed three hundred-some Texans.

Some compassion. Nader, as usual, has many a chance, and Pat Buchanan can't even keep the support of his own party leaders.

So Gush and Bore are our choices, one made of plastic and the other of stone.

Why even bother picking? Because we can.

For some reason, perhaps unbeknownst to you as of yet, one of these candidates is a

So does ours. While Gore appears to be a stiff with many of the same policies as Clinton and Bush a shade of his father with less heroism, the choice between them will mold this nation for the next four or eight years.

The next president, it is predicted, will have the opportunity to appoint as many as four Supreme Court Justices.

The next president will be charged with the maintenance of our currently booming economy. He will have to make big choices on Social Security, Defense, and other big issues. This election matters.

The chief differences between the candidates come in the area of social issues, and Bush looks to undo much of what Clinton has done, which some consider advances, others steps back in the morality war.

Gore will likely further the Clinton agenda.

While Gore appears to be a stiff with many of the same policies as Clinton and Bush a shade of his father with less heroism, the choice between them will mold this nation for the next four or eight years.

better pick for you than the three others.

Whatever that reason, it's our duty as citizens to find it, and make that choice.

In Mexico this summer, Vicente Fox's victory made him the first President in 70-something years not chosen for the country by the ruling political party, the PRI.

This year's presidential election in Mexico was one of the first truly free elections, in which citizens were safe choosing the candidate they liked with no pressure from PRI.

Voter turnout was staggering, more than double what it is in many U.S. elections.

So you're saying, "yeah, but that election really mattered."

Both favor free trade, and who doesn't favor a strong economy?

As many Democratic pundits have said, "how can Bush argue with an economy as strong as this one?" But Bush has different ideas about social security, education, and healthcare reform.

They really are different candidates.

In an election as close as this one is becoming, to elect someone who will change the way things are presently done inside the beltway, or to elect someone who will keep us on the steady course we presently tread, every vote really will matter.

So, whoever's the better candidate for you, get out and vote.

Student favors universal library loan policy

Laura Beth Kelley discusses the option of offering all Maryland students library access.

I like Hoover Library.

For the number of students we have at Western Maryland, it is fairly big.

I have never had a problem with finding resources for the past three years, until this one.

Upon entering my senior seminar course, I knew I was going to have to need a tremendous amount of sources and Hoover library just wasn't going to be big enough.

That's acceptable.

I put in a couple Interlibrary Loan requests for some materials, but thought it might be easier to travel to some bigger libraries to save time as well as the anticipation of waiting and wondering when or if my sources would be available.

I decided to go to UMBC because it was one of the closest colleges that had the books and articles that I needed.

I figured that since I was a student at a higher institution in Maryland I would be able to easily check out material.

I found that I could easily check out books once I purchased a library card for \$15 that would expire in one year!

I'm sorry but when was the last time you paid for a library card especially one that you only need for three months.

The librarian at UMBC told me this was because WMC wasn't "covered" under their program.

Their program consists of a loan agreement with other state universities in the area, not private colleges.

Now, I realize that I had alternatives to paying for the card.

I could have waited for Interlibrary Loan, which I currently am doing and have been for two weeks.

I could have hassled my friends that go to UMBC to use their library card.

I could have tried one of the many other libraries in our conference and surrounding area that do offer book check out with my WMC ID.

But that's not the point.

I think there needs to be a universal system among colleges and universities for all students in the state of Maryland, regardless of whether the school is private or public.

People could show their ID card and check out books like normal students.

This is a system that can only be advantageous for everyone.

It will allow students to access all the materials needed and develop a good relationship between colleges and universities.

What if I went to another university library and needed to check out more books? Would I need to buy another library card? This is absurd.

WMC, occasionally, receives Interlibrary Loan books through nearby universities.

So what is the difference between the college getting the material and the student picking up the material himself/herself?

Wasted time and \$15.

The new freshmen: who are they?

BJ SHORB

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Who are the 485 new student faces we see on "the Hill" this year?

They are known as the freshman class of 444 students and 41 transfer students. Of those 485, Martha O'Connell, dean of Admissions, reports that there are 214 males and 271 females.

Contrary to the rumor that the class is enormous, that is only 19 more incoming students than last year, and 16 fewer than in 1998. O'Connell believes it is possible that more students are choosing to live on campus, which may be causing the misconception that the freshman class is gigantic.

As we continue to see new faces at WMC, O'Connell believes that we are growing more diverse. Coming a long way from 9 percent being freshmen minority students in 1994, the freshmen class is 14 percent minority this year, she says.

According to Barbara Horneff, associate dean of the first-year students these new students come from 14 different states, the farthest being California. There are also new international students coming from countries like Ethiopia, France, etc.

Names such as Colby, Semre, Tarique, French, Ina, Lahanna, and even Lydia are all new to the WMC community, says Horneff. In total, there are 20 new first names in the freshman class. Also, names beginning with the letter "J" are the most popular among the incoming students.

Horneff also observed that the most popular months for Birthdays are October with

Seniors kick off year with crabs and beer



MEGAN K. MARTIN

The Odyssey Starts Here: the class of 2001 launched their senior year with a crab and beer party on Saturday, September 30 in the Pub. Approximately 80 seniors came to support Senior Pride and enjoy the Maryland tradition of steamed crabs and frothy beverages.

Left: Matt Burger shows his crab-eating prowess as he attempts to shove a whole crab in his mouth.

Above: Meghan Humbert (left) and Megan Drost partake in the festivities by sharing a crab.

32 and August with 31.

Ranging from 17 to 28 years of age, the new students have a variety of athletic interests from ice dancing to ultimate Frisbee.

Horneff says that students admire various role models, such as parents, relatives, friends, and coaches.

Their career interests are also quite diverse among the arts and sciences.

Unfortunately, a break down of academic majors is not available due to some administrative computer changes on campus, says

O'Connell. However, she recalls the number of students choosing to be undecided growing each year, and suspects that is true this year as well.

As far as GPA's go, there are 34 students who came with perfect 4.0's from high school. A 3.45 is the mean grade point average, according to O'Connell. She notes that the average of their SAT scores for verbal is 564 and for math is 567, clearly a balanced group.

Although there were more applicants this

year, O'Connell says that the acceptance process was a bit more "selective." Only 76 percent of applicants were accepted this year, in comparison to 80 percent last year, she says.

For those 76 percent who are here, welcome.

They are represented by these statistics, but over their college careers at WMC, they will begin to develop themselves as individuals. Each student making his/her contributions to WMC as a familiar face on the Hill."

Honor board hears trial from the spring

The Honor and Conduct Board met in September to consider a charge carried over from the spring 2000 semester that a student had violated the Honor Code by submitting plagiarized material in a paper for English 1102. The Board found that the student had violated the Code and established the following sanction for the offense: The student will receive an "F" grade for the course.

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from 8AM to 5PM on Thursday, October 12 - all over campus.

The Vigil:

A vigil will be held to protest the recent instances of discriminatory slander found in various places around the WMC campus. The offenses were related to the community by the Administration last week, and students are reacting now, coming together to stand against these unacceptable manifestations of hate, which run counter to the very philosophy of the community we aspire to be. Candles, poetry, and quiet will make all aware that the hate must stop now. Wednesday is also National Coming Out Day.

The Blackout:

Two years ago, Matthew Shepard, a student at the University of Wyoming was abducted, tied to a fence, and beaten unconscious by two men after they discovered he was gay. Five days later, on October 12, he died. Matthew's untimely death stirred a huge reaction in the United States and prompted hate-crimes legislation to be introduced in Congress and in many states. Join Allies and others in memorializing Matthew by wearing black and remaining silent. Cards explaining the silence are to be handed out instead, and will be available at the vigil the night before.

New freshman class officers

CARA JACOBSON AND
MELISSA BLACKWELL
Staff Writers

The freshman class officers were recently elected, so who are they? Read on to meet the four newest officers at Western Maryland College.

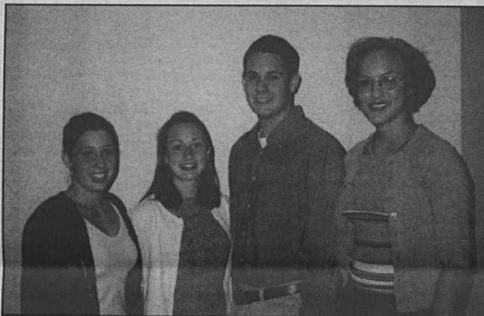
Jen Flannery is the newly elected president of the freshman class of 2004. She is from Rockville, Maryland. Her goal this year is to unify the class and to have fun doing it. She wants people to meet each other and become friendlier around campus. Jen plays field hockey here at WMC and she is also in ROTC.

Stephanie Gulbin is a representative of the freshman class. She is from Queen Anne's county in Maryland. Stephanie, like Jen, wants to unite the freshman class. She is also an advocate of service on campus.

She hopes to be able to make some worthy changes here in the school community. Stephanie also plays field hockey at WMC.

Mark Iwanowski is another representative for the freshman class this year. He is from Fallston, Maryland. He plans on working against the plus/minus system with the consensus of the SGA. He is also trying to get involved with the possible admission cap of 1600 students. Mark is looking forward to all the great opportunities that Western Maryland College has to offer him!

Tierra Jolly is also a representative of the class of 2004. Tierra is from Prince George's county in Maryland. An interesting thing about Tierra is that she was on the wrestling team at her high school. She wants the freshman class to "get out and get involved." Currently, she is working on the specifics for how she will make that happen.

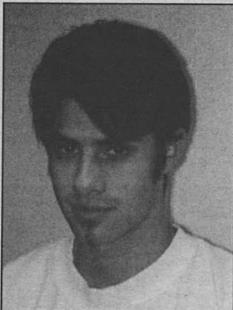


The Freshmen class officers from left to right, Jeanette Flannery, Stephanie Gulbin, Mark Iwanowski, Tierra Jolly.

60 SECONDS

What would you like to see as the next Olympic sport?

Compiled by Brad Widner



"Gator wrestling...because it's always more fun when someone loses a limb."

-Aram Caraballo '02



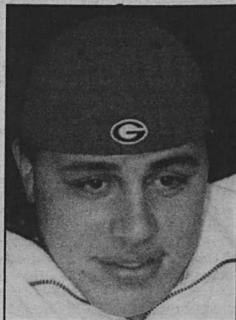
"I think in-line skating either vertical or freestyle because it's one of the fastest growing sports in the world."

-Ian Van Tassel '01



"Football because it's a dirty sport."

-Lori Gann '04



"Men's softball...why should girls have all the fun?"

-Mark Gable '03

Rat's Web here once again

ANNE BUTLER
Staff Writer

Movies are everywhere now.

One of the best ways to see movie trailers or even the movies themselves is online. Some independent films are getting huge exposure online that they might not have otherwise gotten (Blair Witch anyone?).

Even big Hollywood movies are stepping up to the plate and offering exclusive interviews, pictures and video you cannot see anywhere else. It's also easy to buy or find out information about older movies online.

Internet Movie Database
<http://www.imdb.com>

A huge comprehensive list of everything you could wish to know about movies. It also includes reviews written by people who visit the site and have seen the movie in question. The Database also includes information on television shows and foreign films. Want to know how comprehensive this database is? Professor Jonathan Slade's indie film *Forest of the Trees* is in it with a cast list and even a review.

Ebay
<http://www.ebay.com>

The world's biggest garage sale is also a great place to find obscure movies. Be patient and check frequently to find just about anything you can imagine.

Movie Online
<http://www.movies-online.com.sg>

A great place to see what is good and what isn't. It also functions as a movie finder in much the same way Moviefone (below) does.

iFilm
<http://www.ifilm.com>

Great tools for the budding independent filmmaker. If you're experienced in the area then this also offers some great places to go. Even if you're just interested in watching indie films this offers the same services the IMDB has and a few more.

Moviefone
<http://www.moviefone.com>

The website to match the telephone number 222-FILM. Just type in your location and you're ready to go. It'll tell you what's playing in the area and the times. You can even order online. And no annoying "WELCOME TO MOVIEFONE!" guy.

Seanbaby's Coyote Ugly Review
<http://www.seanbaby.com/cleveland/part1.html>

Apparently the renowned Seanbaby didn't like this movie. And from his description can't say I blame him. This boy is easily one of the funniest people writing on the web today. Go check him out.

WEIRD-ASS Site of the Issue
Analtech - <http://www.analtech.com>
This company makes parts for superconductors. But they have a bad choice in names.

Homecoming 2000: a preview of the fun about to hit WMC

SHAUNA DOMINGUEZ
Features Editor

Look out WMC! This year Homecoming is going to be bigger and better than ever! The theme is "We are the Champions" and the colors are none other than our own green and gold.

The goal of Alumni Affairs is to reconnect alumni with the college and students and Homecoming is the best way to do it. So this year it is going to be one fabulous weekend!

Approximately 15,000 to 16,000 Alumni were invited back this year and WMC intends to make this Homecoming weekend the best one yet, so get some paints and a Homecoming t-shirt from the Bookstore, grab some friends, and prepare yourself for lots of fun.

It all starts on Friday night, October 13, with the traditional bonfire. The fire will get started around 9:00 p.m.

Bright and early Saturday morning will be the Alumni Golf Tournament with a Shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. Then at 9:00 a.m. the gates to the Bair Stadium will open

for a Continental Breakfast near the Caboose. There will be a large tent set up with seating for about 100 guests. The gates will remain open for tailgaters and the cost of parking on the field is \$5.00 per vehicle. Admission to the game is free for all attendees.

Next, show your school spirit and pride by painting yourself, your car, or your roommate Green Terror green and gold. The campus bookstore will be selling body paint as well as various other school items such as the new Homecoming t-shirts. (So go shopping and wear the green and gold with pride, WMC).

Bring your spirited self to Main Street or Bair Stadium to see the pregame parade. Awards will be given to the best floats (Kinetic Sculpture Award) as well as the most spirited students (Body Art Spirit Award). Interim President Coley will be appearing in the parade, along with antique cars and student floats.

The Ceremonial Coin Toss (with honorary guests: the Tillmans, parents of 2000 graduate,

Rich Tillman) and Kickoff will be at 1:00 p.m. in none other than Bair Stadium. This year's game will be played against Dickinson. The Gospel Choir will be singing the National Anthem before the game begins. Around 1:30 p.m. look to the sky for the advertising plane to fly by with advertisements for all the all-campus party.

Don't forget - car-horn honking is definitely welcome when the Green Terror scores. Also, students are encouraged to speak with the Alumni. They won't bite you and you never know whom you may meet.

Half time should prove to be better than ever as well. According to Randy Rytter, assistant director of Alumni Affairs, the sound system at Bair will be upgraded and will be equivalent to actual stadium sound or even concert hall sound. The addition of two large speakers is what will do the trick, making the events of half time much easier to hear for everyone. The Gospel Choir will close halftime ceremonies with their rendition of the Alma Mater.

At 4:00 p.m. the all-campus party will begin in the Forum. All are invited, and this means everyone from students to faculty, and yes, the Alumni too! Beer will be available for those who are legal. A very minimal amount may be charged per beer just to help out with cost. Some food will also be available.

The Dog will be DJ-ing the party until about 7:45 when everyone will be invited to assemble on the Ravens' practice field for the display of fireworks. Yes, that's right, there is going to be a fireworks show this year. Be sure not to miss it! If the fireworks get rained out, they will be postponed to another event or until weather permits.

After the fireworks, the party will resume in the Forum with a live band, Hank. The game room will be open for people to wander into for some friendly games. The party will last until around midnight so make sure you stop by for more fun. Also, as Rytter said, the more students who show up at this party, the more likely WMC can do

other, bigger parties and events.

Approximately 14 student organizations have volunteered for booths and/or fund-raisers for during the game.

New this year is promotion of African-American Alumni. Eric Byrd came up with the idea, and according to Rytter, Byrd's plan is an outreach to diversify and promote racial awareness. There will be historical photos as well as a BSU fund-raiser.

Additionally, the 1960 Alumni Baseball team will be coming back for a reunion and will be playing a game at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

From the Body Art Spirit contest to the parade, to the game, to the fireworks, Homecoming weekend will be loaded with things to do and have fun with. Don't forget to show more school spirit and support other WMC sports teams and events as well, during Homecoming Weekend.

For more information, check out the Homecoming page on Western Maryland's website at www.wmcd.edu/alumni/homecoming2k.shtm.

When Shakespeare comes to WMC, Comedy's Found in Error

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Today's truly great Shakespearean actors all have one thing in common - they are able to deliver Elizabethan English in a manner and style in which it does not sound akin to Ancient Greek. The National Players are blessed with several such actors, and WMC was fortunate enough to have them perform *The Comedy of Errors* right here, in Alumni Hall on September 16, 2000 at 8:00 pm.

Shakespeare wrote *The Comedy of Errors* as, quite obviously, a comedy. The problem too often faced by directors of Shakespearean Comedies is that, unless the actors' mastery of the language is great enough to overcome it, the audience is often left cold by somewhat antiquated humor. In tonight's performance, however, director Carey Upton brought together a very talented cast and a flair for slapstick humor that had the audience, most of whom were there by teachers' orders, laughing out loud and glad they went.

It's the story of two sets of twin brothers, separated at birth by a storm at high sea. Each set is split, placing one Antipholus (born master) and one Dromio (born servant) in each of two cities - Ephesus, where the play takes place, and Syracuse.

When the Dromios start confusing their masters, and even the wife of Antipholus of Ephesus mistakes his twin for him, chaos ensues, resulting in imprisonments, missed alliances, befuddled and beaten Dromios, and a final happy ending which reunites both the sets of brothers and their parents a classic Shakespearean "rein it all back in" scene. The general consensus of the audience was strongly positive, an

especially complimentary reaction from the largely captive audience.

The tale begins with retelling of the boys' story by their father, portrayed in this production by Richard J. Pryce, whose control over often tricky iambic pentameter allowed him to surpass the limits of the language's older form and present his tale in a lavishly animated and truly fluid form. The father tells his and his sons' tale as a prisoner facing execution and insoading wins the favor and temporary Pardon of the duchess as she embarks on a crusade to find the brothers. The Duchess was aptly portrayed by Elizabeth Darby, while her executioner was played by Scott Graham, whose grasp of slapstick is quite strong.

The brothers Antipholus were played by Christopher Niebling and Ari Dominiz, who both gave fine performances, though they fell just short of truly surpassing the language barrier while maintaining necessary emotion, while the Dromios were both expertly portrayed by Kate Michelson and Michael Rizzo. While both of these were quite good, Michelson stole any scene in which she was involved and her exuberant, high-comedic performance was indeed a highlight of the show.

The four confused twins, through several misconnections, manage to put the wrong set with Antipholus of Ephesus's wife, whose sister falls for the mistaken Antipholus, raising questions of adultery and generating great despair for both of the servants, who both end up being beaten, thus raising the issue of master-servant treatment, and thoroughly confuse and piss off the townsfolk.

At one point, Antipholus of Ephesus goes to a prostitute when he is locked out by his wife, who as-

sumes her husband (Antipholus of Syracuse) to be home already. Ephesian Egeus promises the prostitute a gold necklace, which is mistakenly delivered to the other Egeus, and then the wife finds out and thinks it was for her while the goldsmith is arrested for the debt, and panic finally ensues resulting in the employment by the wife of a conjuror to cure her husband of his apparent mania. Sound confusing? Shakespeare would hope so.

None the matter, for the point is this performance, which was very well done. Both the wife and her sister were very well-performed by Valerie Fenton and Maggie Glauber, respectively. The former particularly shined during a scene in which she attempted to re-educate the wrong husband. Think overt sex in the middle of the streets of Ephesus. The supporting characters were also very well done by quite talented actors and actresses.

These strong performances combined with a simple yet perfectly functional set and quite com-

plex lighting for a traveling show was used very effectively to emphasize the action of the play without distracting from it. The physical set, too, provided the maximum effect with the minimum fuss, while a variety of interesting and time-reminiscent costumes (this performance was set in the early

1960s) evoked the images of a simpler time, tainted by befuddlement finally resolved with an enthusiastic ovation by the audience. Director Carey Upton used smart actors, classic comedy and silly slapstick to their most and graced WMC with a four (out of five) star show.

Homecoming Schedule

Friday October 13

Peep Rally and Bonfire, 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday October 14

Alumni Golf Tournament, 7:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast at the Caboose, 9:00 a.m.

Men's Soccer vs Johns Hopkins, 12:00 noon

Kick-off for the Green Terror football game, 1:00 p.m.

All-Campus Party in the Forum, 4:00 p.m.

Fireworks display, 8:00 p.m.

Additionally on October 14

Volleyball Tournament, TBA

Field Hockey vs Alumni, TBA

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The Outdoors Club: growing in numbers daily

BJ SHORB

Assistant Commentary Editor

Wow, what a difference a day can make! Especially if you are a member of the Outdoors Club. They had 45 members one day, 94 the next, and the number keeps rising each day.

Founders of the club are juniors Claire Adams and Robyn Hill. Both are thrilled with the amount of interest the club received at the activities fair on Sept. 19. They had about 50 students sign up, that is 30 more than last year's activities fair, and they have been receiving calls from interested students ever since, says Adams.

Mitch Alexander, director of college activities believes the response has a lot to do with the way the club was marketed. He says, they did a "phenomenal job marketing themselves." He hasn't seen that kind of response for a couple of years. "Having an outing under their belt gave them a concrete experience rather than just hopes," says Alexander.

Not only are they extremely excited, but Hill says, "the people signing up were excited." Both freshman and upperclassmen were signing up at the fair. She recalls that everyone seemed so "enthusiastic."

How did the Outdoors Club come to be?

Well, Adams was a scout most of her life. In fact, in high school she was in a group called High Adventure Explorer Scouts.

In a similar manner, Hill says, "I just really love the outdoors." When she came here and found out there was just an inactive backpacking club, she needed to do something about it.

A mutual friend realized that the two of them had a common interest in the outdoors, so they got together and began to talk to some people about the idea.

After talking to a member of the faculty, they were given some negative feedback. Hill says, "we were discouraged, and told there would be no interest." Despite what they were told, the two of them decided to keep pursuing the idea.

After completing all the necessary paperwork, the club held its first hike with approximately six or seven students in attendance at Gun Powder State Park in the fall of 1999, says Hill. They wanted to start out by taking smaller trips, she says, just in case there was "a lack of interest."

At this time, the group had about ten regular members, most of which were acquired through phone messages, according to Adams.

Then, at the 1999 activities fair they had



Outdoor Club members after a long day of white water rafting at Youghiogheny River in Ohio's PA.

about 20 new students join, she says.

With about 30 active members last year, they were able to have quite a few successful events. For example, they had three different day-hikes, one caving trip, one camping/white water rafting adventure, and an attempted ski trip.

Officer Jason Bhargava recalls the white water rafting trip last spring as his favorite outing of the year. He, too, was a scout growing up and enjoys camping. He describes the Outdoors Club as "everything put together."

Even though they admit that a lot of time is put into planning events, Adams says it is "not a group that requires commitment." It is nice to have regular members, but she realizes that everyone can't make it to every event, so it is basically club designed for fun and "getting people outside," she says.

With over 100 members now, they may

actually need to form committees to accommodate everyone's interests. Some of those interests are: Mountain Biking, Spelunking/Caving, Canoeing/Kayaking, Rafting, Camping, Hiking, Rock Climbing, Skiing, Snowboarding, and Backpacking.

A number of events are already being planned for this year. Specifically, a ropes course day at Hishawa, an Old Rag Mountain backpacking trip in West Virginia, a campus camp-out, and a ski trip to Camelback Mountain are all on the club's agenda. Overall, everyone is really ecstatic about the club and its recent expansion. Adams says, "I never imagined we would attract this much attention from students."

Both Hill and Adams hope that the club continues to thrive this year and for years to come. Adams adds, "you're never to old to go outside, play and get dirty."

Horoscopes: Fall is in the air

CATHY PENDORE

Staff writer

Libra (Sep. 24 - Oct. 23)
Happy Birthday Libras!! The scales will tip on your side this month. Leaves aren't the only things falling into your lap, beware of hurtling objects especially if you are sitting at the Homecoming Game...Those team players can get frisky!!

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Your seductive nature may start to feel a chill, if the cold weather makes you grouchy. Chill out! Just curl up with someone warm, but don't forget pets aren't allowed on campus; your stuffed green gorilla will have to do.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You are going to be less stressed this week! You will wake up to a cold sun and a clanking radiator and think, "Why didn't I go to school in Florida?"

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Competing Capricorns, the fall will present you with many challenges; like how will you find time to go party with the Gemini's and still find time to make it to the Homecoming Fireworks.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Lively happy Aquarian water bearers; this is the season to rise above the fall! So much to do and so little time! Make sure you take some out for you, go party with a Gemini or two or six! oolala!

Pisces (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

Getting a little chilly? I wonder when Glar will have another seafood night? Float for your life!! I think the Homecoming Parade

will have some speedy flats!!

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 20)

This is your week to welcome the Fall! Ram into the season with plaids and stripes, sure you can wear your flannel pants to Glar. Make a statement! Put some tables together and give a show, everyone loves Gershwin! Better yet, sing out the menu, Opera style!!

Taurus (Apr. 21 - May 21)

Hey baby bulls, you may feel a little neglected and unloved this month, but don't take it personally. Have some fun and brighten someone's day, throw cheese pickup lines at everyone you meet. Psst...you know, those Aquarians know how to have fun!!

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

Double trouble for you! Those wild independent Aquarians are moving in and everyone is banging on the door trying to get in the party!! Make it invitation only and make them all wear plaid togas!!

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)

Don't be the Crabby, your life will pick up! And maybe someone will come and pick you up! Beware of bulls tossing out lines.

Leo (July 24 - Aug. 23)

Grrrrr OK lions, time to make your move, go ask that sexy person you've been eyeing out for a night of passion. Take them to Safeway and give them sexy looks. Nothing says I want you baby more than buying their produce.

Virgo (Aug. 24 - Sep. 23)

Autumn is in the air and the magic 8 ball says "yes!" Go with it, and don't hesitate!!!!



Members of the Outdoors Club on their second day hike.

Quirks: gone, not forgotten

ANNE BUTLER

Staff Writer

I was walking through old Lewis yesterday, and I went to play with my favorite science experiment table, and I found I could not. Much to my surprise, the cool little robotics guys are gone.

The little robots were their interactive science experiment in a glass case that rested near the rocks in the hallway near the Physics Office. You flipped on the power switch and then you could control the robots through a series of switches or by a lever. The robots moved around and turned on a light.

Also, one of them pretended to drill and one could unload something in theory. In reality at least one of the robots was always inoperable, but that didn't make them any less cool. It was still fun to come by, flip some switches and watch them do their thing.

Who could have committed such a dastardly thing and removed the robots? What caused the faculty to come to such a grievous decision? Damn it, there's no time to mess around people; my robot friends are gone!

After extensive reporting and fact checking I have reached the conclusion that long-time readers of this column will not be startled at. Yes, the robots were stolen by none other than the Squirrels of this campus! In an effort to lower student morale and cause general confusion and mass hysteria,

the Squirrels convinced the science faculty to remove this beloved experiment table.

It wasn't that hard a task really, considering that near all of the faculty are really pawns or plants of the Squirrels (a scant few faculty members resist the furry menace, most notably the Hornells and Dr. Lemieux). Yes, even Dean Coley has recently come under the Squirrels' sway. All it took was one order from above and any mad whim of the Leader could be carried out. Removing the robotics table was just such a mad whim.

We must mobilize valiant readers and do our best to stop this fiendish plan! Now that I have told you about it, do not lose heart! We must not show weakness and get upset at the loss of the robot table, for that is what the Furry Menace wishes us to do. Continue your excessive drinking and partying! Keep morale up in defiance of the Squirrels' plot!

Actually, now that I think about it no one really cares about the table except me. Probably no one even noticed it even existed. I barely played with the thing once a month as it was.

Still, I miss it now that it's gone. Funny how that works, eh? I never noticed the thing when it was here and now that it's gone I miss it all the time. But you know that even if it's now gone, I'm going to remember the fun times I had with it. That's the most important thing I think. Remember the good times and nothing is ever gone entirely.

Women's Soccer hit a rough spot

GREG LEDEKER
Assistant Sports Editor

Plagued by dreary weather and tough competition, the Western Maryland College Women's soccer team has hit a rough spot after their record setting early season success. The team has found points hard to come by on the road in conference play so far, but continues to play hard, looking for success at the end of the road.

On September 16, the Green Terror took their perfect record to Muhlenberg for another tough con-

ference match-up. Both teams played a tight close first half and went into the half with no points on the scoreboard. After the intermission, the opposition scored quickly and attacked the Green Terror.

After a two game losing streak on the road, WMC was glad to come back to the familiar confines

"The season is going well, we were unfortunate in some games, but we just need to stay focused for the rest of the season."

-Candi Kuligowski.

ference match-up. Both teams played a tight close first half and went into the half with no points on the scoreboard. After the intermission, the opposition scored quickly and attacked the Green Terror.

Unfortunately this day wouldn't be another WMC comeback as they were shutout 0-3 by the Mules. Goalkeeper Becca Lyter blocked 24 shots, but it wasn't enough as the normally attacking team could only muster 11 shots on goal.

The team was looking to get back on the winning track in a September 20 non-conference game with Messiah. Once again, the game was hard fought and tightly played. The opposition used an

of Gill Field for another non-conference game against Rutgers University-Camden.

The team broke out of their offensive slump with a huge day of scoring as they posted seven goals on the Lady Startlets. Freshman Nikki Lepson led the way with two goals en route to a dominating 7-1 home win.

Back on the winning track, the Green Terror looked to continue their offensive surge at home against Washington College.

Originally postponed by rain, the game was controlled by the home team from the start. Lepson took charge early with two more goals in the first ten minutes of the game and sophomore Melissa

Merson put in another goal at the 25 minute mark to take a 3-0 lead into the half. In the second stanza, freshman sensation Carah Medill continued to impress with her team leading thirteenth goal of the year to go along with two assists in the contest.

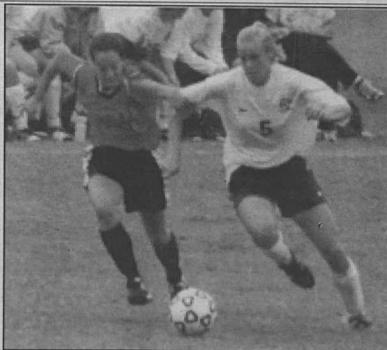
Senior Tracy Castor ended the scoring for the day with another goal on their way to another commanding 5-0 win.

Back to their winning ways, the team was ready for one of their toughest games of the year as they

well, we were unlucky in some games, but we just need to stay focused for the rest of the season," says sophomore goalkeeper Candi Kuligowski.

A bright spot for the team so far this season has been the play of freshmen Medill and Lepson. Medill has scored a team leading thirteen goals and a conference leading thirty points to lead the offensive attack this season, while Lepson has registered five goals in the team's last five games.

The future of WMC women's soccer looks bright with many other key young underclassmen. While the Green Terror women have been unlucky at times this season, they are continuing to play



BRAD WIDNER

Melissa Merson dribbles the ball past a Rutgers-Camden defender.

hard and are a promising contender in the Centennial Conference title chase

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CATEGORIES:

Body Art Spirit Award

Put your whole self in—go green and gold and win a prize. Cover your body, your classmate's body, or your former roommate's body in green and gold and strut your spirit. Show our visiting team just how creative and original WMC alumni fans can be. Winners' photos will be taken and posted on WMC web site.

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Cover your car, the family SUV, or your neighbor's old Dodge Dart in green and gold paint, streamers, banners, etc. If you don't own a car, anything with wheels will do: from bikes and trikes to boats on trailers to riding lawn mowers. You can even strap on your inline skates and paint yourself. Just drive it, push it or pull it and join in the parade for all to see. Individual and group entries are welcome. For inspiration visit this web site: www.carart.com.



All Kinetic Sculpture Entries Earn Free Parking Passes!
Email or call the Alumni Office to pre-register.

For more information visit the WMC Homecoming Web site:
www.wmcc.edu/alumni/homecoming2k.shtml

The

GREEN TERROR

Scoreboard

Football

Passing

Name	Att-Comp-Int	Yds	TD
Boo Harris	121-56-6	710	9

Rushing

Name	Att	Yds	Yds/pr	TD
Boo Harris	88	462	5.3	4
Joe Kendorski	66	303	4.6	2
Jemel Johnson	16	88	5.5	0

Receiving

Name	Rec	Yds	Yds/pr	TD
Teron Powell	20	326	16.3	4
Matt Jackson	10	99	9.9	1
Joe Kendorski	7	101	14.4	0
Joe Ellis	7	64	9.1	1

Defense

Name	Tackles	Sacks	INT
Derrick Gwyn	33	2	1
Jason Wiles	32	3	0
Matt Wilchinski	27	2	0
Dave Fedorchak	24	0	0
Brett Kamholtz	23	0	1
Aaron Bartolain	22	3	0
Jason Wingart	22	0	3
Josh Galemore	19	3	1
Mike Puckett	19	1	1
Rob McCracken	17	0	1
Haroun Hebron	11	3	0
Brian Fogelsonger	11	1	0
John Croyle	8	0	0

Kicking

Name	FGM	XP
Brent Sandrock	2-5	12-15

Name	Punts	Yds
Avg Yds		
Kevin Culbertson	28	1004

Kick Returns

Name	Returns	Yards
Avg Teron Powell	10	320
32.0		

Punt Returns

Name	Returns	Yards
Avg		
French Pope	18	155
		8.6

Women's Soccer

Name	G	A	TP
Carah Medill	12	6	30
Melissa Merson	6	5	13
Tracy Castor	5	3	13
Niki Lepson	4	1	9

Men's Soccer

Name	GA	SV	Sv%	Sho
Ryan Defibaugh	6	43	.636	1

Field Hockey

Name	G	A	TP
Sarah Fogler	5	3	13
Tara Morris	4	2	10

Standings

Football

School	Conf	Overall
Western Maryland	3-0	4-1
Johns Hopkins	2-0	3-1
Muhlenberg	2-1	3-1
Ursinus	2-1	3-1
Swarthmore	1-2	2-2
Dickinson	0-1	1-3
Franklin and Marshall	0-2	0-4
Gettysburg	0-3	0-5

Volleyball

School	Conf	Overall
Franklin & Marshall	4-0	12-2
Gettysburg	3-0	11-7
Western Maryland	4-1	8-5
Haverford	2-1	14-2
Johns Hopkins	1-1	7-3
Ursinus	1-1	7-8
Swarthmore	2-2	5-8
Muhlenberg	1-2	9-4
Dickinson	1-3	7-6
Bryn Mawr	0-5	2-15



Schedule

Football
Vs Dickinson
October 14th, 1 PM

Field Hockey
@ Swarthmore
October 5th, 4 PM

Vs Bryn Mawr
October 7th, 1 PM

@ Johns Hopkins
October 10th, 5 PM

Cross Country
Dickinson Invitational
October 7th, 10:30 AM

William & Mary
Invitational
October 14th, 10:30 AM

Men's Soccer
@ Frostburg State
October 7th, 1 PM

@ Gallaudet
October 11th, 4 PM

Vs Johns Hopkins
October 14th, 12 PM

Volleyball
St. Mary's & Salisbury
State @ Salisbury
October 7th, 12 PM
Green Terror
Invitational
October 13-14th

Green Terror Sports

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Terror defeat Ursinus and Mulenburg; hold a 4-1 record

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Staff Writer

Grab a pencil and a piece of paper.

Now, write out a script for the most exciting, intense, and dramatic regular season football game you can.

What would such a contest include? Well, how about an intense rivalry? A major comeback? Lots of scoring? Why not throw in some personal redemption on a game winning play?

When the Green Terror traveled to Collegeville, Pa to take on the Ursinus Bears two weeks ago,

for The Terror to allow themselves to be defeated. It didn't happen that way. Boo Harris connected with Teron Powell, a captain to captain connection, for an 80 yard score. A few minutes later Harris ran for another score to decrease Ursinus's lead to 17-14 at the half.

Now how about lots of scoring? If the first half's excitement wasn't enough, the Terror added three more touchdowns in the second half. Unfortunately Ursinus added two as well. When Ursinus scored a two-point conversion late in the fourth, the score was tied 32-32. After the score there was

"We knew we had to be up for this game. The whole D played great. We had lots of pressure on the QB all day."

-Jason Wingear

the game included all of this and more.

Most Terror fans think of Gettysburg and Johns Hopkins as the Terror's rivals. Although this is true of the all-time matchups, the most intense rivalry in the league the past two years has become Ursinus. Last season the Terror defeated the Bears 36-15. The game itself was actually a much closer game than that score would indicate.

Ursinus went on to win the rest of their schedule and advance to the NCAA D-3 playoffs last year. Many experts, as well as players and coaches from Ursinus, predicted that this was the year that the gap between Ursinus and The Terror would close.

Many thought that without their three big-play superstars, Marvin Deal, Tommy Selecky, and Ron Sermarini that the Terror wouldn't be able to defeat a talented team like Ursinus.

The Terror answered the challenge.

So back to our script for a minute. We have the rivalry covered, so how about a comeback? The first play of the game was a kickoff. Ursinus returned the kick for a TD.

Ursinus then added a field goal and another TD to the lead to put the Terror behind 17-0 in the second quarter. With fans, opponents, and the press ready to declare Ursinus the new conference champs, it would have been easy

less than two minutes to go. The Terror drove the ball down the field. Key catches by Matt Jackson and James Jegede, who also had one of the second half touchdowns, brought the Terror deep into their own territory with 8.8 seconds left.

Which leads to the final aspect of our script, personal redemption. The reason Ursinus was able to tie the game with the conversion was that the Terror had missed three consecutive extra points.

One kicker Brent Sandrock missed on his own, two of the others were blocked.

Now the entire game came down to one man, Sandrock. And of course Sandrock split the up-rights with a beautiful 29-yard kick, winning the game 35-32.

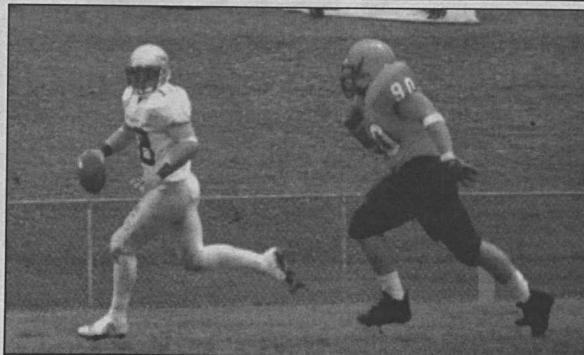
If he hadn't made it, then it wouldn't have made a dramatic ending to a story book football game.

This past weekend the Terror defeated the Mulenburg Mules. What many Terror fans might not realize is, this was a team that was arguably as good as Ursinus.

The passing offense was ranked 8th in the nation going in.

Also, fans might remember the two TDs in the final 4 minutes of the game last year that were required to pull off the victory.

The Terror did it again this week, defeating the Mules 15-3. Harris again ran for over 100 yards. The story in this contest, however, was the defense.



BRAD WIDNER

Jamie "Boo" Harris displays his mobility as he runs to escape a tackle from a Gettysburg defensive lineman.

The Terror defense, or The Green Swarm as they liked to be called, shut down preseason All-American wideout Joshua Carter.

When asked how they were able to shut him down, senior linebacker Derrick Gwynn said, "He was their main guy. We just kept hitting; trying to make him scared. I think he was scared to go across the middle by the end of the game."

Gwynn was also quick to point out the defensive backs in the

game. "(Rob) McCracken did great, (Jason) Wingear did great. They played almost perfect."

The D also forced six turnovers, including four interceptions. Two of those were by Wingear. "We knew we had to be up for this game," Wingear said, "The whole D played great. We had lots of pressure on the QB all day."

So far this season, Wingear has recorded 22 tackles along with a team lead 3 interceptions. He still has a way to go to reach the team

record set by Marvin Deal a year ago, but still could reach this goal.

The Terror has an off week next week due to fall break. However, they will return the following week to face off against a 1-3 Dickinson squad for the homecoming game.

Expect the Terror to continue its winning ways now that momentum is in their favor, and they will definitely want to impress the returning alumni in this crucial Centennial conference game.

Phoenix spotlight on Boo Harris

GREG LEDERER
Assistant Sports Editor

What do NFL quarterbacks Brian Griese and Jay Fielder have in common with Green Terror starting quarterback Jamie "Boo" Harris?

They all had the unenviable task of following in a star's quar-

any pressure, the more experience I get, the more comfortable I feel," says Harris.

In response to following Sermarini, Harris isn't scared of the challenge. "I'm replacing a great player, but I can't be him." He adds "I have to be my own man." Harris loves to play the game of foot-

In a back and forth offensive shut-out, Harris went 17-36 and threw for 304 with three touchdowns.

He also ran for 76 more yards to lead the Green Terror to a crucial 35-32 road win. In the game, "we started to believe in ourselves as an offensive unit."

He also adds "We feel now that

"I would be lying if I said that there wasn't any pressure, the more experience I get, the more comfortable I feel."

-Boo Harris

terbacks footsteps.

In the case of Harris, he has supplanted last year's co-Centennial Conference player of the year, quarterback Ron Sermarini, who graduated. This can be a difficult task for many players, but Harris isn't fazed by the pressure of the situation.

The Sarasota, FL product is a mobile athlete who is looking to lead the Green Terror to their fourth Centennial Conference football championship in a row.

When asked about the pressure of taking over such a successful team, Harris was honest. "I would be lying if I said that there wasn't

ball. "I really like the contact and physical play of the game," says Harris.

His goals for this season are to lead the Green Terror to another Centennial Conference title, and down the road maybe even a national championship.

As opposed to personal goals and his statistics, Harris adds "The team goals always come first."

"He is the team leader and he rises to the occasion," says sophomore linebacker Matt Mauriello.

His favorite moment of his career came in the third game of this season against tough conference foe, Ursinus.

whenever we get the ball on offense, we can score for the team." In the future, Harris would like to attend law school and "use the gifts God gave him."

After a 19-7 season opening home loss to Bridgewater State College that snapped the Green Terror's thirty game winning streak, there were some critics who wondered if the team had the talent to take another title again.

After few conference wins in the last few weeks, Harris has shown that he has the talent and leadership to lead the 2000 squad to another Centennial Conference championship.



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Board elects Coley as WMC's eighth president

CLAIRE ADAMS
Co-News Editor

After the sudden resignation of President Robert Chambers last spring, Dr. Joan Develin Coley was elected by the Transition Committee on Oct. 20, 2000 to serve as WMC's eighth president in 134 years.

Coley, who came to WMC in 1994, previously acted as Provost and Interim President during the transition period. This marks the first time in WMC's history that a faculty member has been elected president.

Coley said, "I was thrilled, honored, and a bit humbled."

As president, Coley explained that she plans to make more linkages with corporations that might fund the college, and she also hopes to strengthen the relationship between the campus and the surrounding communities.

"I believe that the college is part of the larger community," she said.



Coley serves as a board member of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

Coley's election as president

was announced Tuesday, October 24 in an all-college assembly in Baker Memorial Chapel.

James Melhorn, Chair of the Board of Trustees, explained that Coley was viewed as "a person who has a vision for the college. She had all of the experience and the credentials that we wanted in a president. The vote was one of great confidence."

The Transition Committee included members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, the chair of the Alumni Association, and a student representative.

Melhorn said that Coley was recommended by a national consultant, Dr. James Fisher of James L. Fisher Ltd.—a national consulting firm that helps colleges and universities recruit presidents. After the recommendation was given, Coley's resume was compared to a national pool in a process called a validation study.

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Commuters call for changes to parking

JOAN FAULKNER
Asst. News Editor

When a letter from senior commuter student Abigail Engel was written to the All College Council suggesting that the commuter parking lots needed change, the difficult issue of parking was once again brought to light.

Two years ago there were only about 200 commuters, according to Engel.

Since then, Engel says that number has doubled to 400. However, they "haven't done anything to help extra commuter students," she says.

Engel feels that the college needs to "allow easier access for those individuals who have to come and go on a regular basis."

Dr. Philip Sayre, the vice president and dean of Student Affairs, said that while the permits are being discussed, the letter will later be addressed.

Sayre admits that "parking is

a difficult issue always. People always feel there aren't enough [spaces]."

However, though people complain about parking, it is more about lack of convenience than about enough parking.

Sayre says that Campus Safety often finds parking spots, as low as 15 to 30 at one period, mostly by the water tower and Harrison House.

Campus Safety Director Mike Webster agrees that the lack of convenience is the main concern among students. "We don't have a big lack of parking," says Webster. Students just "don't want to park near the water tower or near Harrison," he adds.

According to Webster, there is no reason to complain about parking because there are about 1,070 people on campus and 1,100 parking spaces.

Referring to the assumption

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Hate crimes continue; students hold rally to celebrate diversity

MATT MCGOWAN
Staff Writer

Despite an outpouring of grief on campus in reaction to a number of hate crimes against homosexuals, another hate crime was reported in Rouzer - an etching of a swastika into a second floor door.

The incident, according to Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster, was recorded on October 4, 2000, just days before fall break and exactly one week before ap-

proximately two hundred students gathered in Red Square to call for an end to such hatred within the WMC community.

The gathering, a candle-lit vigil called a "Rally for Unity," focused on the incidents which had transpired in the first few weeks of classes, and called for a community-wide effort to celebrate our differences.

Senior Josh Bronson, spoke for the college division of American

Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and said, "we will not tolerate intolerance."

Few who participated in the rally were aware of the four-inch tall swastika, a symbol of anti-semitism and reflection of hate at WMC. The symbol was quickly taken care of on the afternoon in which it was found, and just last week, offered dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre, a student came forward claiming responsibility for the incident.

The rally was planned and executed in little more than one week by senior Jen Denzer, who was aided by the Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority and members of Allies.

Among those who spoke were President Coley, Sayre, Michael Webster, the director of Campus Safety, Interim Provost Sam Case, Mary Grace Almandrez, the director of Multicultural Student Services, and Junior Paul Himes, who represented Allies.

The next day, marked the two year anniversary of the murder of Wyoming College student Matthew Shepard, who was brutally beaten because he was a homo-

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Campus hit by crime

LAURA BETH KELLEY
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Homecoming evening proved to be more than fireworks and parties when a burglary, an intense fight, and a possible armed assault were reported.

All three instances occurred between late Saturday, October 14 evening and into the early hours of Sunday morning.

The burglary occurred at 1:20 am Sunday morning to one of the Pennsylvania Avenue houses. The burglar entered through the front door without any sign of forcible entry according to Mike Webster, the director of Campus Safety.

A laptop computer, portable Discman, VCR, and roughly 50 CDs were stolen along with a laundry bag to carry the merchandise.

One occupant of the house was home, but in a room that was not entered by the burglar.

The merchandise was stolen from the common area of the house and one upstairs bedroom, which were empty.

There are no current suspects in the case, but Webster believes it was probably a student.

"I find it hard to believe someone came from the outside dressed in black," said Webster. "It had to be someone who knew the whereabouts of students."

Kelly Murray, a member of the house, said since the burglary the house has received new locks and doors.

"We are incredibly anal with double checking the locks now," she said.

Webster encouraged students to write down the make, model and serial number to all high ticket items and keep it somewhere safe.

In an unrelated event, Campus Safety encountered an "intoxicated and combative former student" in the Quad according to Webster.

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Who let the Terror out?



The Terror football team rush the field for Homecoming 2000. The Terror defeated Dickinson 27-0. See page 16 for the complete story.

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Lancaster leaves WMC to aid impoverished countries

STACEY M. MYERS
Staff Writer

After nine years of service to the WMC community, Rev. Mark Lancaster, coordinator of Religious Life, resigned in May 2000 in order to travel around the world.

Following his resignation, Lancaster, a United Methodist minister, began serving as the executive director of Ministry of Money, an international outreach program based in Montgomery County, Maryland, in May of 1999.

He explained that his position often requires extensive travel. Because of his travel schedule, he was unable to devote himself fully to his job at WMC.

Soon Lancaster will be traveling to countries with a high amount of poverty such as Haiti, Bosnia, Ethiopia, Kenya, and India, to name a few.

Lancaster became Religious Life Coordinator for WMC in August of 1991.

According to Dr. Philip Sayre, Dean of Student Affairs, Lancaster was not actually a college employee at first, but was an employee of Ecumenical Campus Ministries, an organization that folded in the mid-90's.

When ECM went under, WMC decided

to make Lancaster a staff member, said Sayre.

"As Religious Life Coordinator, he gave the invocation at a number of public events, kept in contact with religious organizations [on campus] . . . [and] if a student needed counseling, they could go to him," said Sayre.

Mary Ann Friday, the executive assistant to the president and advisor for Catholic Campus Ministries, remembers Lancaster's role in helping the group become more active on campus.

"Six or seven years ago he encouraged me to get Catholic Campus Ministries more visible on campus. He helped me make more of a connection between St. John's [Catholic church] and WMC," she said.

However, the college has no plans to replace Lancaster at this time. According to

Sayre, WMC has experienced tremendous spiritual growth over the past decade. "It's not that we are failing to support religious

expression or spirituality . . . I see an increase in spirituality [that has] developed through the 90's," comments Sayre.

According to Sayre, much of the slack left by Lancaster's departure has been taken up by volunteer coordinators such as Mark Day, Newman and Josh Foster, leaders of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

He also stated that other religious groups, such as the Jewish Student Union, are receiving additional support from staff members like Grace Almandrez.

While at WMC, Lancaster's service to the community was not limited to the campus. During his term here he worked as a regional

manager for the Maryland Food Committee and served on the board of trustees for the Western Maryland Interfaith Housing Development, said Don Schumaker, the associate director of Media Relations.

Lancaster enjoys his job with Ministry of Money, and as executive director leads his staff in working with North Americans to examine the relationship between faith and money in their lives.

His ultimate goal is to help people see the differences in what they want and what they need, so that the poor of the world might be provided for.

"We invite them to travel with us to the poorest countries in the world in order that their hearts might be broken open in realizing how most of the world lives day after day," said Lancaster.

The hope is that relationships will be built with the poor around the world and true sharing will take place across the boundaries of rich and poor."

Although the religious communities at WMC will continue on without Lancaster, it won't be the same, comments Sayre.

"Mark is a great guy," he said. "We're going to miss him."



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Rev. Lancaster speaks at the 1999 commencement.

Academic awards of athletes and nonathletes investigated

CLAIRE ADAMS
Co-News Editor

Allegations made last spring, that WMC athletes receive preferential treatment to non-athletes, spawned much controversy and investigation from the offices of Administration and Finance and Admissions.

While claims touched on a number of preferential treatment issues, from academics to housing, the subject of academic scholarships was focused on specifically and investigated over the past five months.

Dr. Ethan Seidel, the vice president of Administration and Finance compared academic awards among male and female athletes, and athletes and non-athletes and found no significant differences.

Dan Dutcher, chief of staff for NCAA Division III colleges, said, "Division III does not permit the consideration of athletics in the formulation of financial aid packages. Further, aid awarded to student-athletes as a group must be roughly comparable to aid awarded to non-student athletes as a group."

"NCAA rules specify that generally, a school must treat student-athletes similarly

leadership scholarships, he said.

Seidel explained that academic scholarships are awarded according to a point system based on a student's S.A.T. scores and their high school grade point average.

"For a given number of points earned, there is an established maximum award," he said. "The maximum might be exceeded in instances where the student has taken a significant number of honors or advanced courses during their high school career."

Upon researching academic awards given to the entering class of 1998, Seidel found that there were no significant differences between athletes and non-athletes, and female and male athletes.

The student allegations of such inequalities caused much dispute from the schools athletic department and administration.

Dr. Richard Carpenter, Jr., a professor of exercise science and the former director of Athletics, explained, "It bothered me that someone thought there were inequalities among students. I've always been such a fanatic about athletics having its place in a liberal arts institution."

of preferential treatment was sent to roughly

160 students via email and phone. Students were asked "Do you believe athlete and non-athletes receive equal treatment at WMC?" "Do you believe athlete and non-athletes receive equal treatment at other Division III colleges?" and "Do you believe male and female athletes receive equal treatment at WMC?"

Only 34 students answered the survey despite multiple attempts to get a higher response rate.

Sixteen students felt that athletes and non-athletes receive equal treatment at WMC, while sixteen did not. A majority of students

questioned about their beliefs of other Division III schools

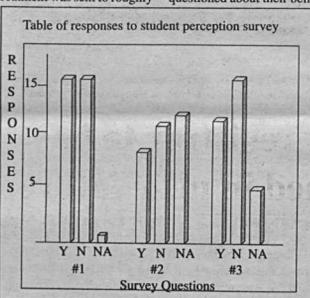
felt that they were not capable of answering to the best of their knowledge.

One female athlete questioned for the survey, explained that she believes athletes receive "athletic scholarships disguised as academic scholarships."

Sixteen students felt male athletes receive preferential treatment compared to female athletes at WMC.

One student elaborated that football players have multiple uniforms/outfits that are new each season, while female athletes wear old, previously used, and ragged uniforms

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	All Students	Intercollegiate Athletes	Non-team members	Team Women	Team Men	Football Team
Below	37%	41%	36%	26%	47%	55%
As Specified	56%	55%	56%	65%	51%	39%
Above	7%	4%	8%	9%	2%	6%

to the way it treats other students," Dutcher said.

Seidel believes that the perception of preferential treatment for athletes at division III schools is not new. "It's a perception that has existed for a long time nationwide," he said.

Seidel attributes some of the perception about unequal treatment with giving scholarships to common misunderstanding, he says, students have about awards.

Academic awards, he explained, are completely separate from financial aid, or need-based awards. And, WMC does not offer need-based awards such as athletic or

Carpenter said that the department has always run a clean athletics program and feels that the perception that athletes receive preferential treatment may be due to athletes often being in the spotlight.

"If you bring 400 student athletes in to an institution of 1600, everyone sees them," he said. "The student athlete is highly visible."

Carpenter also said that he feels other division III colleges follow NCAA rules and regulations. "I'm convinced to the core of my soul that division III schools are doing it right," he said.

A survey measuring student perception

Crime at homecoming

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Campus Safety was called to ANW by a resident assistant for a separate reason, when they found two people on top of a third person.

The person being held down was the brother of the former student. He was holding down his brother by his neck. Both men were intoxicated.

When Campus Safety tried to break up the fight, the alum threatened bodily harm. Webster said pepper spray was drawn but not used.

The second person holding down the drunk individual received a severe human bite to his left forearm, but denied medical treatment said Webster.

No charges were filed in this case.

Another crime occurred at 3 a.m. Sunday morning when two female students were approached by a suspiciously white male at the corner of the Rouzer and Daniel MacLea parking lots, according to Webster.

The man was reported as having a small knife by one of the females. The other female didn't see anything.

According to a campus-wide email sent by Webster, the man "did not threaten, assault or rob the students, but only mumbled something irrational."

As thorough search of the campus turned up no one matching the description the females gave.

Webster advises students to always exercise good safety precautions.

In the email, he listed eight measures to take to remain safe.

A few include walking in a well lit and traveled area, always having your keys ready for either your house or car, and always reporting suspicious activity.

Webster said both the burglary and the possible armed assault cases are open and if anyone has any information relating to either case to please contact Campus Safety,

Parking Issues

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that there are more freshmen with cars on campus this year than last, Webster says that it's been "about the same every year," with about 40 freshmen permits issued yearly.

The main reason for the lack of convenient parking on campus, according to Sayre, is because over the years WMC has strove to become a more pedestrian campus. We don't want cars in the center of campus," he says.

Only 22 years ago, parking was still concentrated in the center of campus with a road going through Red Square and Decker plus parking in Red Square.

In three steps, Sayre says, cars were removed from the center of campus and parking spaces were added to the perimeter of campus. These steps included making

the roads through campus into sidewalks, turning the Red Square parking lot into a walking/community area in 1992, and adding parking near the tennis courts and track two years ago.

As for future parking changes, Sayre says that before adding parking, more important issues must be looked at such as the expansion of Winslow in possibly two years.

Webster adds that a grassy space near Winslow is being looked at to add more parking spaces.

However, the maximum number of spaces that could be added on the entire campus, Webster says, is 30 or 40 maybe, because "vacant places are down."

Basically, says Webster, "parking is like hospital food. Nobody is ever happy with it."



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A glimpse of parking problems in 1991, when what is now Red Square used to be a parking lot. Hoover Library is seen in the background.

New registrar to be named in near future

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Elizabeth Pival, the former WMC registrar, handed in her resignation during the summer of 2000.

Prior to coming to WMC in February 1998, Pival had been the registrar at Hood College in Frederick, MD.

Currently, there is no acting registrar, but rather the entire registrar's office has worked together to fulfill academic needs.

"Everyone in the registrar's office has worked hard and pitched

in. They've stepped into leadership roles and have done outstanding work," said Sam Case, Interim Provost.

Case also noted that the registrar position has been filled; however, he cannot release her name until the contract is signed and in his hands.

All Case could say is that, "she is extremely well qualified."

The new registrar plans on being in her new office January 3 of the beginning of Jan Term, said Case.

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Honor & Conduct Board News

The Honor & Conduct Board adjudicated a case on September 20, 2000 involving a student who stole a roommate's ATM card and withdrew \$200. The accused was found responsible and suspended from the College for the Fall 2000 semester, required to make restitution to the victim, and required to participate in a counseling program.

A second case was heard on September 29, 2000 involving a student accused of touching two other students in an unwanted sexual manner as well as failing

to comply with the directives of Campus Safety. The student was found responsible and restricted from entering all residence halls, required to write letters of apology, participate in a counseling program, placed on probation and restricted from contact with the victims of this incident.

A third case heard on October 2, 2000 involved a student who was accused of assaulting another student outside Blanche Ward Hall. The student was found responsible and required to attend counseling, 30 hours of community service and

placed on disciplinary probation through the end of the academic year.

Finally, a fourth case on October 17, 2000 involved a student who was charged with defecating in a residence hall shower stall. The student was found responsible and required to pay restitution for the clean-up, participate in counseling, write a letter of apology to the Housekeeping staff, given 24 hours of community service, and placed on probation for the rest of the academic year.

Campus unites to overcome intolerance and acts of hate

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sexual. In remembrance of his death, many students joined Allies in remaining silent from 8 am to 5 pm. In lieu of speaking, participants handed out cards explaining who Matthew was and that the silence was being observed for "Matthew and others like him who have been silenced forever by hate."

The swastika, combined with homophobic slander previously reported, lends a universality to the need for change, suggested Coley. "We may not be able to change personal beliefs and malice. But the reaction to the events which have affected us all recently is a step in changing the behaviors which are so harmful not only to the faction of the community at which they are targeted, but to all of us."

Of the earlier incidents targeting homosexuals, which some reports estimate to be as many as ten or eleven in number, DoCS has three documented cases, found in different buildings on the same date. The three cases are described in two reports which Webster shared with the Phoenix.

The first two, explained Webster, were found in Rouzer—one, scrawled on the inside of the elevator, was directed at a specific member of the community, while the second, found on the second floor, was a more general and less pleasant epithet aimed at homosexuals in general.

The third, found around a door in ANW, involved "Lesbo, Lesbians, Lezzies," being written various times, and was taken as a joke by those around the door the epithets were written. Because of this, said Webster, and the impermanency of the medium with which it was written, this incident failed to qualify as a hate crime in Maryland.

The first described incident was directed at junior Michael Baker, a fourth floor Rouzer resident assistant. "My immediate reaction was disbelief," commented Baker, "followed shortly by anger and hurt.

continually.

Dutcher explained that when Division III colleges do violate rules, the NCAA conducts an investigation through its enforcement staff. However, he said, "In Division III, most rule violations are in-

For years, I had felt at home in this community, and in one fell swoop, on one night, that was shattered."

These issues in Rouzer, as well as others concerning that dormitory were addressed by Sayre as Dean of Students in an all-Rouzer meeting just hours before the vigil.

While attendance at the meeting hardly reflected the number who occupy the dorm, Sayre was confident that those who were there wanted to see the matters resolved.

However, Professor Walt Michael, also in attendance, felt that the low turn-out and seeming lack of enthusiasm also said something, and commented, "Why did they come?"

Coley hopes that anyone who knows anything will come forward with any information that might be helpful to DoCS, and Sayre added that he was "frustrated by the knowledge that there are people out there who know things and aren't coming forward. I'm also frustrated by the rumors of more incidents than those we know about, which further suggest that people aren't taking an active enough interest in getting these problems resolved. Students need to come forward with any information they have."

Webster said, "I liked the vigil last week; it was a good show of support and unity. I only wish it had resulted in someone being motivated to come forward."

Among those in attendance at the vigil was SGA president Steve Sharkey, who commented, "I thought it was well done. It was short, sweet and to the point. It had a serious tone, and a good turnout." He went on to point out that the vigil he attended in his freshman year in response to other hate-motivated incidents had a turnout of nearly twice as many, from three to four hundred.

The numbers, though, are secondary according to many involved, who feel the vigil speaks louder as a symbol than a single message. "It was a great symbol of

solidarity," added Coley, and a springboard from where "we can now take celebration of diversity with even more vigor by setting an example, administrators, faculty and students.

The vigil at the same time saddened and exhilarated me. It was great to see such support for hurt members of the community, but very disturbing to see that one entire institution feel the need to prove it isn't bigoted. I resent that."

Now, the issue of diversity will begin to play a more permanent forefront role in the discussion of issues important on campus.

One forum for this will be a committee that will be formed by the SGA, which will seek to find solutions by bringing together representatives from all of the institution's cultural organizations. It is hoped that this summit of diverse leaders will produce more interaction and cooperation between organizations towards what is ultimately a single goal.

"The student groups on campus would benefit so much from more interdependence and working together," noted Almandrez. "I've heard minority groups as a whole compared to crabs in a barrel. Whenever one starts to make it out, the others pull it back down by trying to climb over it. We can get so much more done if we work together towards our common goals, especially tolerance."

Coley said, "We have an honor code, and we take it seriously. If a large number, or even just a few people who are behind these incidents, the code under which we live says they are responsible to come forward. And I'd encourage them to do so post-haste, added Coley, who offered Sayre as the person to turn to.

"This is only the beginning of the process to make these changes happen," remarked Coley at the vigil, "We have a long way to go, but we'll get there."

Investigation of preferential treatment

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advertisement or otherwise deemed minor and are self-reported by the school to the NCAA."

Students also alleged that male athletes receive better treatment than female athletes, and that athletes have had off-campus housing

paid for by the school, among other hearsay reported last April.

While the school has investigated only non-need based academic awards, Carpenter explained that athletes do not receive preferential treatment in any way.

Long range plan considers needs and wants of students

MATTHEW MCGOWAN
Staff Writer

New and improved dorms might be right around the corner in WMC's future, as the number of students on campus steadily increases and administrators consider the colleges Long Range Plan.

According to President Joan Coley, Western Maryland College has had a working Long Range Plan for almost thirty years now. The Long Range Plan (LRP) is continually reviewed and revised by three LRP committees - one trustee committee, one faculty committee, and one campus-wide committee that includes students.

This committee meets every five years to overhaul the plan for the future, and note which goals are being met and which are not.

A recurring goal in recent years has been that of "modest expansion of the student body," explained Dr. Ethan Seidel, the vice president of Administration and Finance.

"Among small liberal arts colleges, we're small. And there is a point at which you're too small, and can't offer your students enough diversity or numbers for an enjoyable campus life."

"So we've looked towards increasing the range in which we fluctuate by just a bit. Before we can make much more progress than we have here, though, we need to add to our residence facilities," he said.

On the issue of dormitory improvements, Philip Sayre, vice president and dean of Student Affairs, has particularly strong convictions. He mentioned the need to add a new dormitory, not to add numbers to the college, but mainly to better accommodate current students and allow for renovations in the older dorms.

"Particularly Rouzer," added Sayre. "Rouzer isn't, frankly, a very pleasant space. There are no areas in Rouzer for students to just hang out. And an extra dorm would allow us to improve older ones like Rouzer by adding lounge space and other things."

Seidel mentioned that the committee has looked towards various solutions to the housing issue.

"We have many options, be they townhouses, real houses, a standard dorm, a suite-style dorm, more apartments. We have locations ranging from the center of campus to out by the Garden Apartments and PA houses." Earlier this year, three architectural firms confirmed for Seidel that there is, indeed, room for growth, and several plausible locations are being reviewed.

The present student representative to the trustee committee, senior Lisa Peterson, attends the group's meetings throughout the semester to offer a students' perspective on planning.

"The last meeting they had that I attended was last spring," said Peterson. "The big issue at the time was the connection of the whole campus to the ethernet, and other technological issues."

Coley added that the Plan was once a type of wish list for the college, a tally of things that could be done to improve the quality of education, regardless of the goal's difficulty. Today, according to both Coley and Seidel, the Plan is more of a strategy for specific major goals the college needs to accomplish to remain competitive.

Most colleges and universities today, and even high schools across the country are utilizing strategic plans as goals, whether short-term or long-term.

"If we can dream it, we can do it," Coley said. "It's imperative that we push ourselves to meet challenging, but not impossible goals; to say, 'we try, and we're good, but we can be better.' We can't do enough, even though we've met an astonishing number of our goals to date."

Peterson mentioned several changes she'd like to see happen in the coming years: "We need to better implement technology, finish the science renovations, and look at the dorms. Winslow also needs renovation.

Talking about this with my roommates, the issue of parking came up, and also stronger admission standards could be put into place. But a major short-term goal is to become technologically up-to-date with the larger colleges and universities."

Much of the college has been affected by the change of administration in the past year.

For her part, Coley would like to see "the Long Range Plan become even more of a Strategic Plan, as in today's world, five years really isn't that long a period of time."

"We need to continue to set ambitious goals and meet them, and include in the process extensive input from students, faculty, the SGA and all of the constituencies on campus. And I'd like the whole campus to be kept more aware of what's going on in its committees," she added.

Another major goal for the college is increased revenue from sources beyond tuition. Seidel said, "A recent study by the Development Office comparing us to other colleges in our size range shows that our Endowment is on the small end of things, but is growing faster than most."

Presently, WMC's Endowment, which

provides a fraction of the institution's yearly operating budget, hovers around \$50 million, and Seidel hopes for the fund to triple in the next ten years.

The Plan also places importance on stronger income from the college's other sources of revenue.

The goal of this revenue increase is to maintain the quality of the education offered at WMC, while besting similar schools on affordability. "It all comes down to how to make WMC a competitive and competitively priced institution," commented Seidel.

The direction in which the Plan will go has yet to be chosen, though the overall sentiment of those involved is that the Plan is providing the college with a focus for its goals of improvement in both the quality of WMC life and the quality of the education afforded by the college.

Students who wish to voice opinions on the Long Range Plan, says Peterson, should feel free to get in touch with her via e-mail, or to contact Sayre.

Both, she explains, will relate the sentiments of students to those working with the Long Range Planning Committee.

Kane leaves Residence Life

STACI L. GEORGE
Co-News editor

Along with a recent trend in resignation at WMC, Scott Kane, the director of Residence Life and assistant dean of Student Affairs will be leaving November 10, 2000.

Kane has accepted the position of associate dean for student life at Rhode Island College in Providence, and will begin working there on November 14.

"For me, professionally this is a great move up. Rhode Island College is an institution of 9,000 students. It'll be a compliment of my previous career. This'll be a great stepping stone," said Kane, who previously

Sayre said that, "He's balanced in his approach and is very fair. He's especially excellent on following through with requests."

In addition to his work with Residence Life, Kane is also the advisor of SERVE (Students Engaged in Rural Volunteer Experiences.)

Loyola College had this type of alternative spring break where members of its group spent their time off from classes doing service projects, and when Kane first began working here, he brought this idea up with Sayre.

Alum Dan

Whooten, a student at the time was the "mover and shaker" of the new group; he and Kane accompanied the newly formed group on their first spring break trip to Dungannon, VA to help build houses. Since then, SERVE has continued to grow in student involvement at WMC.



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He also says this will be an easy transition due in part to the fact that he and his wife have a house in Cape Cod, where they will live temporarily.

This house may be an eight-hour drive from Westminster, however it is only an hour away from his wife's family and an hour and a half away from Providence.

On the other hand, Kane has one regret, which is leaving during the middle of the academic year.

"He has been here just over six years and I think he has done a wonderful job," said Philip Sayre, vice president and dean of Student Affairs.

Kane was first hired as the director of Residence Life and was later promoted to his current position. In addition to the 1,200 students that live on campus, Kane also deals with 23 resident assistants, five professional staff members, noted Sayre.

Kane concluded that WMC has "provided me with some excellent work experience," and feels Rhode Island College "is a perfect match."

Sayre approached the Budget Committee recently with the request of refilling Kane's position.

The committee has approved it and the job position, with a few minor changes to the job description. Sayre also said that the advertisements for the position were posted quickly with the hope of hiring someone by beginning of the spring semester.

In the mean time, Sayre will take on the responsibilities of directing Residence Life.

Tastes like chicken...maybe!

MICHAEL WILES
Staff Writer

For the past few weeks, a rumor has spread in Glar that the chicken was not chicken at all, but was bleached pork and beef.

The belief spawned from a student's misinterpretation of a note written by Alan Dolid, CEO of dining services. Dolid's note was in reaction to a complaint voiced through the dining hall's "Napkin Comment Program."

Upon investigation, this rumor was found to have been based on sarcasm gone awry, and the chicken sandwiches were found to indeed be made of chicken.

The story began with one's student's frustration over an unsatisfactory lunch. Upset by the bad tasting chicken sandwich she had just eaten, senior Erin Owen decided to complain.

"The chicken is really nasty," wrote Owen. "It is processed and tastes processed, like they threw the entire chicken in a blender, all the parts spit out one end and squeezed it into a patty. Poof. Processed nasty chicken. Even McDonalds has actual chicken breasts."

Upon receiving the note, Dolid responded, "You're right—the chicken is actually made from a combination of lamb and beef. It is then processed and bleached."

When students gained knowledge of Dolid's response, many were shocked by

the statement. What is more, many with religious objections to beef felt tricked into eating it, thinking they were eating chicken, and were therefore offended.

Dolid said that he had indeed written the note in question. He said, when receiving several notes such as the one written by Owen, he often issues the only response he feels he can honestly give—a sarcastic one.

Dolid explained that he truly loves the students of WMC, referring to them as a great bunch of kids, and truly works hard to provide them with three quality meals a day. Because of this, notes like the one written by Owen offend him, since he does not view the rhetoric used as constrictive criticism.

As for the student body's reaction to his note, he apologizes that it was taken seriously. He explained by law, he could never actually offer a menu item that was anything other than what was publicized. He assumed this fact was public knowledge, and therefore expected his note to be taken in the spirit in which it was intended.

With the truth finally discovered, many students have already resumed dining comfortably in Glar, knowing full well that what was on their plate is indeed what they were promised.

Some students, however, never worried to begin with. In regard to the chicken sandwiches themselves, Sophomore Bill Deavers states "I don't care if it is chicken or not...it is quick and easy."

Update

* The Department of Campus Safety reports that it is still unable to produce a Campus Safety Blotter due to computer problems. The blotter, which has not appeared in the Phoenix at all this semester, outlines law violations that occur on campus.

SGA begins process of passing Student Bill of Rights

MEGAN K. MARTIN
Student Government Reporter

After three years, the Student Government Assembly unanimously endorsed the 11 points it eventually hopes to turn into a Student Bill of Rights. The members of SGA spent more than half of their three hour meeting on Thursday October 19 discussing and honing each of the eleven points.

"[This was] a great step for the student government... and to make student life better," SGA president Steven Sharkey noted.

Jeremiah Kelly, senior class president and chair of the SGA's campus life committee, has actively pursued this issue since his freshman year.

"The time sacrificed by 20 members of the student body will save every student now and every student in the future the trouble of having rights infringed upon and of having no established right to base a grievance," he said.

The 11 points endorsed by the SGA are part of a letter addressed to Philip Sayre, dean of Student

Affairs. On behalf of the student body, the letter seeks to open negotiations among SGA, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Campus Safety in order to develop a Student Bill of Rights, Kelly said.

Although the points have been drafted over the last three years, they were never ratified.

Kelly and members of the campus life committee - Michael Jenkinson, Erin Collins, and Stephanie Gulbin - put the issues into final form.

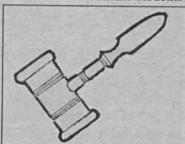
"Jeremiah and his committee have a new focus this year; they have identified several areas which they would like to be addressed in the already existing statement about student rights in the *Student Guide and Datebook*," Sayre commented.

The first point, the preamble, states is that the Student Bill of Rights is to be a "contract between students, faculty, and administration."

The second issue seeks to protect students' right to freedom of religious practice while on campus.

While the *Student Guide and Datebook* puts forth a grievance procedure for discrimination and sexual harassment, the SGA wants a system to address administrative policies.

Next, the SGA seeks to add an "academic rights" section to the *Student Guide and Datebook*. This section would contain students'



right to expect course requirements to be given on the first day of class.

The academic rights section would include a section guaranteeing that each year's *Guidance Bulletin* would remain unchanged for that class during its tenure at WMC.

Also, a section would cover the right to an academically honest environment.

Points seven and eight concern

the SGA, as the governing body of the students.

They are asking to be informed on all new policies and policy changes. Also, they are seeking to increase the SGA's policy-making power beyond social and conduct issues for students. The SGA also wishes to have a statement affirming students' right to run for SGA office and be appointed to college committees.

The ninth issue seeks 24 hour written notice of room entries by college officials, such as Campus Safety officers or Residence Life staff. Such notices would include reason for entry and would require written confirmation by the student.

In the tenth point, the SGA seeks to guarantee explanations of verbal and written notification of policy violations to students. This would include a copy of any citation signed, but not admitting guilt, by the student and college official, like a speeding ticket.

The final point asks that all parties, including the student body, ratify any forthcoming document and any changes made to such a document.

All 11 points are considered goals the SGA has for its negotiations. Details and organization of any document will be worked out at a later date.

"The endeavor undertaken at Thursday night's meeting was a much needed step in creating a Student Bill of Rights," Kelly commented.

Sharkey agreed adding, "We [the SGA] hope to be a force in shaping policy, as we should be, because that's the whole purpose of the college - to educate students - us."

"We make WMC what it is, and if our rights are not clarified and documented, then we have no foundation," elaborated Stephanie Knight, SGA treasurer.

Kelly continued, "The SGA has also decided... not to wait until the administration says we need student support."

The SGA is calling for student referendum on the subject. Students can bring their concerns, questions, or comments about the goals of the SGA concerning a Student Bill of Rights to the SGA's Open Forum on Thursday November 9 at 7:30 pm in Ensor Lounge.

The week after the Open Forum, November 12 through 16, the SGA will be asking for student support through a poll administered outside of Glar.

Sayre feels that the SGA's current approach will draw interest from the student body. "There is still a great deal of work to be done," he said.

SGA Calendar

Oct. 26 - Organizational Representative Meeting - SGA meeting starts at 7:30 pm

Nov. 9 - Open Forum in Ensor Lounge starts at 7:30 pm

Nov. 12 - Nov. 16 - Student voting on Bill of Rights goals

SGA meetings are held Thursday nights in Hill 104 at 8 pm. These meetings are open to the public, and students are invited to voice their concerns during the student voice section of the meeting.

Students may also contact their class presidents with individual concerns.

Senior class: Jeremiah Kelly, ext. 8309

Junior class: Claire Adams, ext. 8631

Sophomore class: Jamin Bartolomeo, ext. 8027

Freshman class: Jeanette Flannery, ext. 8534

Coley elected as president of WMC

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"So, we really did have a national search," he explained.

Ira Zepp, Jr., professor emeritus of Religious Studies, said, "Her greatest strengths are commitment to the liberal arts, her facility to exercise appropriate authority and her comfort in delegating authority, and her skill at relating to all sorts of people with integrity and sincerity... Anyone who meets Joan is impressed with her humanity, balance, and reason."

Student reaction to the Board's decision was also quite positive.

Junior Brook Joseph, the student representative to the Board of Trustees for the class of 2002, explained that she found out about the news at the trustee's annual retreat to on Oct. 22.

"I was extremely surprised," she said. "It was a very proud moment for the college and a proud moment for myself, as a student and as a female. Having a woman president is an outstanding statement for our school."

Joseph feels that the college will grow stronger under the direction of Coley.

"I think she'll do a great job

and a great service to our college. I think she'll distinguish our college even more," she said.

Senior Amanda Cline, who served in the Transition Committee as a student representative, explained, "There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that she is the best person for this job. She has a tremendous capacity to hear all perspectives on an issue and to be discerning in her response. She's not afraid to take risks. She's so driven by this sense of service to the school and to the community."

While strengthening the bonds to the outside community, Coley also hopes to strengthen those within.

"I would like to have regular luncheons with students to sort of find out the student pulse," she said.

While Coley has a strong vision for the college, she also expects to meet some challenges.

She explained that she is concerned about finances for the college and would like to improve the student profile. "To me a vision is not something that is established by an individual, but by a community," she said of her future goals. Coley said that she hopes "that we

will become even better than we are and that we will be acknowledged as the finest college of its type."

Coley, a native of Philadelphia, PA., came to WMC in 1973 as the director of the Graduate Reading Program, was promoted to Dean of Graduate Affairs and Chair of the Department of Education, became Provost in 1994 under the direction of former president Robert Chambers, and acted as Interim President during the transition period.

She has been widely published in national journals and has authored, co-authored, and edited several books.

She explained that she will continue to be involved with teaching in the Graduate Reading Program.

The formal inauguration will take place on April 21, 2001 in conjunction with the spring Board of Trustees meeting.

Melhorn said that the President's House will be renovated and painted, and plans for Coley to move in during late winter/early spring. Currently, however, Coley resides two blocks away from the campus.



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Samuel H. Hoover (center), a long time trustee at WMC, passed away Wednesday, October 18, 2000. Hoover Library was dedicated in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Hoover following a \$1.2 million contribution to the expansion project. With gifts totaling more than \$2.2 million, they are one of the most generous donors in WMC history. Pictured beside him are a student and Dr. Michael Brown of the Biology department.

Trophy of excellence

Phi Sigma Sigma is this year's recipient of the James Brant Memorial Cup Trophy. This award

is presented to the fraternity or sorority that shows dedication to academics, varsity sports, leadership and community service. It was established to preserve the memory of Gamma Beta Chi fraternity member James Brant, who died in 1976.

Phi Sigma Sigma earned this award due to their continued ef-

fort to excel both in the classroom and on the field. Not only do many of its members maintain a high

GPA but they also hold positions in many honors' organizations.

As a winner of the Brant Cup Trophy, Phi Sigma Sigma was also recognized for its community service projects, such as the sorority's continuous effort to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation, it's national philanthropy.

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America's game takes back seat to debate



Edward K. Schultheis

Some may say that I am not patriotic, while others may say that I am just uncaring. Some may even go so far as to say that I do not care about this country or the future of it.

Politics has become nothing more than a game of "He said, she said" with both nominees going back and forth.

Inhale, didn't inhale. tax cut, health care, soft money...blah, blah, blah. My only problem is that do have to be all the time. Especially when there is an important game going on.

This is the part where people may say that I am not committed to the future of the country, or anything else that anyone can think of me for saying that I was a little mad over the fact that not a single station carried the final game of the American League Championship Series between the Seattle Mariners and the New York Yankees.

Sure the elections are right around the corner, and this was the final televised debate between the two candidates, George W. Bush and Al Gore, but it is truly necessary to have the debate on 10+ different stations (and I counted too).

My parents said that they watched the debate on MSNBC and I flipped between NBC and CNN, but from how many different angles can we watch the debate?

Could we have had one of the dozen stations air the baseball game instead of trying to compete in the saturated market of debate coverage? Is that so difficult? Why do we need all those stations covering the same event?

I am guessing it is somewhat reminiscent of the time in television where there were five channels and if the President was on the television, it meant that all five channels were covering him.

But nowadays, do we need 10, 11, 12 or even 13 stations covering every single political event? NO.

Are the TV stations afraid that they will

lose a share of their television audiences or that people will miss out on the debate that could sway their decisions? Heck no.

If anything maybe they would draw in the predominantly male audience who keeps flipping through all the channels for the sixth time still trying to look for the baseball game.

And people really wouldn't miss out on the debate because they could probably close their eyes and randomly push two numbers on the remote and still end up with a station that is showing the debate.

The only reason that I was watching CNN was because they have the little bar at the bottom of the screen that shows sports scores. After listening to Al Gore drone on about his tax plan, it finally popped up showing the score with the game scoreless.

So in other words, I listened to all the "yadda, yadda, yadda" just to find out the simple score of a ballgame that should have been aired.

Even while listening to the Bob Faw speech in McDaniel Lounge, and hearing him talk about his disapproval of NBC for airing a baseball game over the second debate, I still feel that some one should suck it up and give America a choice.

While he might feel bad that NBC broke down and showed a game instead of the second debate, I feel even worse that I missed

the last game of the ALCS because everyone was showing the debate.

Maybe I am being difficult, and maybe I am being a bit unpatriotic, but baseball is America's game and there is nothing more American than sitting down in front of the television and watching two teams slug it out, unless of course you can actually get tickets to the ballgame.

In addition, baseball is important to me too. I only turn on Sports Center during the baseball season, and I keep track of who is playing, winning, and being demolished.

It is just not fair to me, and all the other baseball junkies of the world. In fact if you are going to do the debates, why not have them on Monday night and see how many people complain when Monday Night Football is cancelled on TV to show Al and Gore arguing. Maybe they should try that, then see how people react.

I'm not saying that we shouldn't have the debates, I like watching them...normally to see how much BS they can spit out, but they also help people decide who to vote for.

All I am saying is that we should be given a choice between other events that we like to watch on the television and the debates. It should not just be a steady blanket of debates all on the tube.

Rather it should be some stations showing that while others continue with their regularly scheduled programs. However, why do I think that they will not be doing that anytime soon?

That's right, because I obviously don't care about the future of the country and I'm all against politics. Maybe a little variety too hurt our democracy and our freedom too much.

If anyone does care, the game was shown after the debates, when it was rebroadcast. However, everyone already knew the score. So if anyone didn't catch the game that night because of the unfair baseball blackout, the Yankees won.

Learning how to save money the hard way

Jessica Fisher explains her problems with shopping and losing money quickly.

I have finally reached what people like to refer to as "the halfway point" of my first college semester.

I have reached this point without any major problems in any of my classes or in any other area of college life.

I got through all of the midterms in my classes and I actually did pretty well on them.

I was so glad that I had done well because this meant I did not have to avoid the phone calls.

That is, the phone calls that would start rolling in on Friday from my parents, ask-

ing me how I did on all of my exams, or at least how I thought I did on them.

No, when the phone rang on that Friday night, it was not a surprise to me who was on the other end of the line.

I talked to my mom for a little while, and then I talked to my dad. However, while talking to my dad, he informed me that I needed to try and curb my spending, meaning that my bank statement had arrived.

Ouch— it was not the big number that I had when coming into my first week of school.

All of my money that I had worked so hard for, had mysteriously vanished.

First, I claimed to my dad that there must

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do. Therefore I had to find something to do, so I decided to look online. Suddenly online shopping became very appealing to me. I had never ordered anything off of the internet until I came up here.

At first, it was just a cute pair of shorts, but then it turned into a cute pair of pants with a cute matching top.

I even started ordering things off of the computer for my dog. That is when you know you need help. I was actually looking at flavored nylon bones for my 20-pound dog at home.

Then I tried blaming it on all on my boyfriend because he has his car up here. It is not my fault that he keeps taking me places,

right? I cannot be held responsible for that.

In the beginning, we just went out occasionally in order to get away from the cafeteria food.

However, the frequency of our outings began to increase.

Last weekend he took me to the outlets in Hershey, Pa. In less than three hours, I had spent over one hundred and thirty dollars.

Don't worry though, I had my new clothes and perfume to console me on the ride back.

The bankers were trying to steal from a poor unsuspecting college student. To my dismay, neither he nor I believed that one.

I could not believe that in less than two months I had gone through so much money.

First, I swore that it was the school's fault. I mean since everything in Westminster closes at about six o'clock, there is nothing

I wrote this article because I felt the need to warn you all against this problem, so that you may be able to keep your money.

My roommate does help me feel better about myself since she is even worse than me. I can always count on her to order double the amount of what I order. At least I know one person that will be broke before me.

I suppose from now on it will have to be Glar food every night, and no new clothes. Then again, with winter coming up do I really have enough sweaters and long sleeve shirts in order to keep myself warm.

Maybe I should go out and get one more, just to be safe. No really, just one, I promise.

The invisible minority of WMC

WMC is taking its time waking up to a crisis. After 11 incidents of anti-gay hate crimes and graffiti in Rouzer, our college is slowly starting to question the status of the gay and lesbian community on campus.

However, the crimes began happening weeks ago, so why has it taken so long for the campus to respond?

For a long time, the GLTBQ (gay, lesbian, transgender/transsexual, bi-sexual, questioning) community has been the invisible minority at both small campuses like WMC and at large national conferences.

People of nontraditional sexu-

What made the college so slow to denounce hate crime and show support to the gay and lesbian community when they needed it? A wish that the problem would resolve itself and fade back into obscurity? Fear about bringing issues of sex out in the open?

alities come from all ethnic backgrounds, and until someone is "out," there is really no way of knowing if he or she is part of the GLTBQ minority.

That's why it has been easier in the past to determine how ethnic minorities fit into campus life, compared to how homosexuals are represented.

Also, racism is a somewhat more tolerable subject for some people.

While racism comes down to skin color and ethnic identity, homosexuality comes down to sex, an uncomfortable issue that causes much debate over the GLTBQ minority.

Some groups of people claim

Lisa Van Auken compares the recent hate crimes to the event two years ago.

that homosexuals should be "out" and others say that "what you does in his or her bedroom is personal business.

Because no decision has been reached by any majority of people, it seems easier for some to simply let the issue go, refusing to take a stance on the issue rather than offend anyone.

For these reasons, it has been easy to look away from the GLTBQ minority and concentrate on more blatantly obvious issues, such as racism and sexism.

bian community when they needed it? A wish that the problem would resolve itself and fade back into obscurity? Fear about bringing issues of sex out in the open? Apathy? I have my theories.

The college is finally pressed to acknowledge that there are still prejudices against the gay community.

Now, what WMC does next will show where it stands on GLTBQ issues.

Hopefully, Campus Safety is trying to hunt down the vandals so he/she/they can be expelled. Sound like a harsh punishment?

That's what happened when they caught the student who

And it seems that's just what WMC has done.

When a student wrote racial slurs across his own door two years ago, the campus was almost immediately up in arms.

Comparatively, when the graffiti in Rouzer began, no one said a word until eleven incidents had happened.

Most of the student body had no idea that some of their peers were being attacked with hate speech until Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre wrote a letter informing the student body weeks after the incidents began.

So what made the college so slow to denounce hate crime and show support to the gay and les-

scrawled racist remarks on his own door two years ago. Anything less than suspension would mark WMC as tolerant of homophobia, but not tolerant of racism.

Now that the campus is alerted to issues of homophobia, it's time to take action, not to ignore the alarm.

If the apathy that kept the hate crimes on campus covered in silence continues, WMC will not progress.

The invisible minority was simply part of a dream that glossed over homosexuality and homophobia on campus.

Now the dream has ended; we need to make the decision to wake up.

Restoring traditional courtships & values



BJ Shorb

Perhaps some ideas of the past should not be forgotten.

Relationships in the 90's are certainly not as they were 50 years ago. In fact, 'courtship' is a rather rare concept today.

In the Sept. 30 issue of Wilmington, Delaware's *The News Journal*, John Hopkins University sociologist Andrew Cherlin defines traditional courtship. Karen Peterson quotes him saying, "It was a process where parents and others kept watch while young people found a spouse."

Today, it seems as though young people go out in search of a significant other without the presence of any parental guidance.

In many cases, parents don't even get to meet the significant other until months after the relationship begins. Cherlin is quoted saying, "There is no true courtship today."

Have we lost a valuable practice by losing the traditional idea of courting? Let's look at how relationships have changed since the days of courtship.

Ellen Rothman, writer for *US News and World Report* says, "20th century courtships have generally been more sexually intimate but less emotionally intimate than courtships in the past."

Couples are spending less time talking and more time getting physical earlier in the relationship than they did in the past.

I frequently see my peers unsure of where they stand with their significant others. Are they dating, going steady, just friends, but frequently engaging in casual sex or what?

To me, not knowing what relationship exists between one another indicates a lack of communication and seriousness about love. True, love is an enjoyable experience, but it is also a serious concept.

I would like to add that the idea of sex being referred to as "casual" is very appalling to me! To think that something so incredibly special that is meant for two people to share could be taken so lightly is very difficult for me to comprehend.

Unfortunately, it is the attitudes of various young people in my generation and in younger

ones that sex is a casual event.

Perhaps the long lost concept of courtship has faded over the years, but it may not be gone for good.

According to *Life* magazine writer Brad Durrah, a recent poll discovered that 74 percent of women and 80 percent of men ranked companionship above sex as a reason to marry. If those same results were true for relationships in general versus only marriage, they could greatly influence relational attitudes in America.

Susan Hayward is the conductor of the Yankelevich Monitor, which is a study of American values. She is quoted in Durrah's article saying, "We've given up our focus on the rights of the self, and we've decided that connection with other people is a tremendously important part of what we want out of life."

In agreement, I think that we may be returning to the formal ways of nurturing relationships.

Durrah connects the "surge of emotion now" with the rising problems like deficit, drug abuse, education crisis, and pollution in the US.

He says, "In a time of re-orientation, Americans seem to be getting back to basics, to the ties that bind us one to one and one to all. And the strongest of these is love."

Pulling together and communicating in love may be the key to improving our nation's problems.

Peterson also quotes researcher Dan Gere of McGill University in Montreal. "Perhaps we in North America have already passed through the 'end' of courtship and are now poised to witness its rebirth." He calls for new research to be done to find what links love and marriage in our country today.

Despite what some researchers have found and predict about the future of relationships in America, there still remains the idea that men and women have different views of love and commitment.

Mary Elizabeth Podles, author of the article *Courtship and The Rules in the American Enterprise*, says that recent studies have indicated that men and women use entirely different areas of their brain for things such as solving problems and enduring pain.

This may be why each gender has distinct views when it comes to relationships.

Regardless of your gender, re-enforcing the traditional values of courtship in the your attitudes toward relationships is possible.

I encourage you to take a second look at what a loving relationship means to you. Reconsider

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Vote: you can make a difference by making your voice heard

I do not know about the rest of you, but I am very excited that November is right around the corner.

This may surprise some of you, but the way I see it, with that whole chicken sandwich mystery now solved, one must find something with which to occupy their mind.

Now, as much as I love all the yearly traditions that come with this time between Halloween and the holiday season, it is not these yearly traditions that excite me.

Rather, it is a tradition that comes only every four years: the upcoming presidential election.

Yes, I have turned my attention to politics: after all, the smell in Rouzer Hall is only interesting for so long.

With voter turnout getting worse with every election, especially among youths, I feel the need to give it an on the subject.

As someone born in what one might be considered a "voting off year," this will be the first election in which I get to vote, and I personally can not wait to step into the booth.

Now, I know all of you have



Michael Wiles

heard the "party line" about how "every vote counts" and how YOUR voice is the one that will make out country a better place.

Unfortunately, as those of you who are familiar with the "Electoral College" already know, this is not quite true.

Still, there is no reason not to give it a chance.

In looking at both major-party candidates, neither have any part of their platform aimed directly at our generation, if only because they seem to assume most of us will not even bother to vote.

As the next generation to take

the helm of this country, it is up to us to show them how wrong they are.

Just vote. It really does not matter who you vote for, just as long as it is the person you believe deserves the job and who you believe will do right by the people of this country.

Vote for Gore, Bush, Nader, or even me, just make sure your voice is heard in, and above, the crowd. As I write this, I am drawn to an ad I have taped to my wall, cut from a recent issue of *Rolling Stone*.

It was sponsored by the "Rock the Vote" campaign, whose mission is to get people our age to the polls.

The ad features a college-age girl with the word "Ignorant" stamped across her.

Underneath her reads the following: "Politicians think they have you figured out. Piss off a politician: vote."

Finally, it appears someone is speaking directly to us, and we should all take their advice.

Lets show them all how "ignorant" we really are.

Vote.

Honor code policy evolves

Aila Albrecht discusses her disappointment with how the honor code has changed.

During the process of applying to college, one aspect of WMC that caught my eye was the Honor Code policy. As the typical carefully-monitored high school student, I found the idea of being trusted like an adult very exciting.

That's what the Honor Code was when I started college: a policy of trust. Trust in students to do the right thing and not pass off others' work as their own.

To mark one's tests and papers with the simple words "Honor Code" followed by a signature was considered sufficient proof that students were aware of the trust placed in them, and that teachers accepted work signed this way as proof that they in turn trusted students to know their responsibilities.

Of course, whenever a policy of trust is implemented, a few individuals choose to violate it. The Honor Code was no exception. Unfortunately, endeavors to eliminate

Honor Code or no Honor Code, cheating is never tolerated by academic institutions.

violations completely resulted in the Honor Code changing from something used to trust students as adults into something used to treat students as children.

First, the Honor Code was amended to include an informant clause. With the addition of this clause, the now-familiar "nor have I knowingly tolerated others doing so," even those students who were not themselves guilty of cheating could be held in violation of the Honor Code. With the addition of this clause, the Honor Code moved away from being an issue of personal responsibility and moved toward being an issue of policing one's fellows.

Apparently enlisting every student as a potential informant was not sufficient to stamp out all violations, because the Honor Code was then converted from a policy into a campaign. The assumption prompting the campaign was that if students continue to violate the Honor Code, it must be because they are not aware they are doing so.

Now, perhaps not everyone knows that they can be a violator by association, but I guarantee that everyone does know they are not supposed to plagiarize papers or cheat on tests, and that they will be punished if they are caught doing so. I hope that no one here believes a student can come to college honestly thinking that cheating is allowed. I assume that no one here believes such a

thing, yet the Honor Code has been converted from a trust policy into anti-cheating propaganda.

It has been proposed that every classroom have a framed copy of the Honor Code displayed for students' benefit. Already implemented is a more rigid policy as far as signing the Honor Code on tests and papers. The simple words "Honor Code" are no longer enough. The entire code must be written out every time, word for word, in order for the test or paper, or sometimes even homework assignment, to be accepted.

I consider these measures unnecessary, but my biggest concern is the shift in attitude regarding the Honor Code. It seems to me that people are more occupied with students memorizing the Honor Code word for word than they are with maintaining the principles on which it was formed. The Honor Code is no longer about trusting students to behave as responsible adults. Rather, it is now more of a threat or a punishment, akin to writing on the chalkboard one hundred times, "I will not cheat."

In case I seem to exaggerate, allow me

to relate the incident which prompted me to write this. On the last day of a recent gym class, I finished my test (no cheating involved) and quickly dashed off a slightly abbreviated version of the Honor Code at the bottom: "I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid, nor tolerated others doing so."

My teacher refused to accept my test on the grounds that I had not signed the Honor Code. He told me to add "on this exam" after "unauthorized aid." I did so. He again refused to accept it until I amended "nor" into "nor have I." I did so. I was then told to add "knowingly" after "nor have I" and was finally permitted to turn in my test.

This incident angered me, but I also found it discouraging. What is more important, writing the Honor Code "correctly" or behaving in a responsible and trustworthy manner? The trust policy I was so excited about as a freshman had turned into just another excuse for nit-picking.

Honor Code or no Honor Code, cheating is never tolerated by academic institutions. The WMC Community should either decide to place trust in students to behave responsibly or conclude that the Honor Code is ineffective and should not be retained. Whatever the outcome, I hope the current trend will not continue; the trend of turning something positive into a negative.

Fridays: why professors should go easy on their students

Cyndi Nicolli expresses her discontent about having classes and tests on Fridays.

For many WMC students, a typical Thursday night lacks the diligent work effort that can be found during the school week.

When I came to college, I realized that the weekend begins on Thursday and that very few people can be found in the library or in their dorm room.

Thursday is basically designated as a weekend night when it's time to let go and have a good time. To do this, of course, one must leave behind all thoughts of class and whatever work may be due.

The first two weeks I was here, I couldn't believe so many students stayed up until 4 o'clock in the morning on a Thursday night.

By my third Thursday, I found myself running out to parties and friends' rooms at 10 o'clock only to get home at 3 o'clock, if I came home at all. Then I would get up at 7 o'clock to barely make it to my 8 o'clock on time.

At first, I thought that Thursday night partying was the greatest thing I could imagine doing at college, until my lack of sleep and work effort started to catch up on me.

All of a sudden I began to realize how rough I look early in the morning after too much fun and too little sleep. Then I realized that professors don't understand the need students feel to go out the day before their big tests and quizzes.

When my quiz grades started to drop from B's to D's, I just got sad; I didn't get busy working. Going out until all hours of the night is a tradition and an exclusive right



WMC's student web server

Dennis Lucey announces that there are new opportunities for students to have their own web pages

Western Maryland College students and organizations now have the opportunity to share their own web pages with the world over the Internet.

A new web server, stuweb.wmcd.edu, has been set up and is ready to host student web pages.

The new server is being maintained by FACT, or Faculty Assistance for Computer Technology.

This group is responsible for maintaining the server, creating user accounts, and helping students learn how to create their own web pages.

Each student or organization will be permitted five megabytes of space for their own use. While this space can be used for recre-

ational purposes, there are many other possibilities of practical value.

FACT member Chris Selmer sees web pages as a useful business tool. To him, a quality web page that includes a resume would be "good self-promotion for potential employers."

Ryan Melhorn agrees. "Not only will your resume be accessible to prospective employers," he notes, "but you will demonstrate that you possess technological savvy."

Selmer also adds that web pages could also be a good vehicle for allowing others to access information about yourself and your current activities, noting that "web pages could keep family and friends posted on things going on in your life."

Students can access the new server through the World Wide Web at <http://stuweb.wmcd.edu>. Questions and comments regarding the server should be sent to admin@stuweb.wmcd.edu.

to college students everywhere. Therefore something needs to be done about this pesky problem with classes on Fridays, since it's obvious few will abandon their Thursday routine.

I propose that professors take it easy on their students on Fridays, because we have all had a rough week, as well as a rough night. Quizzes and tests are a bad idea.

How many degree-holding professionals want to spend their weekend grading exams that students took in their sleepy haze following one good night?

All students need is a little understanding for their plight. Very few, if any students, can truthfully say that they haven't blown off necessary work for a much needed break.

This is a plea to all the teachers and administration at WMC, please help everyone with this plight faced on Fridays. I would

like to say that a compromise between us all could be reached, but when the class week comes to a close and the weekend begins, students can't be rational.

Fridays should be days of review and maybe a time to bond with fellow students and teachers.

Thursday nights of fun have been a tradition for decades, all we can do as a school community is to allow this tradition to continue, by reducing the stress to us all, even professors, on Fridays.

I know the administration is not going to try to make Friday classes easier on so we can party, I'm just trying to give them something to think about.

So party on students, but remember that professors don't care how much fun you have. They want you to do the work and pass their class.

Byrd's trio to spread jazz worldwide

JOAN FAULKNER
Assistant News Editor

When Eric Byrd graduated from WMC seven years ago with a major in music he had no plans, and still doesn't, to audition his talent for musical shows or gigs.

Byrd doesn't believe in them because he likes to "concentrate music as being an art and [one] can't really evaluate one piece of art as being better."

But when Byrd heard about the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the United States Department of State selecting seven jazz trios to represent American music overseas as 2000-2001 Kennedy Center-Department of State Jazz Ambassadors, Byrd decided to audition with his trio.

They found out a few weeks ago that they were one of the lucky seven selected out of the initial 74 trios.

Bassist Bhagwan Khalsa and drummer Alphonso Young, Jr. complete the trio with Byrd on the Jazz Ambassadorship.

The center is not certain where the jazz trios will be sent, but Latin America is the most likely place.

Plans are subject to change due to foreign politics.

Before the trio leaves on September 7, 2001, they will headline the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center.

According to Byrd, they will be "playing jazz in a variety of places and contexts."

Byrd made the decision to audition because they "were looking for a variety of musicians," not just one, he says.

Additionally, "the finalists were not picked on their musicianship alone; they were also picked on their ability to articulate the art form."

At the audition, Byrd says, "we had to play and speak in only 15 minutes to prove to the judges we

could play and knew what we were talking about."

Byrd goes on to say, "it's almost like going to the Olympics representing the country. I'm going to meet foreign dignitaries, play at foreign embassies, all while carrying the jazz banner so many greats have held for so long."

"It's very humbling and an extreme honor. I'm still very numb by it, to be honest," he added.

For six weeks in the decided country, Byrd's trio will be playing to an assorted group of people because they normally don't get jazz there, according to Byrd.

They will be explaining it to people who might not have any experience at all."

Thus, the trios also "have to understand its basic form."

Dr. Margaret Boudreaux, chair and associate professor of the music department, thinks Byrd's future tour is fabulous.

Boudreaux is proud that Byrd "built it all up on his own," and that the ensuing tour will "bring back [expertise] to his career."

In the past, other WMC music professors have journeyed to music programs in other countries, such as when Boudreaux went to

The Hill is alive with Room 402

BRANDI THAYER
Staff Writer

Western Maryland College has hidden talent scattered over campus this year.

Four guys in particular are: Billy Deavers, Chi Sukosi, Michael Wiles and Matt Swaninger, who form the band "Room 402."

Grouping together in early 2000, these guys have managed to not only come up with, but produce and record a debut CD called "Welcome to the Room."

This is such a short amount of time for an accomplishment such as this.

It all began with three average guys sitting around in Rouzer Hall with nothing better to do than to start a band.

Why not? Sharing the common interest of music, the guys joined together and started meeting after choir practice in Bill's dorm room, Room 402.

Determined to be heard, the guys were infamous on WMCR 1620am...but they weren't yet complete.

Adding Matt to the group, the guys were ready to make some real music and produce their CD.

It just so happens that the CD

China, and other faculty to Vienna, Greece, Ireland, and Germany.

Boudreaux says because of



BRAD WIDENER

Members of Room 402 take a break from working on their music to pose for the camera. From left to right are: Chi Sukosi, Billy Deavers, Matt Swaninger, and Michael Wiles.

was not made just on the artistic and creative abilities of the group members; they admit that they had much influence.

"Any music that gave us the rock sound of the 60's along with a modern pop electric/acoustic guitar edge helped our music along" quoted the band.

By the sound of the CD, the guys have been influenced by the best of the bands.

From Fleetwood Mac and Janis Joplin (Who doesn't love Bobby McGee?) to a newer modern sound such as Sister Hazel and Barenaked

these programs, "faculty members have brought a lot," back to WMC.

This year, Boudreaux added, the

department has "more students than we've ever had," which includes higher musician ship among students, and more activities going on.

This includes a possible trip to Cuba in May of 2001

Ladies, the guys created a new, fresh, energetic sound.

On a roll and with the creative juices flowing, the guys went out and not only played cover songs, but managed to create quite a few originals as well.

So lets hear it for the talent of WMC, go have a listen for yourself and maybe you'll find your self intrigued or inspired as well.

SEND INFO: website-http://listen.to/Room402Contact-bdeaves@hotmail.com OR 410-751-8361 for booking/interview requests.

with the choirs of the music department that the professors have just started to talk about.

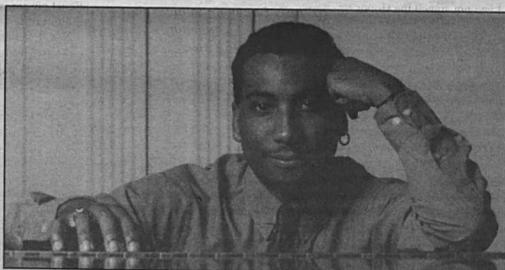
Byrd, who graduated from WMC in 1993, says that he is most proud of the fact that he did not have to go to a fancy music academy or special school to get there.

Without music professors Mike Connell and Bo Eckard who taught him at WMC, Byrd remarks, "I don't think my playing would be very close to what it is now."

Boudreaux adds that the programs have promoted "outreach and interaction."

"Any time a faculty member does something like this it comes back to us and that's exciting," she said.

And surely Byrd's will manage to do the same.



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Eric Byrd, director of the Gospel Choir, and his trio were selected to take music abroad.

Siouxsie wanders around the campus no longer

MELISSA BLACKWELL AND
CARA JACOBSON
Staff Writers

Do you miss that good old campus cat wandering in and out of your classes? Have you been wondering what happened to Siouxsie?

Well, Siouxsie is now living on lots of acres of land possessed by Dr. Jakob, from the philosophy department, and her husband. The land is also home to the Jakobys' plurality of animals.

The Jakobys' have seven cats, including Siouxsie, four dogs, two horses, and twenty fish!

After Dr. Chambers left Western Maryland College, Siouxsie was put in a small room by herself and was extremely lonely and needed more care. She ended up in the very good hands of Dr. Jakob.

Siouxsie now runs the Jakob household, behaving like a queen

because she is so used to wandering about the campus, doing what she wants. Siouxsie already claimed two rooms of the house in the first week of living with the Jakobys.

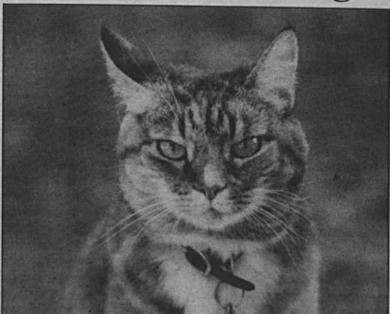
At first, Siouxsie wasn't very sociable with all of the animals because she was so used to getting her own way by herself. Now, however, she is better at getting along with the other cats and animals.

Luckily, Siouxsie recognized and made friends with a stray kitten from Western Maryland's campus given to the Jakobys by Dana Jacobson.

But the little princess of the house still doesn't like to be petted for longer than three minutes.

Ironically, even with the many acres Siouxsie has to frolic on, she prefers to stay indoors.

Good luck Siouxsie, WMC will



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Siouxsie, the beloved campus cat, has moved away to live with Dr. Jakob, her husband and the many other animals that live with them.

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Multi-campus concert postponed to 2001

MELISSA BLACKWELL AND CARA JACOBSON
Staff Writers

Remember all that excitement there was over the big three-campus concert, sponsored by CAPBoard and the SGA, which was to come in the fall of this year?

Well, fret no more because it is still happening!

WMC, along with the colleges of Mt. Saint Mary's and Gettysburg, are planning on having the big band extravaganza in the fall of 2001.

Some of the hottest bands will be appearing for all of the WMC community to enjoy along with students from the other two schools.

The postponement of the concert is due to the fact that the bands the students ranked the highest in preference were either not touring or were booked for the times the schools wanted them for.

The Top 5 bands picked by the combined student population of the three colleges were, in order: Red Hot Chili Peppers, Barenaked Ladies, Creed, Counting Crows, and Sissyo.

Over 300 students filled out surveys leading to these selected bands, which was a great response.

More information about this concert will be available after CAPBoard co-advisor Betsy Chimock has her upcoming meeting in November 2000 with the two other colleges. Discussion among those meeting will include information about the prices, dates, transportation, and everything else that needs to be decided.

But wait, that's not all folks!

With the money that was going to be used

for the Spring of 2000 concert, the CAPBoard and SGA have agreed upon having tickets to be sold for regional shows at REDUCED PRICES. Yes, that's right - tickets will be at reduced prices, making it much easier on the average poor college student to afford to see their favorite bands performing live.

The shows chosen will be based on the bands selected by you, the student population of WMC, from a survey that will be handed out in order for you to vocalize your wishes.

So, students of Western Maryland, watch for those surveys in your campus mailbox and remember to fill them out so that the band you want to see the most will be yours to enjoy, both at their own show sites, as well as for your school next fall!

THE RAT'S WEB: Find the child with-in(ternet)

ANNE BUTLER
Staff Writer

Nearly all of us are children of the 80's (and if you're not you'd better be a staff-member or a nontrad).

We played with GI Joes, Slap Bracelets and Nintendo. We watched He-Man, Thundercats and Jen, and we thought the Dukes of Hazard was the epitome of television.

Yes I've become convinced that we were all idiots as children.

Ever try watching a He-Man episode now? Go rent one and you'll see what I mean. And if you can't find or don't wish to torture yourself with He-Man then try visiting some of the web sites below in order to relieve the glory days of innocence and stupidity.

Seanbaby's NES Page

<http://www.seanbaby.com/nest.html>

Frequent readers of this column will know that I am a huge Seanbaby fan.

Still, he is also a child of the 80's and his NES page will convince you how stupid we were if nothing else will.

I mean, we used to read pieces of empty-headed happiness diddleclur like Nintendo Power and Hot Dog.

Subculture - Ewok Village Provides Entertainment to the Socially Inept
<http://www.x-entertainment.com/messages/36.html>

We weren't the only idiots of the 80's - George Lucas put Ewoks in Return of the Jedi, made a cool toy, and then went on to make crappy toys as part of an Ewoks cartoon. Ewoks were a pretty sorry idea to begin with. Maybe that's why I collect them now.

Rainbowland - Home of Rainbow Brite
<http://www.rainbowbrite.net/>

You know, I spent most of the 80's playing with He-Man and watching Hogan's Heroes.

Most other girls seemed to be playing with My Little Ponies and Cabbage Patch Kids. Rainbow Brite here was another popular girl thing I never got into that much. I did watch Jen though. Does that count?

The First Church of Pac-Man
<http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/Lofts/8112/pac.htm>

"Warning: not a religion. Do not worship."

Probably nothing proves our stupidity as a nation better than the fact that nearly all of us embraced this sickly pizza who's missing a slice.

Hell, we even loved his sister/girlfriend/drag queen persona who was basically just him with a bow on it's head.

Product of the 80's
<http://www.fortunecity.com/meltingpot/regent/827/prodhome.html>

A general site for those looking to remember the 80's. I don't have too much else to say about it. I'm too busy laughing my ass off at Seanbaby's site.

Weird-Ass Site of the Issue: Canada's Human Sexuality Tax
<http://www.globalserve.net/~cocacolakid/hst/hsteng.htm>

Hell, they've taxed everything else, why stop while they are ahead?



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WMC's Eric Barry '00 fidgets with Cecil B. Demented

BJ SHORB

Assistant Commentary Editor

high school.

Unfortunately, Barry has had little luck with auditioning in Los Angeles, because his agent is across the country, here in Maryland. Barry originally signed a five-year contract with a reputable agent of Baltimore. However, being reputable in Baltimore "doesn't mean anything to anyone in LA or New York," says Barry.

Since the distance between his agent and himself is so far, would staying in Maryland have lead to more success? "Not really." He explains that when directors are casting for their movies, they tend to look for auditions from the more popular cities like New York and LA. Then they get local people to fill in the small one-line and non-speaking parts. "Only about four

movies come to Baltimore a year," says Barry.

With more than 3 years left on his contract, Barry is now attempting to be released from it at his request. His contract keeps him from giving his address and phone number to people in the business on the West coast.

However, if Barry's request does not go through, he says he may have to hit the courts.

Barry describes how things could have been different if he hadn't "wasted his prime."

After some recent advice from John Waters, producer of "Cecil B. Demented," he realizes that when a movie is about to come out is when you want to let the reps know, so they can go see it.

Now, months after its release, his first movie experience doesn't have the same effect. When he mentions "Cecil B. Demented" to reps they say that is "old news," he adds.

The movie came out August 11 this year, and it is still playing in a few theaters around the Baltimore area. It came to Owings Mills for about two weeks, recalls Barry. "If



WMC graduates Colin Foreman '99 (left) and Dan Franko '97 (middle) appear in "Cecil B. Demented" alongside Barry (left) in the final scene as movie-goers turned rioters.

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didn't get that big, but it was getting my foot in the door," he says. He suggests that in January, when it is scheduled to come out on video, WMC students should all get together and have a movie night.

So, if not acting, what has Barry been up to?

Not much more than "enjoying the Southern California weather," he says. He had a job offer from a magazine, but it wasn't what he was looking for.

"I would rather have movies for enjoyment, but financially TV shows are much better," says Barry.

He compares roughly \$2000 a week in a movie to \$11,000 a week in a television series.

But much like his current contract when you are in a series show

you sign on for a longer term.

Barry doesn't want to get involved in too much, because he doesn't know when an audition will come along. He just recently started sending out some of his CD press-kits to local radio stations.

"I hate performing, but if money gets tight I might have to," he adds referring to his rap music.

"It takes a lot for me to get motivated," says Barry.

That is why he needs an agent right there, pushing him along. He would like to stay in California, find an agent there, and hopefully get an acting role soon.

From someone who came to college with no intentions of acting or rapping, he says, "Everyone kept telling me I could, so I did."



WMC graduate Eric Barry (middle) poses with the director and producer of "Cecil B. Demented," John Waters (left) and fellow movie actor Stephen Dorff (right).

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Horrible(?) Halloween Horoscopes

LISA STANLEY

Staff Writer

Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Steal the party this Halloween! Go all out with the Ghouls and you will have the time of your life. Stick with black this season. Your lucky numbers are 6, 19, and 31.

Sagittarius (Nov 23- Dec 21)

Rake in the candy - you are never too old to trick-or-treat. And besides, you can always pretend. Be sweet in yellow. Your lucky numbers are 10, 24, and 36.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

Try something new this fall, hit the sewers and stay away from the tired witch get up and have a blast doing it. Try pumpkin orange for Halloween fun. Your lucky numbers are 2, 14, and 27.

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

All right, you beautiful people keep your eyes peeled (yes, like grapes) for a great time, it will appear somewhere you wouldn't expect. Be hot in red, and your lucky numbers are 8, 21, and 28.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Smile more, but watch your fangs - they may scare people away. Oh, and keep clear of the garlic too. Keep out of the sunlight and wear

dark clothes to blend in. Your lucky numbers are 12, 20, and 33.

Aries (Mar 20 - Apr 20)

Go CRRRRAZZY! Be on the prowl this Halloween and stick close to that Goblin, you know only evil will come of it. Be monstrous in



green, and your lucky numbers are 4, 16, and 25.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 21)

Work it this holiday season. Hit the parties dressed up as one of the members of Team Rocket and you will go blasting off again. Keep it cool in a light blue. Your lucky numbers are 1, 17, and 35.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

Consult a map and decide which witch it will be this year, the witch

of the West or the witch of the East; either one will have an awesome time this year. Keep with the colors of your inner witch/wizard. Your lucky numbers are 7, 26, and 30.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)

Keep the fun flowin'. Spread around, hitting all the hot spots and you will live lavishly this Halloween. A plush purple will serve you well, and your lucky numbers are 5, 15, and 24.

Leo (July 24 - Aug 23)

Have an abandoned Halloween dream? This year make it different, dress-up as something you've always wanted to and live it up. Any color that your heart desires will ensure a great time; your lucky numbers are 9, 23, and 34.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

You are ready to get rowdy, so let your buds know they are in for a boatload of Halloween fun with you. Get loud with a fluorescent orange. Your lucky numbers are 3, 11, and 32.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct 23)

Tone it down a little this Halloween by having fun but stay away from anything too off the wall - you can expect to have a lot more fun that way. Keep it clean with shades of gray. Your lucky numbers this

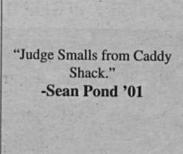
60 SECONDS

What is the best Halloween costume you have ever seen or worn?

Compiled by Jenifer Sirkis



"Every year since 7th grade I've dressed up as an old lady for Halloween."
-Arie Hawkins '03

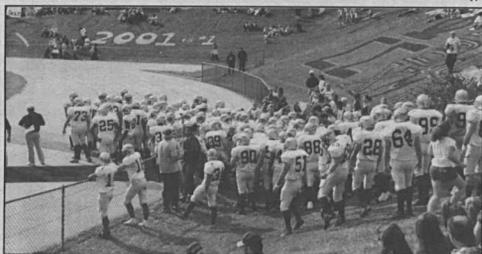


"Judge Smalls from Caddy Shack."
-Sean Pond '01



"Friends were JFK and JFK Junior."
-Claire Richardson '01

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BRAD WIDENER



COURTESY OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

"The floats were absolutely astounding," said Amanda Cline, 2000 Homecoming Queen.



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"We were just groovin' in style!" said Brooke Vizzi, Poms Captain.



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2000 Homecoming Court -

- King: Kelly Norris '01
- Queen: Amanda Cline '01
- '02: Terrae Whiting & Steve Zamagias
- '03: Tiffany Putro & Ben Neely
- '04: Becky Allen & Chris Patterson

Winners of the Parade Float contest:

- 1st Place: Black Student Union
- 2nd Place: Class of 2001
- 3rd place: Phi Mu

The Green Terror Spirit Award was given to Shawn Carroll '03. The Kinetic Sculpture Award was given to the family of Matt Jackson. Rich Tillman '00 won the Body Art Award and Phi Sigma Sigma was awarded the James Brant Memorial Cup Award. The Alumnus of the Year was M. Lee Rice of the class of 1948 and Brandy K. Mulhern received the Young Alumna Award.

Photo Captions

1. Green Terror football players return to the field after halftime at the Homecoming game against Dickinson, Saturday October 14.
2. The winners of the float contest, the Black Student Union show pride in their heritage.
3. Shawn Carroll '03 accepts his Green Terror Spirit Award.
4. Homecoming King and Queen Kelly Norris (right) and Amanda Cline proceed through the tunnel of poms during the halftime show to accept their titles.
5. Poms Dance Team captain Brooke Vizzi (right) rides with co-captain Tara Webb in the parade.
6. WMC students showing off their wild side during the pre-game parade.
7. The Class of 2001 float advances toward Scott Bair Stadium during the parade. They won 2nd place in the Parade Float contest.
8. A high-spirited crowd was in attendance for this year's festivities. There was a lot to do and some students were even seen rolling down the hill.



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Compiled by Shauna Dominguez, Features Editor

Women's Soccer team breaks school record with 13 wins

GREG LEDERER
Assistant Sports Editor

It has been a very successful season for the Western Maryland College women's Soccer team as they have set many records and established a 13-4 (5-3) record.

Along the way, the team has seen freshman sensation Carah Medill set conference records for points, assists (tie), and goals in one season, and as exemplified by the team's recent five game winning streak, the 2000 squad has gone where no other team has gone before, with a school record thirteen

Terror played in a record setting contest against the College of Notre Dame.

In front of a home crowd at Gill Field, freshman Carah Medill put on a show scoring the game's first four goals to begin the contest.

In the process, she tied the school record for goals in a season with eighteen, joining former stars Julie Cox and 2000 graduate Beth Blasi. As the game began, Medill quickly scored two in the first half to give the team a 2-0 halftime lead. In the second half, the Green Terror used two more from Medill and

timed the onslaught with goals from freshman Rachel Browne, sophomore Nikki Lepson, and the fourth of the day from Medill. Overlooked by Medill's records and the team's offensive attack during the winning streak, the defense and goalies Becca Lyter and Candi Kuligowski allowed only three goals in four games.

Looking to add to their four game winning streak, the Green Terror played host to visiting Villa Julie at Gill Field.

In a tightly contested game, the team struck first when Medill

"The season is going really well and we have a good team that works together."

-Annie Linz, Terror Forward

wins.

Riding a five game winning streak, the Green Terror ventured into Lancaster, PA for a huge conference game against Franklin and Marshall.

Throughout the contest, WMC was on the attack firing 27 shots on goal, but they found themselves down at halftime 1-0. In the second stanza, the opponent struck again to take a 2-0 lead as the team tried valiantly to make a comeback.

WMC fought back when freshman Nikki Lepson scored late in the contest, but they were unable to score again and fell on the road 2-1.

Despite Lepson's eleventh goal of the season and senior goalie Becca Lyter's 16 stops, the team lost a crucial game and snapped their five game winning streak.

Earlier in the month, WMC was flying on a historic winning streak that saw many records fall and excited many fans.

In a September 30th game against Ursinus, the Green Terror struck quickly as freshman Nikki Lepson and Carah Medill led the offensive attack. Lepson scored twice in the contest and Medill continued her scoring prowess with a goal and two assists en route to a 5-1 home win.

In their next game, the Green

another goal from sophomore Melissa Merson to take a commanding 5-1 victory.

The team continued their great play in the next contest against Swarthmore.

It didn't take long for Medill to break the school record for goals as she poured in three more goals, giving her 21 for the year and establishing a new record. She led the team to a convincing 7-0 road win.

Medissa Merson scored two goals in the first half to lead the team to a 4-0 lead at intermission. In the second half, the Green Terror didn't let up and punched in three more goals including Medill's record breaker and sophomore Annie Linz's first goal of the year. During the streak, the team has been playing very well in all aspects of the game.

"The season is going really well and we have a good team that works together," says Linz.

The Green Terror were looking to continue their three game winning streak in an October 7th game against Bryn Mawr. As usual, Carah Medill sparked the offense with four more goals as the team registered a 6-1 victory. In the first half, Medill paced the offense with three goals to lead the Green Terror to a 3-0 halftime lead.

After the break, the team con-

found senior Tracy Castor for the game's initial score. The assist gave Medill another milestone, tying her for the conference record for assists in a season.

With just a 1-0 lead at the half, the team got second half scores from Melissa Merson and Medill's 26th of the season, breaking the conference record for points and goals in a season, to take a solid 3-0 win. Merson's score was her twelfth of the season placing her among the league leaders in the conference.

While, the team's five game winning streak was recently snapped and their playoff hopes have diminished, there is still a chance for the postseason. "We came out this year with a lot of young players who have helped us set school records and we hope that we can get into the ECACs if our season continues to go in motion as it has," says sophomore Megan Moulding.

While Medill has set many records, the play of young players like Merson and Lepson has been critical to the team's success.

With a school record 13 wins and a very young nucleus of great talent, this has been quite an exciting season for the Western Maryland College women's soccer team and it isn't over yet.



BRAD WIDNER

Senior Terror Midfielder Tracey Castor maneuvers around the defense

Phoenix Profile:

Carah Medill

GREG LEDERER
Assistant Sports Editor

Coming into her first year at Western Maryland College, freshman soccer player Carah Medill had modest goals.

"I basically wanted to go out and score a couple goals and assists."

Things have changed as Medill has rewritten the Centennial Conference record book with single season records for goals, points,



MATT BURFF

When asked if she has been surprised by her success this season, she said.

"I was kind of worried during tryouts with so many great players vying for playing time, I didn't expect any of the success that I've had this year."

Her favorite moment this season was when she took a perfect corner pass from freshman Christine and scored a header goal.

"I always wanted to have header goals" Medill adds.

Medill likes the team atmosphere of soccer.

"It's a team sport, if you don't play as a team, you aren't going to be successful" says Medill.

When asked about what it means to have the conference records for points, goals, and tied for assists in a season, Medill responds "it puts a lot of pressure on me for the future."

She adds "people can't say I'm a ball hog because I have the assists record too so I get other people involved in the game."

"She adds a lot to the team, she is a very modest person," says fellow freshman soccer player Nikki Lepson.

She is only in her first semester at the college, but in the future Medill would possibly want to join a women's soccer league or become an elementary school teacher for the deaf.

Medill is only a freshman and she has definitely set the bar very high for the rest of her career at Western Maryland College and plans on working hard to maintain the standard she has set.

While Medill will surely be a marked player in every opponent's scouting report, the rest of the team is loaded with very talented and young players who will make the other teams pay for concentrating too much on the Green Terror star.

With a talented group around her and an incredibly successful start, Carah Medill is on her way to becoming one of the best ever to wear the Green Terror green and white.

and tied for assists, along with leading the women's Green Terror to the most wins for a season in the program's history.

Since her freshman year in high school, Medill was interested in Western Maryland College.

She was involved in many sports including cross country, basketball, and soccer.

She chose the school as her first choice from her list of colleges. "I like the deaf education and soccer program here" says Medill.

In the week of October 3-7 her eleven goals propelled her past many records and milestones.

In the Swarthmore game, her three goal effort was a historic milestone as she put her name in the record book for the best single scoring season in league history.

While the WMC record for goals used to stand at 18, Medill has 26 and counting, as there are still games left on the schedule.

"She is a really fast player who can put the ball in the net," says freshman soccer player Rachel Browne.

Presently, Medill has set conference records for goals (26), points (64), and tied the record for assists (12).

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Bonds lead list of strong candidates for the NL MVP

MATT HURFF
Sports Editor

This season in the National League, I feel that there were a number of worthy candidates for MVP, especially when comparing the players of this league to the players of the American League.

My reasoning for this is that the ballparks are bigger, the pitchers better, and the hitting numbers were still very high.

Case in point, 28 players hit over .300 in the NL, while only 25 broke the mark in the AL.

In addition, 9 players broke the 40 home run mark in the NL, compared to only 7 in the AL.

At the same time, the NL has 16 pitchers with an ERA below 4.00 compared to only 5 in the AL.

Therefore, I must be much more critical when choosing a NL candidate because there are many more possible choices.

I feel that Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, Jim Edmonds, Todd Helton and Vladimir Guerrero should all be at the top of any list for the honors.

Bonds has seen a resurgence this year, after a number of lackluster or injury-blighted campaigns, by hitting 49 dingers (2nd in the NL) and contributing a .306 batting average. Furthermore, his performance

helped lead the Giants to the playoffs after a poor team record at the all-star break.

The Giants did not fare all that well in the playoffs and Bonds did not have a very good showing, but we are talking about a regular season MVP and not the post-season.

Sammy Sosa, meanwhile, has shown very high, gaudy statistics once again this year by leading the senior circuit with 50 homers while adding a hearty .320 batting average.

Sosa's Cubs, however, floundered in last place. Will there ever be another Cub team to play in the World Series?

Since baseball is a team sport, I do not think Sosa should be considered. While he is a great player, he has not shown that his abilities can aid a team in winning. Word of advice Sammy: Get out of Chi-town or move to the south side to play with the White Sox. Just look how a change of scenery has helped Jim Edmonds.

Acquired from the Anaheim Angels to bring a left-handed power stroke to the righty dominated Cardinals, Edmonds has been the complete package.

With the Cards he has not only dispelled the reputation of being a problem in the locker room, but has also become a leader, both in the clubhouse and statistically by

hitting 42 homers along with a steady .295 batting average.

Due to Mark McGwire's absence for a large portion of the season, Edmonds helped power the Red Birds into the playoffs. Once in the playoffs, he remained very hot, leading them to the NLCS where they were knocked off by the Mets.

One player who should all become accustomed to is Todd Helton, the predecessor of Peyton Manning as the quarterback at the University of Tennessee.

Rockies fans are quite lucky that this former football player did not choose the NFL because this season he hit 42 dingers along with 142 ribbies, not to mention that he was flirring with a .400 average for most of the season until it dropped to a .372 mark.

While his team did not make the playoffs this year, they do seem armed to make a playoff run in the near future.

In fact, they only won five fewer games than the World Series bound Yankees with a very young, quick team opposed to the aging sluggers, such as Dante Bichette and Vinny Castilla, the Rockies used to fill their lineup.

Vladimir Guerrero's Montreal Expos do not like they will ever reach the goal of making it the World Series. However, numbers alone should qualify Guerrero as a MVP

candidate. This year, Guerrero has put up astounding numbers, especially considering that he has very little protection in the Expos lineup, hitting .345 with 44 homers.

What will hurt Guerrero in the long run is the same thing that will prevent Sammy Sosa from being named NL MVP: they both play for losing teams.

Some argue that it is not fair to exclude a player because their team is not very good.

In some situations I agree, however, I also feel that it should be shown that the particular player at least helped the team over-achieve in one way or another.

I have no doubt in my mind that the Giants would not have been able to make such a playoff run after a lackluster 1st half without Bonds.

If Edmonds had not picked up the slack, we would not have seen the Cardinals in the post season.

If Todd Helton was not on the Rockies, they clearly would not have been as good this season. At the same time, the Cubs could have certainly finished in last place with or without Sosa, therefore, I feel he should be excluded.

The Expos showed some life throughout the season, and finished 4th in the NL East, and therefore, Guerrero should be considered for the NL MVP.

Rollercoaster ride continues for Men's Soccer team

CRAIG P. JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The WMC Men's Soccer team has had more ups and downs this season than the Irish hillside as they struggle to keep their record above .500. In the past six games, they have broken even at 3-3, bringing their overall mark on the year to 7-6-1, and 2-3 in the Centennial Conference.

On Monday, October 2, the Green Terror dropped a heartbreaking contest, 2-1, to the visiting Crusaders of Susquehanna University.

Western Maryland was first to jump on the scoreboard as sophomore midfielder Aaron Bulls was taken down in the right side of the penalty box just 10 minutes into the game. The ensuing penalty kick was converted by junior forward Vinny Pedalino to put the Terror ahead 1-0.

However, Susquehanna struck back three minutes later with a penalty kick their own from Luis Salgado following a foul by WMC defender Chris Wincke.

The go-ahead goal was scored with 12:56 remaining in the first half as Susquehanna midfielder Beau Heaps collected a through ball from Sal Saladino and promptly found the back of the net.

The Green Terror rebounded from this defeat two days later with a dominating 8-1 victory at home over Chowan of North Carolina.

The scoring frenzy began just four minutes into the match with Vinny Pedalino's strike from six yards out.

Tom Long made it 2-0 nine minutes later as he dribbled in alone against the Chowan keeper and beat him to the lower right corner.

Defender Chris Wincke scored off a header with 27 minutes remaining in the first half, followed by Pedalino's second goal two minutes later off of a deflected shot.

Sophomore forward Steve Lennox got on the board following a free kick with 18 min-

utes left in the half to bring the score to 5-0.

Despite the onslaught from WMC, Chowan did manage to tally a goal of their own with 12 minutes remaining in the first half. However, Freshman Jordan Davis struck right back two minutes later following an impressive sequence of passing by the Green Terror.

Barclay Losse finished the scoring for the half with a beautiful 18-yard strike off of a Western Maryland corner kick.

The second half of play produced two more goals for WMC. Sophomore Ryan Tetteris used his head to score the first off of a pass from Matt Wolfe.

The second came after Curran Bradley sent the ball to Aaron Bulls, who then found freshman Tyler Wright for the finish with eight minutes to play.

After dropping another close contest to Frostburg on Saturday, October 7, by the score of 2-1, WMC once again flexed its offensive muscle in an 8-2 victory over Galludet University.

With three assists in Wednesday's victory, Pedalino moved ahead of Tom Long, 13-12, as the team's leading scorer. Both had netted five goals, while Pedalino's three assists on the season put him at the top of the list. Micheal Okoye joined the squad this past week and made an immediate impact, scoring his first goal in the contest against Galludet.

Before a spirited crowd on Homecoming Saturday, WMC fell to national Division III power Johns Hopkins by a count of 4-1. The first half of play was dominated by the visiting Blue Jays, but junior goalkeeper Ryan Defibaugh made sure no shots found the back of the net.

But in the second half, the floodgates opened as Johns Hopkins tallied four goals in the first 15 minutes, including two by Matthew Doran, who set an NCAA record by scoring goals in 12 straight games.

After falling behind 2-0, WMC showed



Junior Keeper Ryan Defibaugh makes a difficult stop against two oncoming forwards.

signs of life as junior forward Cabot Goodrum turned and fired a shot into the upper right corner of the net, bringing the score to 2-1.

But just two minutes later the Blue Jays struck back for a goal, and again a minute and a half after that, ending Western Maryland's hope for a comeback.

Finally, on Wednesday, October 18, the WMC men's soccer team tied an all-time school record for scoring with a 13-0 shut-out win at Lincoln.

This 29-shot, 13-goal outburst matches the 13-0 pummeling of Lycoming dating back to 1959.

Three goals in the game's first eight minutes sealed the non-conference victory for the Green Terror. Ryan Tetteris, Tyler Wright, and Barclay Losse each tallied two goals, while leading scorer Pedalino added a goal and two assists.

Keeper Brent Kahuda went the distance in goal for WMC and posted his first NCAA shutout in a four save effort.

The Green Terror returns to Centennial Conference action at 5 p.m. on Saturday at Muhlenberg. A win over the Mules would move WMC two games over the .500 mark for the first time since September 9. The rollercoaster continues.

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Scoreboard

Football

Passing

Name	Att-Comp-Int	Yds	Tds
Boo Harris	173-86-7	1115	12

Rushing

Name	Att	Yds	Yds/pr	TD
Boo Harris	112	626	5.6	5
Joe Kendorski	88	387	4.4	3
Brandon Brown	48	214	4.5	2
Jemel Johnson	22	120	5.5	0

Receiving

Name	Rec	Yds	Yds/pc	TD
Teron Powell	30	488	16.3	5
Joe Ellis	15	207	13.8	2
Joe Kendorski	12	133	11.1	0
Matt Jackson	11	104	9.5	1
James Jegade	8	121	15.1	2

Defense

Name	Tackles	Sacks	INT
Jason Wiles	48	4	0
Derrick Gwyn	45	2	1
Matt Wilchinski	35	2	0
Aaron Bartolain	32	4	0
Mike Puckett	31	1	2
Jason Wingcart	28	0	4
Dave Fedorchak	26	0	0
Brett Kamholtz	25	0	2
Josh Galemore	22	3	1
Rob McCracken	21	0	2
Brian Fogelsonger	18	1	0
Haroun Hebron	16	4	0
John Croyle	14	0	0

Kicking

Name	FGM	XP
Brent Sandrock	2-5	12-18
Chris Patterson	5-6	7-7

Name	Punts	Yards	Avg/Y
Kevin Culbertson	32	1137	35.5

Women's Soccer

Name	G	A	TP
Carah Medill	26	12	64
Melissa Merson	12	7	31
Niki Lepson	10	5	25
Tracey Castor	6	4	16

Men's Soccer

Name	G	A	TP
Vinny Pedalino	5	3	13
Tom Long	5	2	12
Barclay Losse	3	2	8
Steve Lennox	3	1	7
Ryan Tetteris	3	1	7

Field Hockey

Name	G	A	TP
Susan Rohrer	6	0	12
Sarah Fogler	4	5	13

Name	GA	SV	GAA	Sho
Becky Arnold	20	91	1.56	3

Standings

Football

School	Conf.	Overall
Western Maryland	5-0	6-1
Ursinus	4-1	6-1
Johns Hopkins	3-1	4-3
Muhlenburg	4-2	5-2
Dickinson	2-2	3-4
Swarthmore	1-4	2-4
Franklin and Marshall	0-4	0-7
Gettysburg	0-5	0-7

Volleyball

School	Conf.	Overall
Franklin and Marshall	7-0	24-4
Gettysburg	8-1	17-11
Johns Hopkins	6-1	18-6
Haverford	4-2	22-4
Western Maryland	4-3	13-12
Swarthmore	3-4	7-13
Ursinus	2-3	11-13
Muhlenburg	3-6	14-9
Dickinson	2-5	15-9
Washington	1-7	1-28



Schedule

Football

@Widener
October 28th, 1 PM

Vs Swarthmore
November 4th, 1 PM

Volleyball

@Elizabethtown
Tournament
October 27-28th

Cross Country

Centennial Conference
Championship
@Western Maryland
Time-TBA

Men's Soccer

Vs Ursinus
October 28th, 2 PM

Vs Washington
November 4th, 1 PM

Women's Soccer

Vs Gettysburg
October 28th, 11 AM

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Terror football run over F&M 55-6 and Dickinson 27-0

MICHAEL JENKINSON

Staff Writer

The Green Terror Football team has proven this year that they are a balance team.

Unlike basketball, where one player can score 50 points or more or baseball, where one pitcher can single handily shut down an entire team, a football team needs to do everything well, and needs all 11 players on the field to make a play work. This passed weekend, against the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats, the Green Terror proved this.

The team received dominant performances from the defense, the special teams, and the offense in the 55-6 rout.

The defense held strong once again. The Diplomats offense was only able to accumulate 174 yards passing.

That's not the best part however. The Dips running game rushed for a total of negative one yard.

In fact, the Terror defense scored as many points as the F&M

offense did. This was due to a touchdown scored by Jason Wiles on a fumble recovery early in the second half. "That was my first ever, at any level," said Wiles of the TD.

Meanwhile, the special teams were once again outstanding on Saturday. Senior captain Rob McCracken scored a TD on a kick return on the opening play of the second half.

The kick coverage was dominant, and the PAT/Field Goal team was 100% accurate.

The Terror special teams unit has been excellent all season. Ranking either first or second in the conference in almost every special teams statistic.

Is it possible to quietly score 41 points? That is exactly what the Terror offense did against the Dips. The offensive line pushed around the Diplomats defensive line, the running game was solid as usual, and QB Jamie "Boo" Harris found the open receivers.

The receiving corps is perhaps the most exciting element of this



BRAD WIDNER

French Pope displays his speed while returning a punt in the Terror homecoming victory over Dickinson.

offense. It seems that coach Tim Keating has settled upon his "three amigos" among this talented group. This all starts with Teron Powell.

He is a superstar wide receiver who gets open against anyone if left covered one-on-one. Therefore, he is often placed in a double coverage. This gives more space and freedom to the other pass catchers.

Then there is James Jegede. He's stepped into the role of the speedy deep threat. After Jegede, there is the standout from

to a teammate, they threw one to a Terror defensive back.

Perhaps the most revealing aspect of this game was the several offensive players who stepped up and moved into the limelight.

Jegede found himself wide open in the end zone in the second half. Of the play, Jegede said, "I knew I was open the whole play. I

"I don't think it was a credit to my ability, but a credit to the ability of my offensive line. -Boo Harris

Saturday's game, Joey Ellis.

Ellis scored a long TD, and caught several balls across the middle on crucial third downs.

One other aspect of the receivers that doesn't get much attention is their blocking.

That's right, these receivers block. Down field blocks by wide receivers often turn 3 yard gains into 8 and 15 yard gains into 30 plus.

Such gain is vital to a high performance offense.

The week before the F&M destruction was another dominant win for the Terror.

This one was a 27-0 homecoming demolition of the Red Devils of Dickinson.

It is hard finding something new to add to the spectacular, yet solid, play of the defense.

One interesting note is that Dickinson completed 6 passes in the game, and threw 3 interceptions.

For every two balls completed

was hoping Boo (Harris) would find me."

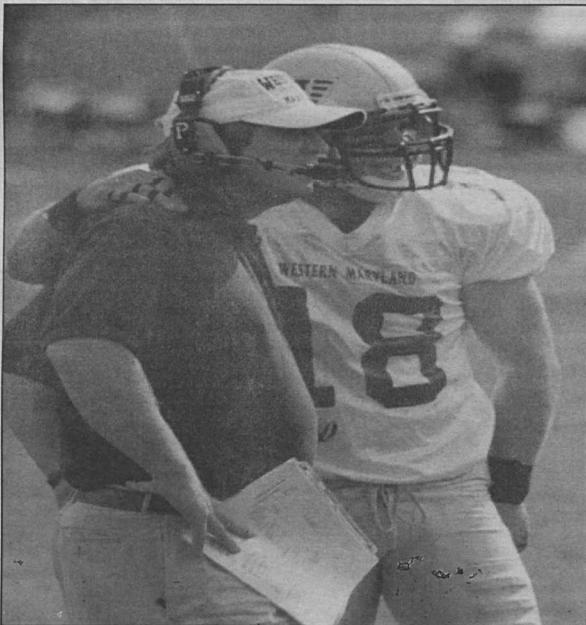
Freshman running back Brandon Brown also added some excitement. In a seemingly basic run up the middle, Brown broke a tackle and sprinted 48 yards for the first of hopefully many TD's of his career.

The aforementioned Harris also proved his all-around abilities in this game. Harris has always been quick to tuck and run past the opposing defense.

However, Harris proved against Dickinson that he has the ability to stay in the pocket, find open receivers, and deliver the football.

Harris is quick to pass credit, however. "I don't think it was a credit to my ability, but a credit to the ability of my offensive line."

Most athletes would love to bask in the glory of a defining moment. But Harris shows once again, in this simple quote, how the Terror are a strong, balanced, championship team.



BRAD WIDNER

Coach Tim Keating and Quarterback Boo Harris discuss offensive strategy during their 27-0 Homecoming Victory over Dickinson.



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New technology: hassle or help?

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While WMC has made a push to improve technology on campus with the Ethernet, other hopeful improvements and upgrades have been more of a hassle than a help to faculty, staff, and administration.

The introduction of database Release 16, a school-wide program that is used for recording and filing, began nearly two years ago, according to Christine Mathews, director of Information Services. But, Mathews said, despite the programs complete installment in June, many problems are becoming burdens to the offices of WMC.

Release 16 is used in offices including Admissions, Registrar's, Financial Aid, the Department of Campus Safety, and Residence Life, and holds detailed information on both current and perspective students, as well as the college's budget and finances, Mathews said.

"It's a huge, huge program that basically minds the college," she said.

Mathews explained that Release 16 was an upgrade of the data system the college had been using.

Marijuana possession leads to fourth arrest

MATT MCGOWAN
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In the early hours of Sunday, October 29, three Westminster City police vehicles pulled up and parked outside the Department of Campus Safety.

A short time later, six persons, not all of them WMC students, were led out to the cars from the Rouzer dorm room in which they had been caught with marijuana.

At least two of the students arrested on charges of marijuana possession and use are presently in their first semester at the college, the Phoenix has learned. One of these, approached for comment, declined an interview.

While the matter was handled by Westminster Police, the Honor and Conduct Board is also an expected stop for those implicated.

The arrest, which one observer described as a "chain gang," referring to the fact that all six students were handcuffed together, was the fourth of its type to occur in Rouzer this year, though certainly the largest so far.

Sources speaking on the condi-

tion a program first introduced to the campus in 1984. Datatel, the program company, required the upgrade to be complete by December 1, 2000, which, she said, left the school with no choice.

But, others question whether an alternative could have been found.

Martha O'Connell, dean of Admissions, explained that she feels the system is designed for a much larger college, such as University of Maryland and suggests that WMC develops its own system.

She explained that the change has greatly affected business.

O'Connell said that the process of getting information on one of the roughly 30,000 individual perspective students is now much slower. "We can't do what we used to do because we've lost that timeliness," she said. "Everything we do is so calendar-sensitive."

Students have experienced problems due to the change also.

Because of the program students were unable to receive registration times this semester, causing much frustration among the student body.

"It seems like no one is happy with it, but I guess they have to deal with it. I'm not endorsing the way

of anonymity added that one of the students arrested had also been arrested in one of the earlier busts for the same charge.

This repeat offense, under Maryland law, could carry a sentence of five years imprisonment, though such sentences are usually suspended indefinitely.

While the Phoenix is still investigating this specific incident, one thing is clear. Drug use at WMC is an issue, though use seems limited only to marijuana.

"To the best of my knowledge, no one's been caught with anything harder on campus in a great many years," said a source who preferred to remain anonymous.

An obvious question to accompany those of use on campus is how the marijuana becomes available to students. As of yet, it is unclear whether any of the students arrested in the most recent incident were charged with dealing.

Whether the trend stops at marijuana use, or there are sales and even harder substances in active use at WMC, the Phoenix will continue its coverage for the next issue.

registration is being handled this semester," commented junior Steve Sharkey, SGA president.

The Registrar's office acknowledged that Release 16 and its incapacities had everything to do with this alternative scheduling process, said Donni Follendorf, office manager.

"We found out two weeks before paperwork had to be out to the [students'] advisors that Release 16 did not have the capability to assign appointment times based on credits earned. Immediately I contacted Information Services and found that it would take at least two weeks for someone working full time to write a program that would be able to do this. Obviously we did not have enough time, so we continued on page 3

SGA Open Forum



BRAD WINNER

Student Government Assembly President Steven Sharkey presided over the SGA's Open Forum held to discuss issues of concern to students and the new Student Bill of Rights. See related story on page two.

Westminster site of new additions

STACI L. GEORGE
News Editor

The Westminster College campus is not the only place in Westminster that is currently under construction and in the process of change. The former Cranberry Mall has changed its name and what it has to offer, and Westminster is about to welcome BJ's, Kohl's, and Home Depot later this spring.

Last April, the mall was renamed Town Mall of Westminster by its new owners, said Peggy Funk, who has been the marketing director since July 2000.

Within the last six months, there has been much discussion on how to make the mall more inviting to the community and such changes are being made to the exterior as well as the interior of the mall, Funk said.

One such change is the addition of new stores and restaurants.

At the current time, the mall management is negotiating with Old Navy and other stores that can not be named at this time, said Funk.

She also mentioned that negotiations are also being made to put a brew pub in across from Hoyt's Theatres as well as a family restaurant where Tully's used to be.

Presently, Funk feels that they are close to an agreement, however nothing is definite yet, and she is hoping to know by the end of the year.

Exclusively for the holiday season, 12 businesses will be added to the mall from November through January. These businesses include: Belk Trim-a-tree Shop, Cottage Candles, NASCAR, Hickory Farms, Perfumery, Bonnie's Country Gifts, SERRY International, Laurence Galleries, Day by Day Calendar Company, ElectroLux, Douglas Lawn and Landscape,

and Metabolife.

Another significant change is the removal of the planters in order to have more space for entertainment, and also a place where community groups can set up displays.

From November through January, the previous planter area by Belk will have a "living room concept."

With a rug, sofa, and player piano, "it'll be an area for shoppers to rest from a busy day of holiday shopping," said Funk.

She also noted that at various times, there will be live music in this area.

The major change of the exterior of the mall is the new signage, which will now have a more festive look, complete with different size poles with a confetti look.

These festive poles will be located

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MATT RUEPP

David Sedorchak, cornerback for the Terror, prepares to tackle a Swarthmore player in the November 4 contest at WMC, capturing the Centennial Conference title for the fourth successive year in a row.

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Alumni Affairs forms new Student Alumni Council

NYKOLE TYSON
Staff writer

For some WMC students, thoughts of being an alumni may be far off, but a newly formed committee may change that.

The Student Alumni Committee, brainchild of Alumni Affairs, will serve to bring current students together with alumni and will help to strengthen student ties to the campus.

By starting the council, Randy Rytter, a 1997 graduate and now the associate of director of Alumni Affairs, hopes to reverse the trend in the decline of donations to the school.

The goals of the council include educating students about the importance of supporting WMC, connecting students to their class, to alumni and WMC, and placing students in alumni leadership roles upon graduation from WMC.

With the start of the new council, Rytter says, "We are trying to send the message that everything you can do to support WMC, whether it be financially or voluntary, adds to the continued success of the college." Right now WMC's endowment fund is suffering.

Less than 25% of the students pay the total amount of tuition," said Rytter. Many students receive grants and scholarships from the school in addition to Pell Grants issued by the government, he noted.

SGA's open forum breeds discussion of Bill of Rights

MEGAN K. MARTIN
Student Government Reporter

The Student Bill of Rights, a Student Government Assembly effort to clearly define all rights of WMC students, was discussed at an Open Forum session on November 9. Lasting just over two hours, the session's purpose was to discuss the SGA's basic goals before calling for a student referendum on the Bill.

"The purpose of the open forum has always been to gauge the pulse of the student body and to provide a welcoming venue for them to voice their concerns," SGA vice president Amanda Cline noted.

"I thought it was very productive," senior Celia Stroope said of the meeting. She

According to Rytter, the money that is left over from tuition is not sufficient in keeping the flow of activities running effectively on campus.

This lack of funds to efficiently operate the function of WMC is a result of the decrease in alumni donations and support.

Because of this concern, Rytter saw the need to create a new Student Alumni Council which would encourage undergraduates to interact with alumni and find out what their role will be as an alumni upon graduation.

Senior Brittany Benton, a sociology major, is the president of the council, who became involved with the new endeavor, through her involvement as an intern in the Alumni Affairs office.

Overseeing the special events committee, junior Megan Pickette, a psychology major, said, "I don't think students see the importance of being a proactive alumni. I think it's important for students to interact with the alumni. We need more alumni to come back and if they feel comfortable they will."

Linda Eyler, office manager of Alumni Affairs, says that many students don't know what it means to be an alumni, and the purpose of the undergraduate Alumni Council "is to get students to be more knowledgeable about what it means to be an Alumni."

Its purpose is to also "educate students about the function of the alumni council so

was one of up to 30 students who floated in and out of meeting. Since the meeting was in Ensor Lounge, it was easy for students to catch a few minutes of the open forum on their way somewhere else.

A number of students stayed for the entire meeting and actively discussed certain points in the Student Bill of Rights.

Point 10 was one of the most debated points.

This proposal focuses on establishing the right for all to "receive verbal explanation and written notification of a policy violation charge being brought against them at the time of the said violation."

Senior class president Jeremiah Kelly summarized the idea, saying it was modeled on the procedure for a speeding ticket.

they can participate knowledgeably upon graduation," said Eyler.

Furthermore, the office will be providing monetary support for this group, so the members will not have receive allocations from the Student Government Assembly.

Will there be a strong involvement of faculty in the process of this council?

Rytter emphasized his role in the council is not "to control this at all." He adds, "The council is student led and will always be, my role is one of advisor."

Though it was Alumni Affairs idea to start the council, "we are fortunate that students want to be a part of it," said Rytter.

Currently, the school receives money by annually soliciting alumni and friends of the college. "Without support from them," said Rytter, "we would not be able to function on the level that WMC is right now."

Although support from past graduates is important to the well-being of WMC, it has been very low over the past few years.

WMC has roughly 18,000 alumni worldwide. Last year, roughly 5000 alumni made donations to the Annual Fund, which means that only 28% of alumni contributed.

"That's so low, it's ridiculous," exclaimed Rytter.

When the word support is mentioned though that comes to mind is money.

While donations are the biggest support the college needs, they are not the only sup-

port that can be administered to the college.

Because the school is not making enough money from tuition, alumni donations and alumni involvement, WMC has to use money from the college's endowment fund.

An example of this is the college's Red Square, which was given as an endowment.

While other colleges use the interest from their endowments to pay their operating expenses, WMC "dips directly into it," said Rytter.

"We are not generating enough money from the Annual Fund."

This results in other schools greatly increasing their endowments while WMC declines in its value from the withdrawals that need to be made.

"At the rate the college is going, the college will remain at status quo."

The council's purpose is to try to boost the funding to WMC by educating and getting undergraduates involved with these issues at an early stage in their college career.

Benton says, "My biggest interest is educating students about the issues."

She adds, "I myself did not know how important donations and support from alumni are to keep the school running successfully."

Benton hopes students will get involved and take interest in the community projects and activities that will be planned. These projects are being planned in hopes to bridge the gap between alumni, students, and WMC.

Resident Assistants in attendance were concerned.

"The way they have it set up," said Stroope, an RA, "RA's don't have that power at the present moment." RA's only document what they observe. The Residence Life Coordinator decides the violation and the punishment. "We're not cops," she pointed out.

Stroope sees a problem with student non-compliance to sign the forms, making violation the RA's word against the resident's.

Point nine, which seeks to guarantee 24 hour notice before any college staff enter a resident's room, was also discussed at length.

Stroope sees a problem with Physical Plant. Workers take long enough, and giving such notice could delay them even more, she fears. Josh Bronson, a senior and an RA, sees a bigger problem.

"The problem is, in my eyes, it says to people it's okay to have things in their room that violate policy," he said. According to Bronson, "The 24 hour [right] seems to be specifically designed to hide things."

There was mixed reaction to the document as a whole.

Senior Chelsea Bunch said, "I read over it, and it sounds great." She felt that there are some surprisingly important points not covered in the *Student Guide and Datebook*.

Bronson has a different take on the document. "I think, as a whole, some of it says some pretty useless stuff that's said elsewhere," He continued, "There are some pretty important things, too."

They agreed that the open forum was a good place to have their opinions heard.

Bill of Rights

Bronson felt that those present were encouraged to state their opinions on a range of topics, whether individual SGA members agreed or not.

Some other important issues discussed were renovations of dorms, faculty advising of students, and availability and reliability of campus computers.

"Everything the students brought up might be something individual SGA mem-

bers had not seen before," Steven Sharkey, SGA president, stated.

Stroope observed, "Steve wrote down everything that was said... [and seemed] excited about following through."

When students vote on the points of the Bill, Sharkey is "pretty sure all of the students" will heartily agree with each point."

Those in attendance mostly agreed that the Student Bill of Rights was an important document. Stroope said, "I think most students will agree with a majority of points."

Overall, the evening was seen positively. Sharkey said, "This was incredible. It beats all open forums I've been to but one." Sharkey said at least one more open forum is in the works for the spring semester.

SGA members encouraged the students to attend their meetings on Thursday nights at 8 pm in Hill 110. Shelly Sorenson, sophomore class representative, remarked, "[I]t is key that people come to student government meetings; [students] are not heard when they talk in their groups."

Student referendum on the Student Bill of Rights took place on November 14 and 15. At press time, results were unavailable.



Jamin Bartolomeo discusses the Student Bill of Rights.

New registrar named; Dolid leaves for new job

STACI L. GEORGE
News Editor

As previously reported, resignations have been a popular commodity on this campus during the Fall 2000 semester, thus students shall expect to see new faces among the faculty and staff within the next few months.

The last issue of the *Phoenix* reported that a new registrar had been hired, however Interim Provost Sam Case could not yet release her name until he had received her application. Since then, Case has confirmed that Jan Kiphart, who is the current registrar at Mount St. Mary's College of Maryland, will fill the vacant WMC registrar position beginning January 3, 2001.

Since the last publication of the *Phoenix*, Alan Dolid, director of Food Services, also handed in his resignation. Dolid says that he has accepted a promotion and will become the Area Chief of Educational Services with Sodexo/Marriot and will be responsible for covering the United States west of Chicago. His last day on campus

is November 21. Incidentally, his Jan Term cooking class has been cancelled for 2001.

Barry Bosley, director of Facilities Management and Auxiliary Services, said that Brenda Davidson, the current assistant director of Food Services, will be promoted to Dolid's position, and the transition will be made over the Thanksgiving break.

"We're going to miss Alan's culinary expertise; Brenda's been here a number of years and we're excited about her moving up," said Bosley.

The previous positions held by Bonnie Bosley, Health Education Coordinator, and Scott Kane, director of Residence Life and assistant dean of Student Affairs, respectively, are currently vacant.

Applications for the former position are due November 17, while the latter position's applications were due November 10, said Philip Sayze, vice president and dean of Student Affairs.

He also noted that the applications will then be reviewed and decisions will be made in the upcoming weeks.

ROTC competes in Challenge

JEREMY KEIL
Staff Writer

Weapons, night land navigation, and ambush missions have been regular weekend activities for some WMC students recently.

Specifically, students in the WMC Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), who have participated in the Ranger Challenge at Fort AP Hill, Virginia and the Fall Situational Tactical Exercises (STX) at Mount Saint Mary's College.

Thirteen cadets joined in the Ranger Challenge on October 21, which consisted of 10 events from 5 am to 11 pm. These events included a weapons range, land navigation, and the one rope bridge.

Brian Barnes, a junior Biology major, thought the weapons range, "was exciting. I just wish we could have had more practice."

The last event was a 10 kilometer road march in full uniform, and boots, while carrying a 60 pound rucksack on one's back.

A. J. Forney, a junior Philosophy major said, "Completing the ruck march built great team unity."

After the march, the cadets rested for the night and had an

awards ceremony the next morning where they received 4th out 9 teams in their Division. The team was 12th out of 28 teams overall, one of their best showings in the past few years.

Saturday, November 4, 29 cadets from freshmen to juniors participated in the Fall STX. The morning was spent doing land navigation.

In the afternoon, cadets completed squad infantry training exercises. Juniors led a 10 person squad in a mission such as an ambush or reconnaissance.

Sophomore Business major, Joe Miller believed the STX to be, "an invaluable training experience to prepare the cadets for Advanced Camp."

Afterwards freshmen and sophomores left for home, while juniors stayed and completed a land navigation course at night.

Junior Business and Economics major, Scott Merkle said night land navigation, "was an experience that everyone should have."

Though not all completed the night land navigation no one disagreed that they all learned a lot about the Army and enjoyed themselves.

Westminster welcomes new businesses

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on Rt. 140 and "hold" the sign of the theatre's movie listings.

By November 1, notes Funk, there will be a billboard on Rt. 140 that promotes the mall's new look and features the Holiday Bearlites.

"All in all it is a more festive look for shoppers to enjoy," said Funk.

The name itself, Town Mall of Westminster, suggests a place that is focused on its community.

Undoubtedly, the aforementioned changes are being done with the community's interests in mind.

"We really are a community hub," said Funk.

Funk also mentioned that the mall will be looking for holiday help in the upcoming weeks, and anyone interested should contact customer service for more information.

In addition to retail help, they also need creative people who like to act and entertain an audience to be a member of the Bearlites. All work would be part-time.

With all the changes, "we've already seen an increase traffic into the mall," concluded Funk.

Further up Rt. 140, going toward Baltimore, passersby will notice a construction site at the intersection of Leidy Road and Rt. 140.

At the entrance of the site is a sign advertising the new Westminster Marketplace, which will consist of three lot sites and three pad sites, said Teresa Eller, Supervisor of Development Review.

Eller confirmed that the buildings on the lot sites will house BJ's Wholesale, Home Depot, and Kohl's.

Pad sites are sites that tend to compliment the users of the lots.

That is, "it is a convenience site that supports the user," said Eller.

Banks, service stations, and restaurants are ideal for pad sites.

Basically, visitors can get the latest fashion in Kohl's, do the grocery shopping in BJ's, run into Home Depot for the weekend's projects, deposit their paycheck, fill up the gas tank, and get dinner in a few short hours without ever having to venture back out into the stop-and-go traffic of Rt. 140.

To accommodate the new businesses, Center Street will extend to Leidy Road, which will be relocated, and Center Street's name will change, noted Eller.

Home Depot will be located beside Lowe's on the west side of Center Street (new name yet unknown); Kohl's will be across the street from Home Depot and will be bordered by new Leidy Road and new Center Street; adjacent to Kohl's is BJ's Wholesale, explained Eller.

The sign announcing Westminster Marketplace states that Kohl's, BJ's, and Home Depot will open in Spring 2001; however the stores cannot open until Center Street and Leidy Road is finished and the Carroll County Permits and Inspections office has issued the management of BJ's, Home Depot, and Kohl's a Use and Occupancy permit. This permit states that the store is able to be used and occupied, explained Eller.

Although these stores are scheduled to be finished by spring, work on the Marketplace will continue through fall of 2001, as the businesses of the pad sites are finished.

Campus Safety Blotter

The Department of Campus Safety documented the following reports which include:

8/26/00 at 1:00 pm Student moving into PA House 187 left approximately \$800.00 worth of personal property unattended. Property last seen by student at 1:00 pm. Student noticed missing at 5:00 pm on the same day.

8/30/00 at 10:00 pm No CDS was found. Strong odor of marijuana in room of Rouzer Hall. City police were called and room was searched with consent of occupant.

8/31/00 at 1:45 am Student was angry at girlfriend, involved in argument, and slammed both doors while leaving the building. Both doors were damaged in Blanche Ward Hall.

9/10/00 at 1:30 am Fight in DMC continued to the front of Blanche Ward Hall.

9/16/00 at 1:00 am Male student entered female student's room without invitation on two occasions and touched female student's hair and lips without consent in Whiteford Hall.

9/18/00 at 12:00 pm Solicitors made rounds of residence halls and talked students into getting cash from the ATM for magazine subscriptions. It appeared in hindsight that the sales were fraudulent in Whiteford Hall; at 3:17 pm Solicitors on campus property, selling merchandise without permission in PA House 195.

9/20/00 at 5:09 pm Medical incident - roommate fell and injured leg "really deep cut." Call received 5:04 pm. 101 & 109 on scene at 5:08 in Garden Apartments Building 2.

9/23/00 at 1:00 pm Patient was stung by a bee on right foot. Thought she may be allergic in Whiteford Hall.

10/3/00 at 1:25 am Arson someone set the bulletin board on the second floor on fire in Rouzer Hall 10/4 00 at 3:20 pm A swastika symbol found etched on the door facing the north side, middle stairwell door in Rouzer Hall 10/6/00 at 9:00 am vehicle was hit in the Harrison Parking Lot. Driver side, front damage was observed, including head light and front quarter panel.

10/11/00 at 9:40 pm Students drove vehicle up to the quad. When officers walked toward the vehicle, the driver back away and then



drove the other way in Winslow Parking Lot.

10/12/00 at 4:30 pm urine was found in the out going campus mail box at Decker Student Center 10/13/00 at 11:45 am DoCS, while performing a lockout, observed cans of Bud Light and Corona beer at Rouzer Hall. Report pending.

10/14/00 at 11:00 pm underage consumption of alcohol by non-student at clubroom party in Blanche Ward Hall; at 11:05 pm underage consumption of alcohol by student at clubroom party in Blanche Ward Hall; at 11:30 pm underage consumption of alcohol by student in clubroom in Blanche Ward Hall; at 11:52 pm underage possession of alcohol by student in clubroom in

Blanche Ward Hall; at 12:00 am underage possession of alcohol in Blanche Ward Hall; at 4:45 pm underage consumption of alcohol in a public area by student in Bair Stadium; at 5:00 pm possession of alcohol in public area by a student in the ANW/DMC - the "quad"; at 5:00 pm consumption of alcohol in public area by a student in the "quad"; at 5:00 pm underage consumption of alcohol in public area in the "quad"; at 9:01 pm two underage students seen transferring beer from car to bags in Gill Parking Lot; at 9:11 pm students detaining a non-student human bite - 2 intoxicated people involved. 1 Alum and 1 non student.

10/15/00 underage consumption of alcohol by student in clubroom in Blanche Ward Hall; at 1:33 am burglary in PA 189; at 10:55 pm student and non-student displaying lewd conduct in public in Harrison Parking Lot; at 2:37 am two students approached. One reports individual may have held a knife. Simply said "you all are crazy" then left the scene in Rouzer Parking Lot.

10/19/00 at 10:00 pm student suspected of possessing marijuana in Decker Student Center; at 12:00 am all four tires found flat, all caps for tires were recovered near the vehicle in Harrison Parking Lot.

10/22/00 at 1:42 am students operating a bar in the apartment common area in Garden Apartments Building 3.

10/23/00 at 11:00 am Assault & Battery occurred between two residents.

10/29/00 at 1:30 am CDS possession. Seven arrests. Four students, three non-students in Rouzer Hall; at 12:40 am student with extreme alcohol-induced nausea (possible alcohol poisoning.)

Campus deals with the glitches of Release 16 and tries to work around the setbacks

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had to come up with an alternate solution," said Follendorf.

She also noted that in previous years, registration was held as an open forum, where students camped out in front of the forum the night before, and as soon as the doors were open, they rushed to select their classes first.

Obviously, the above option is a catastrophe waiting to happen, so appointment times were scheduled by hand as a result of two people working full time for about five days going over each student's class schedule and selecting a time that did not interfere with another class on the day of their graduation class registration.

"We tried to make it as painless as we could, but it's awful for everyone involved," commented Follendorf.

Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice-president

of Administration and Finance, attributes many of the problems to more complicated data entry.

"My impression is that they tried to create a system that could do more things, but not a system that you could use," he said.

The \$78,000 a year program, Mathews said, was not a simple upgrade. Instead, the program was completely rewritten.

"It was like moving to a brand new student program," she said. "Even though Datatel forced the school to upgrade, Mathews said, Datatel is the cause for many of the current problems."

"Datatel did not provide information for the needs of the switch or a timeline. Datatel did not prepare us fully for this change," she said.

The major changes to the program caused much need for em-

ployee training.

But, employee training was done so long ago, Mathews feels that much of the information has been forgotten.

While, many offices are handling problems associated with the new system, some are beginning to see it's positive side.

Patricia Williams, director of Financial Aid, explained, "When it first came up we had glitches like everybody else."

Now however, Williams said they are able to handle student accounts and transfers faster than ever before.

She accredits the new system for the increased speed and less time-consuming work.

Mathews explained that typically it takes one year after a program is started, to get problems straightened out.

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Letter to the editor about TTY services

To the Editor:

I have deep personal concern for the Deaf Community at WMC.

Earlier today, I received a last minute e-mail message from a professor announcing that class was canceled for the day. Shortly thereafter, I paged one of my interpreters to attempt to inform her of the announcement. I made this paging call in my dorm room.

Several minutes later, I received a voice phone call. I simply informed my interpreter to please call through MD Relay Service, which I had done several times before. A good few long minutes passed when my dorm room phone rang again. It was a voice phone call. I was puzzled.

I attempted communicating to her by voice the best way I knew how and hoped she would understand the phrase: "Class is canceled today." I realized that she laughed as a sign of not understanding me.

Frustrated, I searched for one of my suitmates to help me with the phone call. Finally, I got the message from my interpreter that she was at Decker Center. I told my suitmate to tell my interpreter that I would meet her immediately there.

As soon as I found my interpreter, I uttered in sign language: "Class is canceled today!" We laughed at how simple, but important, the message was. Soon, I realized that she could have easily used TTY (tele-

typewriter) that was placed at the Info Desk, and I shared my concern afterward. She informed me that a faculty member informed her that the TTY was for "office use," I was to put it mildly, in personal shock.

Later, I informed the lady at the desk that it was an important and emergency call. She plainly informed me that she was only following office policy.

In response, I informed her that I had used the TTY in the office before and had never heard this "policy" before. I also wanted to know where this policy came from and if it was ever put into writing.

With this recent experience, I am deeply confused and upset about why it happened. If the TTY is to be used for office only, then why does the 2000-2001 Student Guide and Datebook provide the college's TTY on-campus locations under the heading, "Telephone and Copying Services" on Page 36?

My interpreter was denied service to the Info Desk TTY. Here is a quote from Page 36:

"The Western Maryland College Telecommunications Department (WMCTD) offers an advanced system designed to expand voice and data communications on and off campus."

After further analysis, I find the "only for office use" purpose granted to the Info Desk TTY as highly ridiculous and unjust. It con-

tradicts with the above quote because the info desk is listed as one of the TTY locations on-campus.

Also, I would like to make another point about the Info Desk. I tried contacting the Info Desk repeatedly from 12:35 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. by TTY.

No one attempted to switch from the voice mode to TTY mode. As a result, whoever answered ended up hanging up. This proved that not everyone who works at the Info Desk is familiar with what TTY signals mean.

What if a Deaf Community member needed to contact the Info Desk for emergency concerns and never got feedback?

I believe that all that anyone who works at the Info Desk would need to do is learn what "GA," "SK," and "O" mean, through a training session for about 5 to 10 minutes, in order to comprehend TTY conversations.

By the way, TTY-to-TTY conversions are much quicker than TTY-to-MD-Relay-Service-Operator conversations.

I thank you very much for your valuable time. Please help me clarify the supposed purposes of the Info Desk TTY, as it should be more accessible for school-related and emergency calls.

Sincerely,
 Penelope Miller

Media jumps to conclusions about election

Edward K. Schultheis



This is a huge step for me considering the fact that over the past few days I have been staying up watching coverage almost nonstop.

After I voted on Election Day, I was surprised to find out that Al Gore had apparently won Florida. I was sure that he was going to win my homestate of Maryland, but Florida was a big surprise to me. Granted, it was only about 7 pm, but all the TV stations had already shaded Florida blue for Gore.

By the time I had finished eating dinner and turned the TV on again, Florida was no longer shaded blue.

Now it was determined too close to call. Even Pennsylvania, which too was shaded blue, was also determined too close to call for a bit of the night. It seems from what I know while I am typing this is that a good portion of the United States is still up for grabs with Oregon still out, and Bush apparently ready to challenge the results in New Mexico and Iowa. To quote Jerry Seinfeld, "What's the deal with that?"

While it seems that my problem is with the election itself, it really isn't. My problem has to do with the severe misinformation presented by the media during the election.

While we have been made to sit here, eyes glued to the TV, it seems that during this time the media has been jumping to their own conclusions and posting them immediately on the tube and web to beat out their competition.

Maybe they are trying to get the information to us, but for one thing, if I am getting the results, I would like them to be accurate. I don't want to see projections from states where only 1 percent of the ballots were tabulated. That's just plain ridiculous to predict the winner based on that. I want solid numbers and solid predictions. Is that so much to ask?

While I have been hounding the television stations for their predictions and their coverage of the event, they aren't the only form of media that was embarrassed when it came to predictions. Along with television and the Internet, newspapers were also fast to cover the election. They were also fast when it came to announcing the winner. A few newspapers ran headlines similar to the famous "Dewey Defeats Truman" only to change the headlines in the next edition.

The famous headline mentioned before has been preserved by the photograph of President Truman holding the newspaper over his head after coming from behind to

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win the election. Al Gore could probably do the same if he ends up coming from behind to win the election this year because papers made the same mistake this time.

The New York Post ran the headline "BUSH WINS!" only to follow it with "GORE WON'T CONCEDE." The Austin American-Statesman ran a similar first headline with "Bush!" with the next edition stating, "History on Hold." *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* was mixed up as well with "Bush wins at first" followed by "Bush projected to win" finished off with "Too Close to Call." The best one had to have been *The Orange County Register* with a humorous headline of "A WHOWONIT."

While it seems that all aspects of the

media were fast to announce Bush as the next president as well as equally fast to announce certain states to candidates who did not win them. This is the problem with today's media, one that needs to be corrected.

There is a conflict concerning the media today. This conflict rests around two codes of journalistic ethics. The first being to get the news out. The second to be truthful. They are conflicting because in this day of high technology, news programs try to be the first to get news out so that they beat their competitors. The problem with this philosophy is that when news programs and papers try to be the first, the probability that the information will be incorrect increases greatly.

I'm reminded of the not so old saying "first is the worst, second is the best, third is the one with the hairy chest..." or something like that. Either way, the adage is correct because when you are second, you have the ability to correct the mistakes that the first one made. It pays to wait, as proven by the amount of newspapers and telecasts that had to backtrack and correct their faults when it came to state predictions and election winners.

Another example of this is the discrepancy between electoral votes on different television channels. When I flipped through the channels, I was kind of startled to see that different TV stations had different counts for the votes. Either it was through "fuzzy math," or more possibly, the fact that different channels had different states colored for Bush or Gore.

While this may have been the closest election in recent history, it was all but ruined by the media. They presented it totally wrong, and it certainly was wrong to announce things that were not true yet.

We the people are to blame also, because we want everything right away, and the networks are right there to give us exactly what we want.

So until the people decide that they want accuracy over speed, there are going to be mistakes and headlines that read "Dewey Defeats Truman" and "It's Bush in a tight one," taken from *The Boston Globe*.

Why are these elections so difficult?



Matthew E. Hurff

On Tuesday, November 7, like most of the people that I observed when walking up and down the hallways of McDaniel Hall were tuned to the Presidential Election results. You could hear a buzz of the voices of Tom Brokaw, Peter Jennings, Dan Rather, and the eponymous faces of the anchors of CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, Fox News and Headline News permeating the hallway.

However, each one said something different. Some stations were eager to give states to either Bush

135, not 35.

Someone I don't think that will work.

How hard could it be to fill out a ballot? I've seen the ballot in question on television, and it does not seem all that complicated if you have passed the first grade, but maybe that is just me.

Besides, the names Gore and Buchanan are nothing alike. In fact, they don't even share any of the same letters and Buchanan is twice as long.

What I also don't understand is how a person would know that they filled out the ballot wrong, and now would be able to complain about it. If you knew that you filled it out wrong then why didn't you do something about it when you had a chance? That is ridiculous!

In any case, we're going to have a long, drawn out mess, where there will be an argument over jurisdiction of this very important case. Should this be tried in the Florida State Court, or should it go to the Supreme Court?

According to Florida state law,

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or Gore without a second thought.

Evidence of this is easily seen in Florida, and now even New Mexico, which on Friday was moved back into the too close to call category because there is only a 164 vote difference between the candidates for the states five electoral votes.

Others were much more conservative and would not concede a state until about 95% of the ballots were in. Others, yet seemed unable to add, as they would give a state to a candidate, but did not account for it in their overall electoral vote column for a good hour and a half.

In any case, we saw the damages of such coverage.

Did giving Florida to Gore so early sway west coast voters or the voters on the Florida panhandle where polling places were not yet closed?

Does calling any state for that matter sway the minds of West Coast voters?

Well, the answer to that is very much up in the air, and I guess your answer would depend on whether your candidate wins this headache of a recount in Florida, in which some voters feel that they were fooled by ballots which were misleading, causing some to vote for Patrick Buchanan instead of Al Gore.

Well, it is true that every citizen is given a right to vote, but you do not have the right to be an idiot.

I guess that means that if I get pulled over for going at a speed in excess of 100 MPH, I can say to the officer that the speed limit sign was misleading and I thought it said

is should be tried in the state court, but someone is going to try to move it to the Supreme Court; it's inevitable.

Another fishy thing about this whole election is the missing ballot boxes.

I have never personally voted at a polling place, and have instead opted to send in an absentee ballot rather than drive 2 1/2 hours back to New Jersey in the two elections I have participated in.

However, according to some of my friends, who have gone to their polling places in various locations throughout Maryland, they usually have a really big guy guarding such important things as ballot boxes.

I guess in Florida though, they

just leave them out in the open for people to pick up and walk away with or for little

kids to play with while their parents' vote, who knows? Or maybe it's like that missing computer filled with nuclear secrets at Los Alamos. Two years later, someone is going to find a ballot box behind a desk, or in the trunk of their car, or maybe in some Third World country with our nuclear secrets, and it will throw this whole election out of whack.

Another thing that has angered me about this whole election is the way the third party candidates were shut out of the debates.

Ralph Nader was thrown out of the debates at the University of

Degrees are meant to be earned

Imagine this: You are a WMC college graduate. You have a bachelor's degree. You have started a career in your field. One day your boss approaches you with an assignment. You are perplexed. You don't know what to do. You think that you should know, but you don't. Why? Of course, it must have been a topic you were taught on a Friday at college.

Although that scenario may not be realistic, it clearly illustrates how ridiculous the idea of singling out a day of the workweek to serve as a 'go-easy-day' or a review day.

The truth is Monday through Friday is and has always been the workweek. Whether you are in elementary school, middle school, high school, college, or in a career, this is generally how the workweek is defined. It isn't

a new concept at all. We didn't have any problems following it when we were just six years

old, why would we now?

Yes, there are times when you need to let go and have fun. I must admit I am not the heavy-duty partying type. However, I do agree that on the weekends, which will remain defined as Friday evening through Sunday, one should let go and relax a little. Everyone needs a little relaxation to keep from burning out.

I am not trying to criticize

Massachusetts. The really terrible part about it was that he wasn't even trying to enter the main viewing area of the debate.

He was trying to obtain entrance into the alternate viewing area where students could go and watch the debates.

He was then approached by an official from the Commission on Presidential Debates, and asked to leave, regardless of whether he had

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a ticket.

Hey, last time I checked, this is still America, and the University of Massachusetts is definitely a public place.

How could it be legal for them to throw Nader out, unless he was inciting a riot, or was being disruptive.

I highly doubt that he showed up drunk, was screaming profanities, and was breaking chairs on students' heads.

Furthermore, I think that is atrocious that they barred him from participating in the debate.

However, according to the rules



BJ Shorb

those who party on Thursday nights, but it isn't like you party all night and then realize that you have class the next day. There is this thing called responsibility: take some. If you know that you have class to attend, work to do, or tests to take the next day, yet still choose to party, how wise is that choice? It is nobody's choice but your own.

For those, not so few, that don't

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really Western Maryland, there was only one main reason for doing so: EDUCATION.

I wanted to further my education here at WMC. I knew that with college came the opportunity to meet new people and experience new things, but my primary focus was my education.

I know I am not alone when I say, even with a decent scholarship, college is a big investment. I would like that investment to be worth something when I graduate.

In fact, if I took college as lightly as some people take it, I would be overwhelmed with guilt right now. To spend so much money on something, but not take it seriously, is simply wrong.

College is not supposed to be a piece of cake. It is, work. Degrees aren't given; they are earned. Imagine how good it will

feel to hold the degree in your hand and be able to say, "I have earned hard

to earn this."

Sometimes it seems as though we want things handed to us like candy. It all comes down to laziness. Americans have become lazy over the years. We want everything, yet we want to work for nothing.

Perhaps it is also an issue of priorities. I know why I am here and what my top priority is right now. The question is: do you?

When I made the decision to attend a four-year college, specifically

of the commission, you must have at least 15% support according to five major national presidential polls. Nader didn't have this as he was polling in around four percent.

But, how is he supposed to get more support than that without more exposure?

And the debates are certainly an excellent way to gain this necessary exposure.

Several years ago, Jesse Ventura was running for Governor of Minnesota as a Reform Party candidate.

He was often polling in the low single digits until he was allowed to participate in a gubernatorial debate.

The rest is history: Ventura was able to gain support because people were able to see what he stood for, and he would become governor of Minnesota.

This is the same problem that Nader, Buchanan, Brown or any other third party candidate faces. How do you get your message out without massive amounts of money or the ability to participate in the debates?

I guess you can't. This brings me to my next prob-

lem with the Commission on Presidential Debates: it is a product of the two party system and big business as the debates themselves are funded by such companies as AT&T and Sun Microsystems.

I don't think any big corporations would like the consumer advocate king Ralph Nader participating in a debate that they are funding.

Furthermore, I have a problem with the two major parties running the debate. It should be turned over to a more impartial governing body.

The United States is not comprised of two monolithic bodies and nor should this commission.

Next semester the Phoenix will be launching a regular Pro-Con Column. If you would like to write or have any topic ideas call x8600 or leave a message in the Phoenix box at the Information Desk in Decker.

off the mark

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MSA's event sparks debate

Jeremy Keil explains his concerns with MSA's event that was meant to promote ethnic awareness.

I think that it is ridiculous that the Multicultural Student Alliance is doing a fund-raiser entitled, "Support your Cultural/Ethnic Group."

In this fund-raiser students are encouraged to place money in a jar with the name of their favorite cultural/ethnic group on the front. I do not know what they are trying to achieve with this fund-raiser, but I don't see anything positive coming from this.

With all the progress this country and college has made in the past 35 years to making a less divided society, I am offended that we have regressed to "voting" for our favorite race. I am also dumbfounded as to why one of the groups founded in the past few years on our campus to promote diversity is using a fund-raiser that can only promote factionalism.

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I always thought the purpose of creating a diversity task force, founding minority based clubs, and hiring a director for multicultural awareness was to create a greater sense of community. I think the activities and posters raising awareness about people of varying heritage on this campus are great ideas. Let's face it, this college is predominantly white, and just because of its location will probably stay that way for a long time.

We do need to clue people in to the presence of minorities on campus.

We do need to create a better sense of community between people of different cultural and ethnic groups. Posters and activities and new classes that announce, "HEY! Not every one on campus is white and from Western Europe" do just that. But putting your spare change into a can-labeled-with

some broad category does the opposite.

It may help foster unity, but only unity within each specific group. That's not what Multiculturalism is about. That's not why people are taking all these new and more publicized cultural classes. Let's do something that actually helps and makes a difference. I just went to the WMC web site and I didn't see one mention of the Multicultural Task Force. I hear about all these activities and then I hear people saying, "Oh, that's a (insert minority group here) thing." And they don't go. They don't go because they think it's not for them. They think it's not for them because in our country we learn about black history one month out of the year.

We're lucky if we hear a mention of women in history other than Molly Pitcher and Joan of Arc.

And you'd be hard pressed to hear about any other group that has been completely written out of our history books and consciousness. It's this upbringing that creates

the mentality of us and them. It's this mentality that makes white people think MSA, Women's Issues, and other groups are only for minorities.

And it is this mentality behind the fund-raiser by MSA.

This fund-raising is not raising awareness. It's letting me know that it's all right to think that people fall into either "minority" or "white," because it's telling me that that's how minorities see themselves, too.

I think the MSA seriously needs to re-evaluate the methods they are using to promote diversity because as far as I can tell their current method is vastly self-defeating. I say enough with all this compartmentalizing.

It's about time we started challenging the basic assumptions of our society that created the need for MSA in the first place.

A student's perspective on life and its meaning?

Nycole Tyson sheds some light on the purpose life and how the present is all we really have.

Have you ever taken the time to ponder life and its meaning? Are you too busy meeting paper deadlines, studying for tomorrow's test or planning that adviser meeting?

Les Brown said it best "You don't own the future, you don't own the past. Today is all you have."

Life is... Life is full of life, don't you think? I truly believe life happens and you must go with the flow. You must! Or else you will be dragged emotionally, mentally and maybe even physically. Life is not an easy road, but one who feels it knows that even when you encounter bumps in the road, it is still worth the distance to be traveled.

When you resist the bumps in life's road, feelings of confusion, depression, and stress occur. And I know that many if not all of you have experienced these feelings.

An example of this would be a relationship gone bad, a test you studied for all night, yet still failed, or an internship you were certain to get but which didn't go as planned.

Every bump that occurs in your life and every unexpected turn and interaction is an opportunity for growth and better understanding of yourself. Right now, take a deep breath and just relax.

Sometimes you can work as hard as you want to and still not be successful; nonetheless, you still need to work hard. Do your best and forget the rest, I say.

There may be a lot of failures in your life, but what doesn't kill you will only make you stronger. But if you work hard, play hard as well. Everyone needs a break and that includes you.

Broken ATM creates problems

Jessica Fisher expresses her qualms when it comes to dealing with WMC's lone ATM.

Every once in a while I feel like giving myself a break from the Glar food here at college or doing a little shopping on the weekends.

Since I never seem to have cash on me, I always have to end up getting some out of the ATM. One weekend, about a month ago, my roommate and I decided to order out. We called up Pizza Hut and got a large pizza to split with our friends. After ordering we went down to the ATM outside Decker Center.

Once we got there, we realized that we were going to have a really hard time paying for our pizza since we had no way of getting our money. That is right, once again the machine had a message on it that read that it was temporarily out of service. Normally I would not have been so mad, but I had a pizza on the way and no way to pay for it.

At first, I did not think anything of it. Then, I started hearing my friends and classmates talking about it. They also had stories about how they could not get their money when they needed it. I started hearing complaints about it all the time.

Since I had been hearing so much about it, I became curious. I started looking at the screen of the ATM machine every time I passed by it. I realized that it was temporarily out of service frequently. However, when I hear the word "temporarily," I think to myself just a day or so. I do not think that the problem will last for three days or longer. It seems as though the machine is always

Just live life is my motto! Believe me I am not always in a positive mood, but I believe in all these things. Living in this world and still believing in these things, I think, is the reason for believing.

Tomorrow is the future, yesterday is the past, but today is the present. That means that everyday everyone in this world has a chance to begin anew, a chance to wipe the previous day and mistakes of the past clean and embrace a new beginning—hard to believe?

For many, this may seem like an impossible task to achieve. I might say that too, but I believe it is possible. Nothing is impossible. It may be a challenge, but it is not impossible. Once you believe in yourself anything can be achieved.

Don't get me wrong, just because you think about something, doesn't mean that it's just going to come true without perseverance and effort.

You will get knocked down a couple times. I sure have. Still, what will you have to do? "Get back up!" That's right, because it is not what happens to you that really matters. It is how you deal with what happens to you that really counts. This way of thinking is not easy to master, please, I have not mastered it myself.

Life as I see it, is somewhat like a game of Monopoly. It is not limited to this game, it can be whatever game you see fit—the game of Life, Chess. Nevertheless, it is a game to be played. And like a game after much practice you can play it better.

Life will never be a "walk in the park," however, with timely contemplation and reflection of past mistakes and situations, the one in possession of life will have a better approach.

broken. Although I am sure that it is just my luck that when I need money it is not working. Then, when I don't need to withdraw money, it is in perfect order. Nevertheless, we do need to fix the problems with the machine.

I think one way we could solve the problem with not being able to get our money out at certain times, is to have another ATM on campus. If we did, then everyone would not have to rely on just the one machine. It would be a lot more convenient having two machines.

Along the same lines, I think we should have more bank options than just Better Banking and Trust (BBT). Unless BBT is your bank, you get charged \$1.50 every time to use WMC's ATM machine. In addition to that charge, your bank will charge you for using it as well. College students are already strapped enough for cash. We do not to add these various bank charges to the many things we have to pay for while here at college.

If all of this was done, then I would not have to worry about calling up my boyfriend to borrow \$15, so that I can get my pizza. Not to mention, the pizza man was literally outside holding my pizza for me. Thankfully he did lend me the money. I did not have to go through the embarrassment of not having enough money to afford a pizza on the weekend. I have learned two lessons from this experience. First: never order or plan to do anything unless you have the cash in your hand. Second: never order anything unless you have checked the WMC's only ATM-screen beforehand.

Lack of diversity causes concern among students, faculty

NYKOLE TYSON

Staff Writer

Many believe that cultural awareness is crucial to a successful campus life experience at WMC, but views vary on the problems that arise from a perceived lack of awareness on WMC's campus.

Cultural awareness, as defined by Debra Lemke, chairman of the Sociology Department, "is knowing that we all have differences in beliefs and values, and accepting those differences."

The lack of awareness on campus adversely affects many minority students' transition to the atmosphere of the campus.

Tonya Condell, a junior English major, comments, "they may feel stressed, depressed and end up having resentment towards the majority of students who have a healthy social life, and are doing well in classes."

One African American student relates her freshman experience. "In my freshman year, my roommate and I would sit in our room and obsess on the fact that we did not like the school and did not feel comfortable. We were so depressed that our grades and health were lacking," commented Camille Cooke. She was a 2000 graduate

sociology major and previous president of the Multicultural Student Association.

When a student feels lonely, "out of place," and depressed, they are less likely to get involved in programs and activities. This hinders a student's ability to have a true college experience - a great disadvantage in their college career.

"The opportunity of working in college organizations, making connections and developing oneself fully are missed because of lack of participation," Cooke comments.

Condell expressed her feelings on the lack of diversity and understanding on campus. "WMC is a predominantly white school. When you do not have people that understand where you come from and can relate to, you will feel out of place," she said.

In addition to the concern over students not adapting to campus life, there are other equally important matters.

Lemke said the biggest problem she has observed regarding cultural diversity on campus is the lack of exposure students have to different cultural issues.

People who are not exposed to different cultures are often insensitive when dealing with people

from other cultures.

"Many people are suspicious if you are of a different background or culture," says Lemke.

This poses a problem for a person's positive interaction with others.

When students graduate they will have to interact and deal with people from various backgrounds and if they have no previous experience, this can be a difficult and shocking ordeal.

Lemke commented, "when you look at the demographics of how culturally mixed the U.S. will be in the year 2000 and beyond, the quality of life will depend on how effectively we interact with other ethnic backgrounds."

Additionally, "the more diversity there is, the richer everyone's education," says Dr. Rebecca Carpenter, an English professor.

Carpenter believes that too many students carry around misconceptions of various ethnic backgrounds without doing real research to prove their views right or wrong.

"Assumptions and stereotypes need to be challenged in the classroom," she says.

Though some may believe that the campus is making progress, Mithona Dan, junior sociology

major, does not believe that there is much of a difference at all.

Asked if students are culturally aware and in tune with various backgrounds, Carpenter said, "yes."

However, she believes that it is important for students, faculty and administration to be involved in cultural issues and in the recruitment of more races to the school.

Carpenter adds, "One of the worst things is for anyone to be satisfied and sit back on the achievements of WMC. It is one thing to be proud of what you have, but it is another to be complacent. And complacency is one thing I do not support." But there are different views on the cultural atmosphere of WMC.

Shelise Holloway was a recent graduate of class 2000 and was a sociology major here. She insisted, "WMC is not that much aware. How can it be when it does not promote other cultures in its curriculum that deal with cultural awareness?" Holloway is not alone in her belief.

Cooke agrees with Holloway, "I think there is a limited number of students that are culturally aware."

She feels as though cultural awareness is not given much importance in the curriculum. But in a determined tone she says, "I plan to be a contributor to this change in thinking."

Cooke is not just giving lip service. In fact, as a junior and senior at WMC, she lobbied for curriculum changes to get the Heritage Sequence reevaluated.

"I think the majority of the classes in the Heritage Sequence are focused on white, European, male Christians," she says. She is also urging the administration to continue to hire more minority faculty.

Additionally, Henry Reiff, associate dean of Academic Affairs, observes that not being able to recruit enough minority faculty is another problem linked to the lack of diversity in the curriculum.

Because of the competition in salary and the location of WMC, according to Reiff, "it is a real challenge for WMC to be attractive to minority faculty."

The efforts of the school are starting to bear fruit. Recently, WMC hired two of the first African American women professors to the campus for the 2000-2001 school year. But is that enough?

"There are about five to seven minority professors on campus," says Cooke.

She has also observed that the most racially diverse working population on campus is the cleaning and kitchen staff, "and that is not a healthy view of minorities for the campus."

Furthermore, Lemke assures that the sociology department is changing the Global Perspective requirement.

The Sociology department recently hired one of the first two African American women to fill the position for African-American studies, which will also be offered as a minor.

Cooke says, "Cultural diversity starts with everyone and a good start is the hiring of other ethnic backgrounds."

Junior Business/Economics major, Shaiah Gaddy, believes diversity is important to the campus, which should reflect the real world. She asserts "you need a diverse campus to represent a diverse society."

Gaddy believes that the campus is getting there, "but it's not there yet," because "there are many people ignorant about other cultures as well as their own."

Grace Almandrez, director of Multicultural Services, believes that there is a limit to what academics can do for a person.

"But the option to take cultural classes and the potential to make WMC's campus a more diverse community is there," Almandrez remarked.

Most agree that cultural awareness is a crucial factor to a successful campus life.

It allows everyone at WMC to obtain a better understanding of the cultures and people our society is comprised of.

Despite the fact that Western Maryland is not as culturally aware as some would like, "It is the little steps we make that matters," concludes a optimistic Cooke.



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Theater produces success with Miller's *The Crucible*

RJ SHORE AND JOAN FAULKNER
Asst. Commentary and Asst. News Editors

Bravo to everyone in the cast and crew of the WMC's recent production of "The Crucible".

In case you weren't one of the 430 people who came out to see this historical play with a contemporary twist, perhaps you should be enlightened about it.

From October 25 through October 28, WMC students performed this play in the Dorothy Elderidge Studio in Alumni Hall.

Dr. Ron Miller, professor of Theatre and director of the play, said that he had not directed that kind of realism in a number of years.

In the director's notes, he said that he needed to find a way to present the play as it now seemed by illustrating "the process by which an outsider is punished by his community for thinking differently than the rest of the 'tribe'."

Because of the play's universalism, Miller decided to use a modern-day setting with televisions and music which includes Nine Inch Nails and Rage Against the Machine.

Although he added this modern contrast, he hoped the audience would still "recognize the characters and not think they're from some alien place and that the play is still vital [to today]."

Of the students participating in the production, half were part of a performance lab and the other half were doing it as an interest and to continue their theatre experience.

Students began rehearsing around September 10, and then intensely once Lysistrata ended, as several actors/actresses were in both shows.

Senior Joy Thomas, assistant director and character Elizabeth Proctor, agreed that this interpretation was "not about one spe-

cific incident, but about bigger issues."

Senior Martha Tudor, character Rebecca Nurse and sound designer, said that this was the "first time [I had] done something that dramatically different with a play."

How did the length of three hours effect the audience? Junior Dave Kemp thought the play "wasn't overly long. It went by fast."

Sophomore Chris Hickle agreed that "the reaction to [the play] went pretty well." Hickle added that "a lot of people talked about it."

The cast rehearsal, on the other hand, consisted of long days and a lot of time. Kemp added that although "it was a good process, it was very emotionally intense."

Niki Averill, who played Abigail Williams, said that she and some other cast members were initially concerned that "the audience members would get bored, but they roughed it out."

Averill also noted that they had a decent turnout except for Thursday night when, she estimates, only about 50 people came to see it.

In fact, one night a respondent from the ACTE, American College Theatre Festival, attended, said Miller.

There were good things and things could have been better given more rehearsal time, Miller said. The length made it difficult to rehearse all the scenes enough, he adds.

Melissa O'Brien, character Mary Warren, said that she was "pretty nervous and exhausted with not enough rehearsal time."

O'Brien also said that there was some kind of "unique energy" that kept the cast going. In a similar manner, Averill said there was "a great chemistry in the cast" and it was a lot of fun to perform.

Overall the play could have been interpreted in a variety of ways, says Miller, and "people take from a play what they get."

60 Seconds

What are you thankful for?

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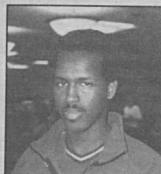
Marcus Woods '03

"For the people who care about me."



Maria Portuondo '03

"My family."



Hussein Samater '02

"Being alive."

Tina Patronas '04 and Nicole Pennella '04

"Our families, the opportunity to expand our minds, while meeting a few interesting people along the way."



ERIN OWEN

Cast and crew of *The Crucible* take a minute to pose for the camera after the show one night

Dear Kitty: get the advice of a WMC psychology major

Do you ever have those pressing problems to which you wished you had a quick answer?

Well, there may not be a quick answer, but there is Kitty. Kitty will read your problems and maybe give you a few options you hadn't thought of yet, so go ahead ask for help, Ask Kitty...

If you have a question, a problem, or just a situation you would like an

opinion on, write a letter and send it to Kitty. Send it through campus mail to box 797.

Dear Kitty will be a new column in *The Phoenix*. The author is a WMC psychology major, and not a licensed professional.

Kitty just presents a forum for people who would like to look at their issues in a different way.

Room 403G

This episode: Leftovers

LISA DALE VAN AUKEN

Staff Writer

Welcome to room 403G. It's small, cramped, cluttered, and five flights above Rouzer parking lot. We call it home.

November is naturally spooky.

It's true that October is infused with horror movies, kids in drag, and plastic bodies hung from porches.

And that Halloween is enchanted with red falling leaves and people mocking mortality with rubber knives.

But November is intrinsically morose.

Even if some of that Halloween horror didn't carry over into the next month, November would be still scary enough on its own.

The skies go gray and the leaves suddenly just crap out and fall off. Gnarled, naked branches claw at the wintry clouds. Earth becomes a little unearthly.

That's why I'm not surprised when Karen, one of my roommates, starts talking about a "creepy feeling" she gets when she's up in the middle of the night to pee.

At first I don't believe it. Ghosts, spirits, goblins. All that stuff belongs in October.

But then I wake up in the middle of the night for no reason and I swear I hear something in the bathroom next door.

When I tell Karen in the morning, she says, "I know. I heard it too."

For her, it's confirmed: we have a ghost. But I am not sure.

So I start talking to people about it. "There's a ghost living in our bathroom," I say to Cat, our other roommate.

"Don't say that," she says. "You'll freak me out."

Another friend says, "It's probably some dead Civil War minister."

"What's he doing in my shower?" I say. "Making up for lost time?"

Secretly, I decide that I am going to be the one to get to the bottom of this that the ghost (which I don't necessarily believe in) has chosen me to be some sort of earthly emissary so I can relate its message to others.

One day, when no one is around, I go in the bathroom to talk to it, hoping it will acknowledge me if I acknowledge it. But it doesn't.

November weeks pass. Karen and I get

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Students spending Semester At Sea on S.S. Universe Explorer

SHAUNA DOMINGUEZ
Features Editor

This semester there are two WMC students involved in the Semester At Sea program, sponsored by the Institute for Shipboard Education and the University of Pittsburgh. The two students from WMC are Aleya Horn and Jamie Morris.

So far this semester, the ship has taken students to places across the globe such as Japan, China, Malaysia, Vietnam and India. Before the ship returns to port in New Orleans on December 22, they will visit Turkey, Croatia, Spain, and Cuba.

According to Paul Watson, the Director of Enrollment Management, it is not possible to e-mail the students aboard the ship, but call-

ing and faxing is possible. However, the calls can cost more than \$10 for a single minute.

The ship that Aleya, Jamie, and the other students sail on is the S.S. Universe Explorer, which is a 23,500-ton ship boasting closed-circuit television, a library, computer lab, theater, student union, and two dining halls. There is also a swimming pool, basketball and volleyball courts, and a fitness center. Cabins are either double or triple occupancy.

There are over 70 courses for the students to choose from, taught by professors who

have generally had resident experience abroad. Also, while in port,



COURTESY OF THE SEMESTER AT SEA PROGRAM
Aleya Horn (left) and Jamie Morris enjoying their sea voyage.

there are many activities the students can choose to do, including

staying with local families, visits to the universities in the area, historical trips, or students can venture out on their own. All classes require the students to do some sort of field component while at port, which is usually from four to six days in length.

Semester At Sea goes on two voyages per year, one being Spring semester and the second being in the Fall. Typical places the ship visits during the Spring include Cuba, Brazil, South Africa, Kenya, India, Vietnam, Malaysia, China, and Japan. In the fall, the typical places are

similar, but includes Croatia, Egypt, Turkey, and Morocco instead of the Spring's Brazil, South Africa, and Kenya.

Now, in addition to the two semester programs, Semester At Sea offers a summer program that lasts about two months.

Students who go on the summer voyage will most likely visit places such as Spain, Norway, Belgium, Portugal, Italy, and Egypt. Each year more and more students are utilizing the opportunity to see the world.

If interested, write an e-mail to shipboard@sas.ise.pitt.edu for more information on the Semester At Sea program. Or pick up a phone and call 1-800-854-0195, or visit www.semesteratsea.com.

WMC's Chamber Music on the Hill celebrated 10th anniversary

Chamber Music on the Hill brought out the musical equivalent of "the heavy artillery" for its 10th anniversary gala concert.

The concert was held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 5 in (Big) Baker Memorial Chapel.

Part of a series in residence at the college, the anniversary concert featured an orchestra of student and community players, as well as The College Choir.

Featured WMC students included Ted Dix on harpsichord and David Kreider playing the piano.

Margaret Boudreaux was the choir conductor for this spectacular concert.

Other professional performers were baritone Eyan Paul Walker of

Carroll Community College. Also participating in this anniversary

"It will be quite a good show with all of these players and voices.

It's a concert fit for a special anniversary," added Kreider.

And his prediction couldn't have been more right.

The program included pieces such as Robert Schumann's "Piano Concerto in A minor."

Antonio Vivaldi's "Bassoon Concerto in D minor" was also included.

And last but not their only other piece, John Ritter's "When Icicles Hang," a choral piece

based on the works of William Shakespeare, was performed. An anniversary reception was held following the concert.

Information Courtesy of the Public Information Office.



STUDENTS WORKING HARD ON THEIR SONGS DURING A REHEARSAL HELD ON SATURDAY MORNING IN BIG BAKER BEFORE THE SUNDAY CONCERT.

event was Julie Gregorian, a bassoonist with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

"I'm not sure we've ever done anything like this," Dr. Kreider said, confident that the show would be a success.

Room 403G mystery continued

more and more worked up about our ghost while Cat snickers at us from behind her hot chocolate.

I tell Karen I might have seen a nebulous figure in the shower steam. She says she's started leaving the bathroom door open in the middle of the night, just in case.

We decide to form a game plan to deal with our visitor, but we fall asleep. It can wait.

At 3 a.m., I wake up.

There are faint sounds drifting through the bedroom wall. Thinking them my imagination, I try to go back to sleep, but they persist. Low groans. (Was that really a groan?) And distant laughter. (It must be coming from the parking lot.) Then, creaking floorboards. (Isn't the bathroom tile?)

"Karen," I nearly shout across the room. Slowly she wakes up, telling me I am not imagining it.

We both hear it. It's what we've been waiting for. After gathering

our courage, we venture out into the dark.

The sounds get louder as we creep closer.

Suddenly Karen laughs and throws open the door. There's a stereo on the floor.

She pushes stop and the sound cuts off.

Inside the tape player is a black and orange Halloween tape.

Back in her bed, Cat is giggling like a mad woman while Karen and I hit her with every pillow we can get our hands on.

It's a leftover from October-on-Halloween!" she explains between breaths.

I go back to bed.

Editor's Note: This is a new column that will be appearing in each issue about the lives of a few WMC students and how they cope with the different elements of college/dorm life.

Myers to study abroad at Oxford University

KATE ESPOSITO
Senior Writer

Few students are looking forward to the beginning of January more than junior Stacey Myers. Instead of repacking her bags for Jan Term, she will be boarding a

plane for the UK. She will be the first WMC student to spend a semester at Oxford University.

Myers will be attending Hertford College, one of 45 colleges affiliated with the university.

Oxford is located about 50 miles north-west of London, England.

Part of the reason why few students have explored opportunities at Oxford is that a student here can not apply directly.

Myers said, "I applied to Butler University's Study Abroad program, and then they forwarded my application to Oxford. Western Maryland does not have an affiliation with Oxford. That was the only way I could go."

She is also very proud of her academic achievement: gaining admission to a very prestigious college.

"Oxford is a big-name school," explained Myers. "I wanted to see if I could get in."

As an English major, Myers is especially enthused with the idea of heading to the alma mater of Johnathan Swift and Thomas Hobbes.

She commented, "Studying in the UK [will] give me the opportunity to see where many great authors lived, and also give me the opportunity to better understand the culture—thereby better understanding the literature."

In addition to adjusting to cultural differences, Myers will have

to get used to living in a city. This will be a dramatic change from Westminster. "I'm afraid it will take me a while to adapt to city living. I'm not much of a city person," she admitted.

However, one of the greatest differences she will have to adapt to will be in the course work.

Classes at Oxford are very different from the program at WMC.

According to the university's web site, "Oxford is different from most other universities in the way we teach."

Each week students meet with a tutor for one hour to discuss any essays or research. There are usually only two students in a tutorial. There are no mandatory lectures, making education very self-directed.

Also, a student takes only two courses per session.

Myers described the course format, "Basically, it would be similar to taking an independent study course here, where you have write a five to ten page essay every week."

According to the university, "Tutorials show you new possibilities for thinking."

Due to the trimester system in use at Oxford, Myers will attend two full sessions, for a total of four courses. She will not be returning home until early July.

Myers sees this extended amount of time as overwhelmingly positive as it will allow for a visit from her family, along with giving her more time to explore Europe.

"I am really excited about all the opportunities I'll have to see new places and meet new people," she said enthusiastically.

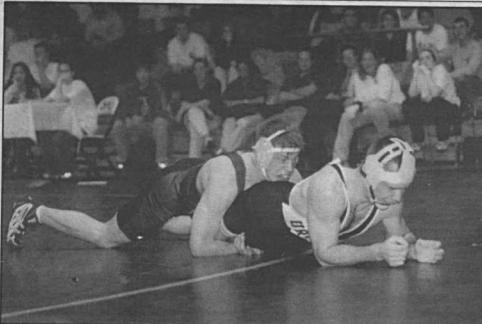


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COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Mike Macey is attempts to pin an opponent in a match last season against Ursinus.

Terror Cross Country competes in Centennial Conference Championships

MATTHEW E. HURFF

Sports Editor

On Saturday, October 28, 2000, the Centennial Conference Cross Country Championships were held at Western Maryland College.

Joko Agunloye of Swarthmore College came in first in the 3.1 mile women's race with the time of 18:56.20. This broke the Western Maryland course record of 19:09.8 set by Jill Krebs.

Krebs was the top finisher for the Terror, completing the course in 5th place with a time of 19:21.50. Other top finishers for the women's team were Diana Pool (33rd place), Jayne Kailow (56th place), Amy Horin (59th place) and Jessica Miller (65th place). Overall, this gave the women's cross country team a sixth place finish with a score of 185.

Krebs adds, "Conferences wasn't a good race for all of us", and that "there were some things that shouldn't have happened."

Dickinson came in first with a strong of five runners in the top 14, giving them a score of 34. In the wake of this race, Krebs was named to the All-Centennial Conference team. This will be Krebs third consecutive nomination to this team.

The team looks to prepare for the NCAA Mid-East Regionals this week. Krebs says that they will, "try to forget about conferences," and "not stress about regionals."

In men's action, J.B. Hagluno of Haverford College came in first on the 4.97-mile course with a time of 26:15.75. This time broke the previous record of 26:30.50 set by Jeff Olenick of Goucher College.

The top runner for Western Maryland was freshman Jimmy Thayer who came in 51st with a time of 30:15.31. Also placing for the Terror were Ryan Melhorn (56th place), John Reagan (65th place), Calvin Woodward (67th place) and Dave Proffil (78th place).

The Terror came in eighth place in this contest with a score of 237. In first place was Haverford College, with a score of 19. Haverford utilized a strong showing of their top five runners, all of whom placed in the top six. Thayer says that in the race, "we all ran badly, no one had a good race." Proffil added, "We have the talent to do better, it just happened that everyone had a bad race on the same day."

The Terror look to make a strong showing at the NCAA Mid-east Regional Championship on November 11th, where the Terror will showcase their top seven runners against schools from throughout the region.

Freshman Ryan Melhorn says that in preparation for this race, "we have put the past week behind us. We will run better at regionals and we can't worry about last week now."

Despite what happens at the Mid-East Regional Championship, the men's team has a bright future, as four of the five top finishers at the conference championships were freshman.

Proffil feels that "it takes experience to learn how to run the race." Certainly, this young group of runners will benefit next year from the experience gained this season.

Terror Sports Trivia

Who is the only NBA player to order a pizza from the bench during a game? Answer: Next Edition

To promote a more interactive sports section, each edition we will be asking a sports trivia question. If you would like to submit a question to be used in the next edition, please send a campus mail note to Box 501 or call x 8600.

Terror wrestling: another championship season?

RANDALL JUSTICE

Staff Writer

LOADED.

That may be the only word to describe the 2000-2001 edition of Green Terror Wrestling. The team returns a number of quality starters from last year's Centennial Conference Championship effort that also finished ranked 17th in the country.

Preseason polls place this year's team as high as 12th and early indications are that the Terror will defend their conference title while breaking the top ten nationally by season's end.

Head Coach John Lowe makes an even bolder prediction concerning the not-so-distant future of the WMC grapplers, "With everyone on the team that has eligibility next year, we could conceivably be putting together a team that could challenge for an NCAA title."

The off-season was a tremendous success for the Terror as well. Division I transfers Andy Chencharik (Rutgers) and Levi McVey (Washington & Lee) join a lineup that already features four previous conference placewinners in Mike Macey, Eric Bartzak, Bill Bobbit, and Josh Galemore and three defending conference champions in Chris McNally, Rob Johns, and Vinny Pedalino.

Seniors Todd Buzby and Josh Kurjan also promise strong contributions on the mat in addition to their invaluable leadership ability.

Volleyball season comes to a close as two players named to all-conference team

MATTHEW E. HURFF

Sports Editor

The Western Maryland College Women's Volleyball team finished up their 2000 regular season campaign on the road in Elizabethtown, Pa for the yearly Halloween classic vs. Moravian, Salisbury, Susquehanna, and the host Elizabethtown.

The Terror lost 0-3 and 1-3 matches to Salisbury and Moravian respectively.

In the match against Moravian, sophomore Kate Wall played a vital role with 16 kills and 11 digs.

On the season, Wall leads the team with 390 kills and 341 digs, along with 22 blocks and 45 aces.

Against Salisbury, senior Brianne Bray supplied the power in a losing cause

The terror rallied back with a 3-2 victory over Susquehanna and in a rebounding 3-0 shutout of the host Elizabethtown Blue Jays, she had 12 digs.

This tournament brought the Terror overall record to a respectable 17-15 mark for the season, while the squad recorded a 6-4 tally in Centennial Conference action.

The Green Terror was also named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference South postseason tournament as a #5 seed.

They will face off against #4 seed Grove City College to move further in playoff action.

The action will take place on November 10-11 at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA.

The other colleges participating in this tournament are #1 seed Carnegie Mellon University, #2 seed Johns Hopkins University, #3 seed Kean University, and #6 seed

The strength of WMC wrestling has long been the ability of each individual to compete and contribute to the team's overall success. This season promises to be no different, as there are a number of additional wrestlers anxiously awaiting the opportunity to prove themselves.

The Green Terror open their season November 11 in Wilkes-Barre, PA at the King's Monarch Invitational.

On December 5th, captains McNally, Macey, and Pedalino will lead the team to Muhlenberg for their conference opener.

Muhlenberg is ranked second in the Centennial Conference behind Western Maryland and while the match occurs early in the schedule, it will go a long way toward determining who will finish the year at number one.

The Terror schedule also features two home matches, on January 20 against Wilkes, Delaware State, Howard, and Cheyney, and January 31 against conference rival Gettysburg.

Coach John Lowe is joined by returning assistant Steve Smiddy and new additions Sam Gardner and Andre Kelley in preparing for the season.

Expectations and talent level are high in the room as Chris McNally reveals, "I believe we will bring home a trophy the first weekend in March [National Championships in Waterloo, Iowa]."

Green Terror Wrestling: LOADED.

University of Scranton.

This past week, several players on the volleyball team have received individual honors.

For the second time in their respective careers, seniors Brianne Bray and Honesty Drumgoole have been named to the All-Centennial Conference first team.

Drumgoole was a selection to this team in the 1999 campaign for an outstanding overall performance, while she made the second team during the 1998 season.

Bray was a nomination to the first team during the 1998 season, and was a member of the second team a year ago.

Drumgoole was outstanding this season, as she participated in 98 games in which she had 360 kills and 259 digs to go along with 35 blocks.

Brianne Bray was also a very powerful force in her senior year.

She participated in 105 games in which she racked up 209 kills 246 blocks and a team leading 88 blocks.

Vital freshman support came from Alice Osborne, who participated in 114 games, which is second only to Kate Wall's 115 games played.

Osborne added 125 kills, 59 digs and 40 blocks to the 2000 campaign.

Senior Jen Martin has also been invaluable this season, providing 188 digs to the effort.

Other standouts of the season include juniors Jessica Rouse and Abby Barnett.

Rouse was particularly solid in providing a team leading 55 aces.

Meanwhile, Barnett had 95 kills and 111 digs over the course of the season.

Men's Soccer enters ECAC playoffs with a four game win streak

CRAIG P. JOHNSON
Staff Writer

When the WMC Men's soccer team walked off the field for the last time this season, it was not on the terms that they had wanted.

After putting together a late season surge in which they compiled a 4-0-1 record, the 2000 campaign ended in a 4-1 loss to Penn State-Behrend in the first round of the ECAC men's soccer tournament.

This undesirable result cannot, however, overshadow the enormous success enjoyed by the Green Terror this year en route to a 10-7-2 mark, their best season in more than a decade.

On October 25, Western Maryland traveled to Carlisle, Pennsylvania to take on the Red Devils of Dickinson

David Filo registered the assist on the first at the 27 minute mark, with Tom Long assisting on the second just five minutes later.

WMC scored a pair of goals in each half and posted its second shutout of the season. Both first-half goals were tallied by Vinny Pedalino.

Eleven minutes into the second half, freshman Chris Smith

found his way into the scoring column of an assist from Pedalino. Pedalino then closed the scoring with a penalty kick two minutes later. This game marked Western Maryland's first NCAA men's soccer victory at Dickinson since 1982.

With three straight wins under their belt, two in Centennial Conference play, the Green Terror looked to continue the momentum as they faced Ursinus at home on October 28.

Western Maryland jumped on the Bears early, scoring three times in Saturday's opening period. Darren Wolf tallied the Terror's first goal 15 minutes into the game on a pass from Chris Smith.

Dan D'Agostino's unassisted goal with 21 minutes left in the half brought the lead to 2-0. Michael Okoye, the team's newest acquisition, gave WMC a three goal cushion six minutes later with a skillful shot off of his head. Ursinus struck twice in the second half to make the game interesting, but Okoye's second goal of the contest with 16 minutes remaining iced the victory.

On November 4, in the final game of the regular season, Western Maryland battled visiting Washington College to a scoreless draw.

Despite having a man advantage for most of the contest, the Green Terror were simply unable to find the



Chris Smith prepares to maneuver around a Washington College fullback

back of the net. An additional 30 minutes of overtime, which were played at even strength due to Vinny Pedalino's red card near the end of regulation, also produced no goals.

Before the game, WMC honored seniors Dan D'Agostino and Darren Wolf, who have helped lead the Green Terror from a three-win season as freshmen to 10 wins in 2000.

Thanks to those four wins in their last five games, the Western Maryland men's soccer team was rewarded Monday with a berth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference postseason tournament. The Green Terror received the third seed in the six-team Mid-Atlantic region.

In the contest against sixth-seeded Penn State-Behrend, the Lions opened the scoring 25 minutes in as James Martin found the net on the first of two assists from Ryan Ohl.

Just 50 seconds into the second

eight to three in overtime.

Unfortunately, it was not enough. Freshman Kristin Barrick had four of the team's eight shots in the two overtime periods, but none could be finished, which lead to the loss.

The season, however, was highly successful for the Terror.

The team's powerful attack smashed two former school scoring records. In the beginning of the season, the Terror recorded 18 goals in the shutout win over Salem College to double the old record set in 1952, 1972, and 1996.

Also, the Terror accumulated 55 goals, which is a 19-goal improvement of the old record of 36 set in 1994.

Even if the Salem game is omitted from the statistics, the Terror still broke the old record.

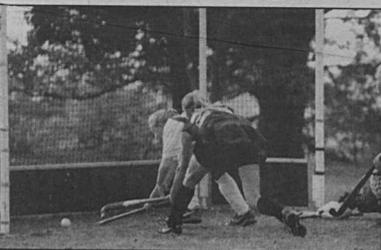
In spite of streaks of defeats and victories, the team made significant improvements over last year's record including doubling the number of victories (from five to 10) and cutting the number of defeats from 11 to nine.

Moreover, six of nine losses were by one goal.

This demonstrates tremendous improvement over the 1999 season because of the eleven losses only three were by one goal.

On the defensive end, the Terror held its opposition to only 31 goals.

Coach Mindy Manolovich acknowledged to the team following the



Shauna Oplinger scores off a Tracy Kessler pass in the season finale. Kessler's assist matches the school record for assists in a season (7).

Washington loss that the team had a highly successful season pointing out the broken records, significantly improved record from the 1999 season, and the development of the team through the season.

Manolovich expressed regrets for losing the four seniors to graduation, but is enthused for the next year.

Many Terror players were also recognized with awards. Seniors Shauna Oplinger and Sarah Fogler, junior Lauren Cernak, and sophomore Sara Hansen were honored by the Centennial Conference's Academic Honor Roll while Fogler and freshman Kim Campanelli were named to the All Conference Second Team.

half, Penn State-Behrend gained a 2-0 lead when Ohl found Mike Fry. Jason Falk added a goal in the 64th minute, which was followed by a strike 15 minutes later from Dan Falk.

The Green Terror got on the board in the 82nd minute when sophomore Chris Wincke beat goalkeeper Tommy Sieg on an assist from sophomore Steve Lennox. Sieg had five saves for Penn State-Behrend, while Western Maryland goalkeeper Ryan DeFebaugh stopped six shots.

Granted, the season ended on a losing note, but the WMC men's soccer team could hold their heads high as they boarded the bus for the long ride back from Erie, Pa.

After struggling through an up-and-down spell earlier in the year, the Green Terror pulled it together when it counted to notch a second consecutive winning season.

With a core of young talent returning next year, the future looks bright in Westminster.

Winter Sports Schedule

Wrestling
@ Kings College
11/11, 9:30 AM

@ SUNY Oneonta
11/18, 10:30 AM

@ Petrofoss Invitational
12/1-12/2

Women's Basketball
@ Greensboro Tournament
11/18-11/19

Dickinson
11/22, 7 PM

Alvernia
12/2, 2 PM

Franklin and Marshall
12/5, 7 PM

Indoor Track and Field
@ Bucknell Invitational
12/2 Time: TBA

Swimming
@ Swarthmore
12/2, 2 PM

Elizabethstown
12/5, 6 PM

Men's Basketball
Villa Julie
11/17, 6 PM

N.C. Wesleyan
11/18, 6 PM

Kings
11/18, 8 PM

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Swarthmore
12/1 7:30 PM

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MATT HURTT

Number 26 Matt Jackson, wide receiver, breaks loss for a touchdown.

Terror on a roll, defeats Hopkins

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Staff Writer

The Green Terror football team recorded three victories in as many weeks to close out the season with a 9-1 mark. These victories came over rival Johns Hopkins, Swarthmore, and Widener. All three victories were fairly one-sided, and a testament to how well the Terror have played in the second half of the season.

The most recent of these victo-

ries was the 41-7 destruction of Baltimore area foe Johns Hopkins. The Terror defense dominated, and the offense was consistent in putting up their 34 points.

Highlights of this victory include senior placekicker Brent Sandrock topping his former best for field goal length of 39 twice with kicks of 41 and 42 yards.

On the kicks, Sandrock said that "the last few weeks I have been kicking really well." He feels that the competition with Chris Patterson for the kicking job has made practice more like a game situation, thus relieving pressure in real game situations.

The most exciting play of the day came from the shortest man on the team, freshman punt returner French Pope.

The truly amazing return effort featured "Frenchie" (Pope's nickname) leaping over the Blue Jays punter after he had slipped directly in front of Pope.

Pope has been outstanding in the role of punt returner, as he has returned for 386 yards and 11.4 yards per return.

Overall, the fact that Hopkins' home field is made of astro-turf had very little effect upon the Terror, as exemplified by the score.

The week before the Terror hosted their last game of the season with a 41-21 trouncing of Swarthmore. In the game the Terror offense set a school record for

most team rushing yards in a game, with 411.

Although 100-yard games from QB Jamie Harris and RB Joe Kendorski did most of the damage, the play that put this team in the history books was a fake punt turned run by punter Kevin Culbertson.

The game also featured Harris breaking a new conference record for rushing yards by a QB in a season with one game left on the schedule.

Harris has now raised that number with his performance at Hopkins as he has accumulated 923 yards rushing.

Kendorski, meanwhile, has accumulated 583 yards on the season along with four TDs and 4.6 yards per rushing.

The week previous to that was a very big challenge that the Terror answered with flying colors. The team traveled to Chester, PA to meet the undefeated MAC conference champion Widener Pioneers.

Both teams were ranked in the top 20 nationally going into the contest.

After turnovers early in the game, and excellent offensive execution, the Terror opened up a 24 point lead early on the Pioneers. Widener was able to post three scores, but the Terror was much more dominant than the 35-21 score would indicate.

Will football playoffs be at home?

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Staff Writer

It's now mid November. And with this time of year comes yet another Terror run in the NCAA D-III Football playoffs. This is the team's fourth consecutive trip to the playoffs. Only Mount Union and Trinity University have accomplished that same feat.

Coaches, fans, staff, and players were all surprised to learn on the afternoon of November 12, that the Terror will be traveling in the first round of the playoffs this year.

On Saturday the team heads down the Virginia to take on ODAC champs Emory and Henry. Emory and Henry finished their season 8-2, but still host the Terror. The reasoning for giving the Wasps the home field advantage

is that one of their losses came to D-II school, which doesn't fully count against them because the opponent was more difficult than your average D-III team.

If the Green Terror is victorious against the Wasps they'll head back to Texas, where each of the past two seasons have ended. However, they won't be playing Trinity again. This year they would play Hardin Simmons. However, all eyes are looking toward Emory and Henry this weekend.

The D-III playoffs consist of 28 teams, with four receiving byes. The reason for including 28 teams as compared to a more tournament friendly 32 is that the NCAA has rules limiting the percentage of teams for any sport that can compete in post season play.

Looking ahead, there are inter-

esting game possibilities for the Terror. Trinity, the team that has knocked the Terror out of the playoffs the past two seasons, is in the playoffs once again.

Also, Widener is in the playoffs creating a potential re-match from three weeks ago. Perhaps the most interesting is a potential match up in the third round. If both teams play well, the Terror could host Bridgewater again in the third round of the playoffs.

For those who might not remember, Bridgewater is the team that defeated the Terror in the opening week of the season ending their 30 game regular season winning streak.

The playoffs will last five rounds, with the final two teams playing in the Stagg Bowl in Salem, Virginia in December.

Women's Soccer defeats Lebanon Valley in ECAC playoff

GREG LEDERER
Assistant Sports Editor

With many records and honors, this has been a tremendous season for the Western Maryland College women's soccer team. The team broke a school record this season with 17 regular season wins and many players received all conference honors.

The team fell short of their first league title, but received a bid to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Tournament (ECAC) and advanced to the championship game.

Trying to end their regular season on a good note, the Green Terror played road games at Widener and Haverford. In a 3-1 win at Widener, freshman Carah Medill scored two first half goals and sophomore Melissa Merson added another goal. At Haverford, Medill added to her conference records in points, assists, and goals with two more goals to give her 30 on the season.

Her two goals also provided the

offensive punch in a 2-0 win.

Ending their regular season, the Green Terror played a emotional game against conference rival Gettysburg. Behind a packed crowd at Gill Field for Senior Day, the contest would live up to its billing. In a one-sided series, Gettysburg has won 12 games in a row against the Terror; a streak which has spanned 13 years.

The Bullet's started out fast, scoring two goals in the first half to take a 2-0 halftime lead.

To make matters worse for the home team, conference scoring leader Medill was hampered with a hamstring problem and couldn't play much in the second half. With the obstacles, history and injuries piling up against them, the Green Terror fought back in the game.

WMC gained a spark when Gettysburg drew a penalty deep in their territory, giving the Green Terror a penalty shot.

Freshman Nikki Lepson knocked the ball past the Bullet's goalie to put the home team on the

scoreboard at the 32:33 mark.

The offense continued to attack the opposition and cashed in when Melissa Merson found freshman Heidi Hurtt who pushed in a goal to even up the contest at two.

From there, the Green Terror would put the game away when Merson scored her first goal of the game to put the team ahead 3-2. WMC would make history by holding off their rival and registering a 3-2 victory. For the first time since 1987, the Green Terror had defeated Gettysburg.

Boosted by their huge home win, WMC gained an invitation to the Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament (ECAC) in Baltimore, MD. Seeded second out of a six team bracket, the team played their first round game against Lebanon Valley College.

The game was very hard fought and points were difficult to come by as the first half ended in a scoreless tie. The second stanza brought more of the same, until Green Terror freshman Christine Mayne

scored a goal at the 60:00 minute mark to give the team a 1-0 lead that wouldn't relinquish. The play of senior goalie Becca Lyter was key as she stopped five shots to preserve the slim 1-0 victory.

With their narrow win, WMC ventured into the championship game against number one seeded and tough rival, Johns Hopkins. Earlier in the year, Johns Hopkins had handed the Green Terror a heartbreaking 2-1 defeat and the team was looking to redeem themselves.

Unfortunately for WMC fans, the day belonged to the Bluejays. Riding into the contest with a ten-game winning streak, the opposition jumped on WMC early with three goals in the first half to take a 3-0 lead at intermission.

In the second half, the Terror still could not muster any offense, as Johns Hopkins punched in another goal and played tight defense to shutout the Green Terror and leading to the ECAC title for the Bluejays.

WMC women's soccer was honored after the season with many players selected to all conference recognition.

Medill's conference records for points, assists, and goals were recognized as she was selected to the All-Centennial Conference first team, but she narrowly missed out on the conference player of the year award.

Senior Tracy Castor was named second team all conference, and Melissa Merson, Becca Lyter, and Jessie Stickle all received honorable mentions.

It was a great season for the Western Maryland College Women's soccer team as they broke new ground with a school record 17 wins.

Despite not reaching their goal of the school's first conference title, the future looks bright for a team that loses only three seniors. This time next season, it is very possible that with more experience, this team can finally bring home the championship.



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College considers three proposals for building new dorm on campus

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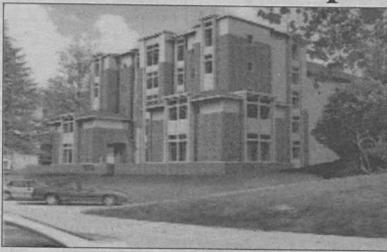
To build a new dorm or not to build a new dorm, that was the question inspired by the April 2000 Board of Trustees meeting.

Within the last few months, the proper steps have been taken to conclude that more housing is a definite need of the WMC campus.

Philip Sayre, vice president and dean of Student Affairs, issued a report explaining how students evaluated their residence life experience.

Kane then compared it to other schools in the nation. WMC scored well in community and residence assistants, however, it rated poor in facility.

A subcommittee of the Build-



THE RAY GROUP

A computer-generated view of one of the proposals designed by one of three architectural firms working on the project.

ing and Grounds Committee was appointed to look into building a new dorm.

Sayre explained that its members met over the summer and came to three conclusions.

They decided that there is a

need for more facilities which would allow for roughly 150 to 175 beds.

The number of beds needed was decided based on the number of beds needed to eliminate triple-

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SGA conducts open-ended voting

MEGAN K. MARTIN
Student Government Reporter

Unlike the citizens of Florida, students at WMC had a second chance to give their approval to the Student Government Assembly's student bill of rights on Tuesday and Wednesday.

According to Sarah Mitchell, SGA secretary, the SGA would like to go before the faculty and administration with support for the student bill of rights from at least ten percent of the student body, or 200 students.

"We don't want to open up a

dialog with them until we know that this is what the students want," Mitchell said.

Voting on the student bill of rights also took place earlier in November. None of the votes from the first round of voting have been tabulated yet because 200 votes were not collected.

Mitchell said, "We're not going to count [the votes] until we have all the votes we need."

She expressed the SGA's hope that every student would participate in discussing and voting on his document.

Steven Sharkey, president of the SGA, stated that this second round of voting was not a "revote." Rather, the voting has become more open-ended, and students can vote for as long as they need, he said. "[This] gives students more of a chance to be heard," he explained.

The student bill of rights, approved by the SGA in October, is a

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Coley settles into new presidency

CLAIRE ADAMS
News Editor

While students and faculty have been working on finishing up the fall semester, President Joan Develin Coley has been hard at work in her new position and plans to be for quite a long time.

Coley, who was elected on October 20, explained that some aspects of her new job are different from when she was previously Provost. The newest thing has been the amount of time I spend fundraising," she said. "I envision doing that consistently in my presidency."

The college's endowment is her biggest target because it is currently very low. Coley said that essentially the endowment pays for everything at the college, from building renovations to faculty salary.

Over the next ten years, Coley would like to see the endowment

Drug arrests examined

MATT MCGOWAN
Staff Writer

The October 16 issue of the *Phoenix* reported that on October 29, 2000, three Westminster Police cars removed six persons from the WMC campus for being found with marijuana. A confirmation of the incident with Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster has revealed that seven persons were arrested in the early hours of that Sunday morning, and that four of these were WMC students, one of whom was later cleared of charges within the school's own judicial system.

Since the current semester began on August 28, there have been five drug-related incidents which resulted in arrests or citations, and three which proved to be unfounded. Each of the three arrests cases occurred in Rouzer Hall, producing a total of eleven arrests, and both cases which resulted in citations were reported in Blanche Ward Hall, with three such writs resulting from the two buses.

The first of these incidents happened on August 29 in Rouzer, the day after Fall classes began.

Though drug use is a problem on WMC's campus, says Webster, "I don't believe that, relatively speaking, WMC has a drug problem any worse than that at any other college, and it may well be better."

A national survey conducted in 1995 and released in 1997 by the Center for Disease Control's Na-

tional Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion showed that "nationally, 14 percent of college students had used marijuana at least once during the 30 days preceding the survey," and that about half of students surveyed, including graduate students, had used marijuana at least once in their lifetime.

Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, agreed with Webster that marijuana usage at WMC is not an overwhelming problem, though it is certainly on the administration's collective mind. "We do what we can to make students aware of the consequences of drug use. Throughout Guidance Day, New Student Orientation and other events, we do our best to explain our position."

Webster described this position as one of "no tolerance," and Sayre stated simply that, "we are not here to enforce the laws of the state of Maryland. We enforce our own rules, and that's as far as we can go." Beyond these, the matter is given to Westminster Police.

"Our policy for dealing with the discovery of drugs on campus is possibly the simplest we have," explained Webster. "Both Residence Life Staff and Campus Safety Officers are trained before they take their positions to recognize the odors produced by various illicit substances."

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Not just any taste test



BRAD WIDNER

The "Taste of Islam" dinner, sponsored by the Multicultural Student Association, honored the Islamic month of fasting called Ramadan, in which Muslims are prohibited from eating and drinking from sunrise to sunset in order to become closer with Allah, the Islamic god. Junior Hussein Samater, president of the MSA, said that at least 80 people participated in the event, held on November 30.

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room occupancy in other dorms and also based on increase social and common areas in other dorms. A small portion of the number estimated would allow for a modest residential population growth.

This modest growth would result from two reasons: the College's Long Range Plan calls for 1600 students, and there are previous residential students who live off campus for a while but then decide to move back on campus, Sayre said.

The second conclusion, he said, was that this idea of more housing is fairly urgent.

"The thrust here is to accommodate the number of students we have now," remarked Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance.

Possible locations for the new facility were discussed by the subcommittee.

In October, the Buildings and Grounds committee recruited three architectural firms to analyze the needs and possibilities for a new dorm.

According to Sayre, the consensus is that there are three possible locations.

The first location would be located near the water tower, where a building or series of buildings could form a "mini village" with the nearby PA Avenue houses.

Seidel feels that this location is ideal for the construction of new houses, where there is "enough room in the vicinity of the water tower to build enough houses to facilitate 100 students."

Sayre said the second location is between Blanche Ward Hall and Whiteford, and the third possible location is the current faculty parking lot between Hoover library and

Albert Norman Ward Hall.

The Committee is not only discussing location, but also what type of housing they want to build. The "mini village" of houses, and a traditional dorm building are two styles they are addressing.

Seidel said another idea is one that would offer a "more suite-style living as opposed to the traditional dorms."

Both Seidel and Sayre inferred that there is a consensus to get away from the idea of a traditional dorm and thus opt for a building or house that accommodates social space.

"To me by the time you get to junior and senior year, you are ready for a different type of housing," commented Seidel.

Sayre explained the issue of additional housing should not only involve the administration and the trustees, but also the stu-

dent body.

It was brought up at a recent All College Council Meeting in November; however time ran out before the subject could be discussed in full detail, Sayre noted.

Before Thanksgiving break, Sayre said that he asked the Student Government Association to form a committee to help with the planning.

Surveys are one way for the student voice to be heard, and Seidel said that it is likely that, like in the past, this will be one way to find out what the students want and need in a residence building.

Right now, Sayre says there are two big issues: getting students involved, and narrowing down on what we want.

"We are sort of in the idea stage. We need to solidify our ideas," said Seidel.

At the present time, there has been little discussion of funding this project that will cost several million dollars, said Sayre. Seidel confirmed, "We have not gotten that far yet."

"Once the student voice is heard and "we have narrowed down what we want," said Sayre, the Building and Grounds Committee and the subcommittee can discuss the issue with the three architectural firms and accept proposals.

Later, they can select one firm to carry out the project based on the Trustee's decision to fund the new housing facilities.

It is important to stress that although it is likely that additional housing will be built in the near future, nothing is definite yet, Sayre said.

Therefore, the question of "when will ground breaking take place and when will the project be finished" cannot be answered with anticipated dates at this time.

With the discussion of the possible housing plans, Marty O'Connell, dean of Admissions said, "I certainly think that any attempt to upgrade the residence facility to relieve overcrowding is welcomed."

"In addition, the more modern the facility, the easier it is for WMC to compete with other colleges and universities," she added.

Coley moves ahead with plans for her presidency

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cordial relationship and I think it can always be improved."

She plans to encourage both faculty and students to become more involved with community groups. In the upcoming semester, Coley will be focusing more on students by holding monthly luncheons.

She explained that a group of students will be randomly selected to have lunch in the President's Dining Room, and eventually in the President's House.

"I would like to hear from the 'real' people," she said with a laugh, explaining that she wants to discuss students' concerns, ideas, and questions.

Coley also plans to

educate herself on her new position. This month, Coley will attend a seminar for new

college president held by the Andrew Mellon Foundation. The seminar, taught

by veteran college presidents, she explained, is for a very select group.

"I heard about the seminar, but never thought I'd get invited," she said. Coley will also attend two similar seminars in January.

A formal inauguration will be held on April 21, 2001, which students, alumni, faculty and staff will be invited to attend.

"I don't want to make the inauguration focus not just on the president of the college, but wants the focus to be broader," she said.



ROBYN HILL

Junior Michael Baker and senior Meghan Humbert congratulate President Joan Coley during a celebration held in Red Square after she announced her election.

Students and faculty react to bill of rights

MEGAN K. MARTIN
Student Government Reporter

As the Student Government Assembly continues to seek student support for the student bill of rights, members of the administration and faculty were presented with the document last month in preparation for negotiation on the 11 points.

Joan Devlin Coley, president-elect of the college, declined to speak on specific points within the document but commented on the idea of a student bill of rights earlier last month. "In general... I think a student Bill of Rights is fine," she said.

"There are things in here that make a great deal of sense to me," said Dr. Simeon Schlossberg, chair of the faculty-student relations committee. "The committee is all for the students' creation of a student bill of rights," he continued.

"In looking at the rough draft,"

Schlossberg said, "[the SGA has] included things not in the *Student Guide and Datebook* that should be there." He also pointed out, "It is important to have an outline to protect [the students]."

Both Coley and Schlossberg declined to comment on specific problems with the student bill of rights' 11 points. They did, however, mention students' responsibilities.

"It is interesting that we are focused in this document only on what the students should get and not their role in helping to create the kind of campus where we build an ideal community," Coley said.

Schlossberg explained, "What [the student bill of rights] should do is give students clear and concise expectations of what the college can and cannot do." However, student responsibility is an "important concept," he added. The Bill of Rights is also about responsibilities of United States citizens, he explained.

Sharkey commented, "What we are asking for here are students' rights.... We encourage students to uphold [their] responsibilities." He also stated that the SGA will discuss students' responsibilities if that is what the faculty and administration want.

Since the SGA has expressed desire to work with faculty and administration on the student bill of rights, both Coley and Schlossberg are positive about the outcome of negotiations.

"I am sure... that we can all work together to craft something good," Coley said.

Schlossberg agreed, "These are really good points. At the same time, WMC is small enough and humane enough where we can work it out."

Coley said, "I look forward to playing my part in reacting to the suggestions and making suggestions of my own. I think the conversation will be an important one for all of us involved."

Important SGA issues during fall semester

•Plus/Minus System

- working to change it
- information gathering for options
- continue to meet with administrators

•Admissions Cap

- looking at other schools' admission caps

- investigating contractual cap agreement with students, faculty, administration, and Board of Trustees

•Safety on Campus

- inquiring about more lights, locks, and phones around campus
- continuing to meet with DoCS

•Multicultural committee

- little response from campus organizations
- working on new format for spring

•New meeting time

- will change to Tuesday nights at 8 pm in Hill 110 next semester

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document of eleven points the SGA would like to see added to the *Student Guide and Datebook*. These points, so far just goals for negotiation, seek to assure and delineate students' rights on campus.

If the SGA's goal of 200 students is not met this semester, voting on the student bill of rights will likely be held again.

"We will probably keep opening up the votes until we get about 200," Mitchell said.

She asked students to vote on the student bill of rights or ask an SGA officer or representative about it.

Dr. Simeon Schlossberg, chair of the Faculty-Student relations committee, affirmed the importance of the student referendum.

"It is important to know students are on board with this." The number of students supporting the student bill of rights could affect the importance of the effort, he said.

Sharkey hoped the voting would gather more support for the points of the student bill of rights. Of Tuesday and Wednesday's vote, Sharkey is confident that the SGA will come close to reaching the goal of 200 votes.

The results of all voting will be available next semester.

Campus drug policy discussed

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When a report of these substances is made by a student or an RA, one of ours checks it out. If the officer confirms that he is smelling dope, in most cases he will then secure the room so that when Westminster Police arrive, no evidence has been tampered with."

The results of a bust vary dependent on whether drugs or drug paraphernalia are present, and how much of the former if any at all. The discovery of drug paraphernalia results in a citation, or summons, by the City Officer(s) who responds, and any discovery of drugs results in immediate arrest. Both types of incident end before a county judge.

"We don't handle drugs. All cases go right to the City Police once we've confirmed that drugs are in use, or that paraphernalia is present," added Webster. "If they find either, they typically search the room in which they find it."

No student has been busted for dealing marijuana, according to Sayre, in any of the years since he came in 1984. "In the seventies, there was a culture which made a point of testing authority. Drugs were recreational, and administrations tended to look the other way, giving students a sense that colleges were separate from the rest of society."

According to Sayre, some colleges still foster that sense of freedom. WMC, he went on to say, does not.

If students have problems concerning marijuana or other drug use, Sayre went on to say, "often the best way to deal with it is to confront the person with the problem. This can be especially difficult if that person is a roommate, but often this middle ground, between letting it go and reporting to the administration, produces the most positive results."

Students whose roommates possess marijuana or other illicit drugs, under Maryland law, are liable to be brought up on lesser possession charges.

The WMC Student Guide and Datebook clearly outlines, on page 114, the college's three-step procedure for dealing with drug use. The

first time a student is caught, he/she is fined \$150, his/her parents are notified, and mandatory community service is assigned. The next incident results in a \$300 fine and removal from the residence halls for the remainder of the current semester as well as the entire next semester. These first two incidents are dealt with internally by Residence Life Staff. The third, usually resulting in expulsion from the college, is tried before the Honor and Conduct Board.

Both Webster and Sayre agreed that alcohol is a much more prevalent problem on campus, as the CDC survey showed it to be on campuses nationwide. Neither could remember any confirmed use of substances stronger than marijuana within the past five years, with the exception of a case involving psilocybin, or mushrooms, three years ago. Sayre believed this case later proved to be unfounded.

A recent FDA report stated that, nationally, the use of illicit substances continues to decline. Another survey by the CDC, however, which looks at trends from their surveys in 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997 and 1999, showed that cocaine use among college students has more than doubled and that lifetime marijuana use has also increased, from 31.3% in 1991 to 47.2% in 1999. Episodic heavy drinking saw very mild increase through the nineties, with about 31% of students engaging in such activity.

Whether there are students at WMC using harder substances or dealing is not known for sure by either Residence Life or Campus Safety, though Webster does not believe that dealing is happening on campus.

Charges against students for dealing are most often brought up, on the rare occasions that they are, because of an excessive amount of marijuana in the student's possession, rather than evidence of sales.

Sayre, in closing, remarked, "Frankly, I don't understand it. Especially in the residence halls. Students know the risks, and need to know that it is not the college's place to enforce state laws. So city police are always brought in."

Campus Safety Blotter

The Department of Campus Safety documented the following reports from the month of November which include:

10/31/00 at 6:00 pm domestic situation in which male student's property was taken by three non-student females. Threats were made by the three non-student females. Third party student allowed property to be taken and written threats to be made.

11/1/00 at 5:41 am someone threw rotten lunch meat in the hallway in Blanche Ward Hall; at 12:00 pm a male student was chasing a fellow student with a six inch knife and pinned student against the wall in the bathroom in Albert Norman Ward; at 10:17 pm a student was disrupting other students and acting bizarrely in Alumni Hall.

11/3/00 at 1:00 pm Student arrived with moderate respiratory distress secondary to asthma attack. Transported to Carroll County General Hospital.

11/4/00 at 1:30 am four students were assaulted by a fellow student, 3 females and one male in Blanche Ward Hall; at 2:41 am several students failed to comply when officers discovered loud noise in Blanche Ward Hall; underage student drinking alcohol in hallway of second floor of Blanche Ward Hall.

11/5/00 at 1:00 am there was a fight between two students in Blanche Ward Hall.

11/6/00 at 1:35 pm careless disposal of material led to fire in a waste basket in the student lab area.

11/9/00 at 10:49 pm several students in a room (over capacity) playing a drinking game in Blanche Ward Hall.

11/10/00 one male subject re-

ported to have acted bizarrely and, on an earlier incident, one suitemate with a knife in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

11/11/00 at 2:00 am Sgt. Barbour, Officer Root, Selle, and Mike Webster responded to a fire alarm at Blanche Ward Hall; at 9:30 pm property damage to personnel car in Bair Stadium Parking Lot.

11/12/00 at 10:00 pm false alarm of a domestic dispute in Daniel MacLea.

11/13/00 at 11:00 pm a female student was assaulted by a male, asking for money. Attacker struck

refused to comply; at 9:15 pm possession of alcohol in a public area in Blanche Ward Hall; at 9:40 pm three female students (2 underage) with hard alcohol and multiple liter containers in McDaniel Room; at 9:40 pm underage consumption in Rouzer Hall. Two guests then damaged college property on the second floor.

11/17/00 at 12:35 am student failed to comply with college personnel in Blanche Ward Hall; at 1:30 am student in possession of alcohol in a public area and underage possession/ consumption of alcohol in Blanche Ward Hall; at 12:20 am received call for loud parties on second floor of McDaniel Hall. Students were extremely noncompliant; at 6:17 am metal faucet handle thrown through Rouzer second floor stairwell door.

11/18/00 at 11:51 pm underage male student with beer inside jacket in Decker Student Center.

11/19/00 at 5:00 pm student reports theft of several CDs and a portable tape player in Alumni Hall; at 2:10 am noise violation proceeds to failure to comply when non-student becomes confrontational in Blanche Ward Hall; at 5:30 am several items (including bowling ball) were thrown from second floor window. Officer arrived to find several males being extremely loud and a non-student became verbally abusive and confrontational in Blanche Ward Hall.

11/21/00 at 4:35 am two antique benches were stolen from room 314 in Lewis Hall.

11/28/00 at 1:41 am three students were jumping into the bushes at Decker Student Center; at 5:30 am towed a car with 13 tickets in Whiteford Lane.



victim's head on the pavement and attempted robbery at Gill Gym; at 12:25 pm two vehicles were towed for excessive parking violations in Whiteford Lane parking lot.

11/15/00 at 2:04 pm windshield smashed by what appeared to be a brick, in two places in PELC parking lot.

11/16/00 at 2:30 am a loud noise from a room at Blanche Ward Hall; at 2:30 am person didn't want to leave after a dispute in Albert Norman Ward Hall; at 1:45 am students playing loud stereo music inside of room. Were asked to turn off the stereo and after many problems of the same nature with the same room in the past few weeks,

Safe Needles

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New York, New York



Junior Shauna Dominguez, and seniors Kate Boyle, Amanda Cline, Sara Hoover strike a pose with David Letterman in New York City. They joined CAP Board on a November 18 trip to see "Miss Saigon."
"Miss Saigon was awesome," said Hoover.
"I'm so glad I got to see it before it closed."

ANDREW TAYLOR

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Correction

The November 16 issue reported that the newly hired registrar, Jan Kiphart, is currently the registrar at Mt Saint Marys College. Instead, Kiphart is employed at St. Mary's College. The Phoenix regrets the error.

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Letters to the editor about campus issues

Dear Editor,

I am writing to the *Phoenix* as a very nervous and concerned student of Western Maryland College. It is now my senior year here, and I find myself dealing with a problem that has never worried me before; my safety.

Within the last month or two, there have been two incidents involving suspicious people, one resulting in an attempted robbery and assault. Though I feel that I have always acted intelligently and safely when travelling across campus, I do think that there are many other things that the administration should do to help lessen the chances of incidents like this happening.

First of all, though most of the campus has plenty of lighting located on pathways and parking lot areas, there are a few key places that could use more. One of those places is the parking area behind PELC. This parking lot, in addition to the alley that stretches behind the Pennsylvania Avenue Houses, where at least one of the incidents took place, has barely enough light to illuminate a student's path. Students who live in the houses have no choice but to walk down that path every day, and they do not

always have the luxury of having someone with them.

Another area that is poorly lit is the parking lot behind Harrison House and the Art Studio. I am an art major and frequently go to the art studio by myself, late at night, in order to finish my projects. Until recently, I have never felt nervous visiting my "second home." Now, I jump at every shadow that moves. And, it is not just the parking lot that is dimly lit, but the areas in between the buildings and even the buildings themselves. I understand that the school has a very tight budget that it has to follow, but what is it going to take before they use money to install new light posts? A rape, a hospitalized student, or heaven forbid, a fatality?

Secondly, though not an issue with all of the dormitories, safety screens are absent from at least one building, Albert Norman Ward Hall. The scariest thing for those of us who live in the building is the fact that the two recent incidents occurred very close to our home. That would not be as big an issue if it was not for the fact that there are no metal safety screens in the downstairs laundry rooms or the first floor rooms. Doing laundry has become an intimidating task for

me because anyone can climb in through those low windows and be waiting for me behind the door as I enter the room.

I also frequently observe students climbing in through common room and bathroom windows on the first floor, in order to get to their friends in the building. If resident students are easily able to access the inside of the building, what is preventing a suspicious person from doing the same? After asking about the installation of the screens, I was told that it is "not in the budget for this year." Again, I ask, why not spend the money to prevent the crime instead of waiting for more money and allowing other incidences to happen?

I am sure that there are other safety issues that I have not even addressed in this letter, and I urge every student to voice their concerns to the proper people. Talk to your Residence Life Coordinator, your SGA representatives, or even go to the SGA meetings, Thursday nights at 8 pm in Hill Hall. If you haven't read the campus emails about either of the incidents, be sure to take notice of Campus Safety's advice and be safe.

Sincerely,
 Jen Denzer

Is Marijuana a Problem?

"Drug use is an issue at WMC, though use seems limited only to marijuana." This line, lifted from the November 16, 2000 *Phoenix* raises a vital and fundamental question in my head.

Is marijuana use, as the assistant features editor states it, "an issue"? I can't find any reasonable answer to conclude yes. The only answer I can muster is that marijuana is illegal.

The issue, in my eyes, is the incredible waste of time spent dealing with minor offenses such as pot smoking, both by Campus authorities and by your newspaper. Unless these six people (some students, some not) caught in Rouzer Hall on October 29 were operating a sophisticated and brutal syndicate involved in the trafficking of large

amounts of drugs, then what was the point? I would venture to say that most of them would probably smoke again.

Many of my friends, when released from police custody after arrest, ran immediately to friends in order to smoke up and forget about the laughable B.S. they had to put up with that night.

In a strange way, I feel sorry for Mike Webster an all of the Campus Safety Officers. Busting eighteen-year-olds for pot is probably not what they went through extensive training for. Well, at least they can pat themselves on the back for taking dangerous criminals off the streets.

Think of the man-hours, physical resources and salary money the school wastes to deal with such trivial and minor incidents. If anything, the school should be pleased

with pot smoking here. I guarantee it increases business at the Pub and the food at Glar almost passes as genuine when sold.

So, Mr. Assistant Features Editor, what is the issue?

Are students jumping out of their windows because of the "crazy reefer"? Is everyone who takes failing out of school at this moment? There is an issue Mr. Editor, and that issue is pretending marijuana use is an issue.

It is a false one, created only by the authorities at this campus, who most smokers take very un-seriously anyway and by your newspaper, which thinks a pot bust of some freshmen students deserves a spot on your front page and the line "drug use is an issue."

—Unsigned

Gore should concede for good of the country

Edward K. Schultheis



When I first sat down to start typing, I was already sure of what I wanted to write about — Mike Mussina. I have such strong feelings about the greediness of pro sport players that I was prepared to go off about Mussina's 6 years, \$88.5 million dollar contract. I then talked to my friend, Matt Hurff, and found that he was writing a similar story for the sports section. Even though I knew I wanted to write about Mussina's recent departure from the Orioles, I knew that Matt was more than up to the challenge when it comes to commenting about Major League Baseball, and especially the New York Yankees.

But now that the Mussina story was of limits what was I going to write about now? "Oh drat," I thought to myself, "what am I going to write about now since I can't write about the Moose." I pondered for a bit but what was upsetting me in the world.

Well, there are those pesky high prices at

the grocery stores or maybe about the food in Englar Dining Hall, perhaps even Thursday nights o' fun...but wait...I got it. The election! Yes, the topic of discussion that has dominated airwaves since people voted on November 7.

In the beginning, I was watching the election coverage all the time, finding out if Gore gained any ground, or if George W. finally finished him off. Now, I just want it all to be over. To be honest, I just want Gore to con-

All I am saying is that Al Gore is drawing out this process like a young kid draws out the situation when it is time to take a bath or brush their teeth.

cede and finish this election with just a tad of dignity. Not that I am being biased, I actually voted for Gore and still just want him to finish all of this and not be a sore loser. It's not that I do not like him as a person, and I do think he would make a good president, but this is like watching a hero in a movie slowly deteriorate before your eyes - it just isn't fun anymore.

If you were to look at my election-watching, you would see a steady decline from

election night to today where the only news I get about it is when I catch it after starting up AOL. But I did manage to catch the newscast that showed a Ryder truck driving along a Florida highway...it kind of reminded me of a slower *GI Simpson* chase.

All I am saying is that Al Gore is drawing out this process like a young kid draws out the situation when it is time to take a bath or brush their teeth. After a month of point and counterpoint, it is time for the Vice President to take a bow and exit stage left. Meanwhile his sidekick, Joe Lieberman, can go back to his Senate seat and live happily ever after. It is just time to end this drama that has plagued the airwaves and just about everything else in this country.

I may hear other people say that they care, and want this to go on as long as it takes, but the only reason it is taking this long is because Gore just won't back down. Florida's votes have been certified, what more could you want? Does he want a re-vote, or why don't we just throw Florida's votes out, heck maybe Bush will get so tired of this that he will just concede to Gore's superior intellect. Of course that is just ridiculous, but so are Gore's chances of pulling out a squeaker.

I'm sorry Mr. Vice President, it's time for you just to go upstairs, brush your teeth, take your bath, and get into bed. Stalling-time is over, and it is time for you to face the facts — You lost.

A student's call to peace on campus

Lately it seems as if there has been an increase in crime on this campus. A PA Avenue house is robbed. Students are found with drugs. A girl is pushed to the ground and mugged. Vandalism is on the rise. Property is being stolen from campus buildings. And there are probably many more incidents that were never even reported. So, the question in my mind is, what's going on here?

This is my third year here at Western Maryland College, and I have never heard of so many crimes and illegal activity incidents as I have this year. So I write this as not only a letter of warning, but also as a reminder of ethics and morality. Please heed what I am about to say, as I have had enough of the crime here in our small community and am ready to see a change.

First of all, to any past, present, or future violators of others' rights: Get a life! Have respect for others. I think that the Golden Rule should still apply to our lives today. Think about it-what a better world this would be if everyone would try to treat other people in the same way that they themselves would like to be treated. Nobody likes to be called names, and nobody likes to have things taken from them. I'm sure that most people are like me, and work hard for the things that

Brandi Crawford explains why students should be more wary around campus.

they have. So instead of taking it from someone else, get off your butt, get a job, and buy it for yourself. Nobody is going to hand you your every wish on a silver platter, and people don't always get what they want. The earlier in life we all realize that, the happier we all will be with what we have.

Second, everybody is different. This campus is full of people from every walk of life, diverse in nationality, religion, sexual orientation, education, background, and creed. And you certainly don't have to agree with anybody else's life decisions, but you do need to have enough courtesy, maturity, and self-control to refrain from spray-painting your opinion on a wall. I personally love to discuss and debate my own personal views with that of others, but I still respect their opinions, even if I don't agree with them.

In fact, I respect someone just for having enough guts to stand up and be different, because it's too easy to be like everybody else. But we have to remember that this place belongs to all of us, and to the generations that will come after us. If you have a personal problem with someone, then go and talk

to them about it, or go speak with a counselor. This is college. It's time to grow up. It amazes me how many people think that they are mature enough to drink alcohol and have sex, but yet when they are confronted with something new that they don't understand they can't even control and vent their emotions properly. Yes, we all get angry, but there comes a time in your life when you need to stand up and take responsibility for your words and actions, and there's no time like the present.

My final word goes out to those who are filled with naivety and trust. Watch out! Be careful of who you put your trust in. I'm not encouraging paranoia; certainly not everyone is out to get you. But if something seems suspicious or too good to be true, then it probably is. We all have some degree of intuition, so use that to your advantage. Also, be careful of where you walk after dark. Ask a friend to walk with you, or call Campus Safety. It's better to be too safe than not safe enough.

Let's try to be each others allies instead of being our own enemies. If we all treat each other with respect and common courtesy, as well as monitoring and examining our own words and behaviors, then maybe these crimes and acts of hatred will cease.

Election matters to some WMC students

Joan Faulkner explains why WMC students are interested in the election

Most people think young people, such as college students, don't care very much about the politics.

But with the recent historic election, one would think that college students must care at least a little about what's going on in our country and how this could affect their future.

After sending 40+ surveys, asking students how they view the election, I got only five back, then I asked another 15 students their views.

I have come to the conclusion that the perception that youngsters don't care about politics, though slightly true, may be changing. Out of the 20 students, 12 said they cared about politics. But more importantly, when asked if they cared about this presidential election, all but one said they did.

To many, this election is important and vote-worthy because it may have an effect on our lives in the future. Junior political science major, Kate Boyle, believes people "don't have a reason to complain if [they] don't vote. Really important things are decided based on who is or isn't elected. Those votes count."

Trevor Jones, a junior, feels that "it's important that people make the decisions that affect our lives."

Some students were very interested at first, but their interest has somewhat died. Junior Cathy Pendorf says there were "times when I wanted [the election] to drop off, but wanted a fair ending."

Larria Brun del Re, a junior, said "I'm getting to the point in which I don't care."

However, some students' interest has remained big, such as junior economics and business major Nicole Novotny. "Things

have gotten more and more ridiculous as Gore drags things out. We are witnessing history," she said.

Senior Jeremy Lignelli says that he's "tired of seeing the election a lot," but thinks, "I'd rather then take time to find out the right way and who won the votes."

Many care about the election because they realize that this election could mean future changes in our government.

Sophomore biology major Amber Lovereck says one of these problems is "the laws governing the way elections are run and the methods for collecting votes are antiquated and need to be revamped."

Boyle says the election is "horrible for American political progress. It delegitimizes the process. We're going to have a lame-duck presidency. Our president isn't going to get anything done in the next four years unless they find something to legitimize their being in office."

Senior biology and environmental major Jon Bear believes the "whole election process needs to be looked at. In a statistical sense, no one won this election." Bear said not much will happen over the next four years with either president and that "neither will be able to carry the next eight years."

Whatever outcomes present themselves in the presidential future of our country, it is safe to say that many college students do care somewhat about what happens in this country; it will affect them.

With student comments such as, "Bush is too dumb to be president" from an anonymous student, and "It is a disgusting display of Democratic dirty tactics at their worst" from Nicole Novotny, there are at least a few WMC students who have very strong feelings about this once in a lifetime election.

Reflections of a Phoenix editor

It's hard to believe that this issue ends my term as co-editor-in-chief of the Phoenix.

It is with a sense of pride, yet relief that I said this job over, as I must admit I have a love-hate relationship with this paper.

For the past year, the Phoenix has involuntarily come before schoolwork and sleep.

I'm not going to miss the long hours spent in the hot and dirty office (where the temperature can't seem to be regulated with neither an air conditioner nor a heater), giving up weekends to hang out with the roaches (cohabitants of the office) on Saturday layout nights, or

Jenifer D. Sirkis says goodbye as co-editor-in-chief.

the erratic computers, which sometimes made layout virtually impossible.

On a more positive note, editing the Phoenix also has its benefits, such as being among the first to hear the latest news and happenings on campus.

It has been exciting to cover some of the most monumental events to occur in WMC's history such as the Defining Moment campaign celebration, the resignation of President Chambers, and the

election of Joan Coley.

Laura - It was fun working with you. Despite computer crashes and stolen scanners, we made it. Good luck next semester in the "real world."

To all the editors and staff - Thanks for your hard work and dedication over the past year.

It is because of you that we have put out some of the best issues of the Phoenix to date.

Laura and I now leave the Phoenix to the next co-editors Claire Adams and Ed Schultheis.

Both experienced Phoenix section editors, the paper is in good hands. Good luck, guys!

Emmanuel Bednarek gives a thumbs up to Glar for their food selection.

all the hot and cold beverages and the desert buffet. So much choice, so many possible combinations, with very little imagination I have succeeded in eating each time different things for three months.

I wish I had a "Glar" like that, in Paris, with so much food and so much choice. There you have to take the metro to reach the closest university cafeteria (not so easy when you have only 10 minutes for eating). Sure, it is cheap (just under \$2) but you have only one plate of food you take it or you leave it (typically, a small salad, no choice in dressing, one hot plate, and a

yoURT or (not and) an apple).

Students want more diversity. Okay, for thanksgiving, there was different kind of meat and vegetable, so good and so different. I looked around me, a lot of students were rushing on their favorite pizzas or French fries - that they usually criticized - ignoring the new food, or looking at it with a strange face as if it was poison. Why not try it?

I think there should be a honor code to respect food, just to remind people that it should not be taken for granted.

To remind them to look around them. They just have to go, not so far away, not in an underdeveloped country, but just on the streets of Westminster. Here, they can meet,

people who are really hungry, they can just ask them what they think about this slice of pizza that some students took for lunch and that they threw away... because it was not good enough for them or may be just not "diverse" enough. Now, I understand.

All students have to pay a lot for this food and want to be satisfied but, trust me, you pay twice as much as a European student here but you sure get 10 times the amount of food services!

I would like to thank and encourage all the staff of the dining hall, always smiling and available, to take care of all our wishes; by the way, did you notice that almost everywhere, there are fresh flowers on each table?

Compared to Europe, Glar has a larger variety of food

Thanks to Alan Dolid and the GLAR Team! I really want to congratulate and thank Alan Dolid and his team.

Actually, I had the opportunity to discover the "Adventures in Dining" program on November 13. I had a great time and a unique chance of discovering food that maybe I will never eat again.

We had four different and extraordinary dishes, including very rare and expensive food (such as white truffle or "fois gras"). I know that in France, only two of these dishes would be cost more than \$100 in a regular restaurant. I was amazed by those dishes that Alan Dolid was preparing just in front of 30 WMC students, like in the best restaurants. It is so good to

open your mind to other cultures, and to dare to taste new dishes while avoiding the classical stereotypes. I hope that everyone enjoyed this unique experience as much as I have.

Moreover, as a French person, I have to say that I am amazed by the quantity of food served every day in the Dining Hall (and three times a day!). I am flabbergasted by the way some students waste this food, about the lack of diversity. However, just open your eyes and observe. Everyday, we have at least five different types of bread, three different kinds of pizzas, hamburgers, a salad bar, a vegetarian meal, tacos and wraps, rice, pasta, soups, cereals... I do not even speak about

Which is Christmas really about: money or love?



BJ Shorb

"Money makes the world go round." That is what they say right?

It isn't too hard to believe, especially now that the

holidays are here.

Along with every Christmas holiday season, comes more new toys for the kids, more nifty gadgets and games for the teenagers, more power tools for dad, and more appliances for mom.

It's as if the stores hold back the secret goods they have hidden in the back room for the past six months. Then, once Thanksgiving Day comes and goes, BOOM. The products are up on the shelves and people run as fast as they can to the malls and department stores.

Why on Black Friday, a day most people have off from work, aren't they sleeping-in? They are up, dressed, and at the stores' front doors by 5 o'clock in the morning.

Do they think they are beating the rush? Probably, but they aren't — they are in the rush.

It is insane, totally insane! Does that purchase really mean that much?

To some I suppose it does. As incredibly ridiculous as it may seem, people have been doing it for decades.

So, it must be true; money really does make the world go round, right? Green paper and little metal coins, actually it is plastic these days, mean everything in our society of consumerism. It's a hard fact to face, but it's true.

The question is: Does it have to be that way? Is it possible to change what makes the world go round from money to something else? Hmmmmmm...perhaps it is but

“Local townies” trespassing on WMC’s campus

Joe Lucas expresses his concerns about having strangers, randomly hanging around campus.

Recently I have noticed people on campus who do not belong, meaning they are not students, faculty, staff, or special visitors. Well you could call them “special visitors” if you like, but I prefer to call them Westminister townies.

The WMC campus is a place where we should feel comfortable in our small, friendly atmosphere and recognize most people because it is such a small campus.

However, lately I have seen “the locals” in various places on campus.

I was eating lunch in the Pub today with my fiancée and near us was a child watching the television in the Pub.

It was obvious that he was neither a student nor accompanying anyone else because he was alone.

I also watched this child beg the Pub staff for ice cream because he didn't have any

what could replace it.

Maybe “love” could make the world go round. Love doesn't require money; it is free. It most certainly has a place in the holiday season. Correct me if I am wrong, but isn't love the original reason for the Christmas season. Isn't it about the birth of a savior that has expressed more love than any human could ever possess?

On my birthday, I receive presents. I imagine that is the case with many of you also. I don't, however, receive gifts on my sister's, friend's, or anyone one else's birthday for that matter.

Why then, do we receive gifts on Christ's birthday? Following tradition, we should be giving him gifts.

Instead of moms and dads running around the malls and stores shopping for toys, they should be home spending time with their children. Instead of pulling your hair out, trying to figure out what to buy your significant other, spend time with them. Make the gift from the heart, not from the store.

People travel across the country and even further in this season to see the ones they love. It isn't to give them a material gift they bought. It is to spend time and cherish the family and friends they don't typically see.

All the time people spent in the stores shopping for Christmas gifts every year was spent with family and friends, just think of how much more the gift would mean. It certainly would mean a lot more to me if I could spend more time with those I love.

People are always talking about how they wish they had more time to do this and that. Well, instead of wanting more time, maybe we should just better prioritize the time we have.

After all, the stores are not going anywhere. You never know if that is the case with those you love.

Does money make the world go round?

Yes, but it doesn't have to because love can

money. I do not pay \$24,000 a year to attend a college that the “local townies” think is a playground for their children.

This is completely unacceptable and I feel that the campus community as a whole should be doing something about this problem. Instead of pretending like we don't see these trespassers we should ask these uninvited pests to leave.

Also, campus safety needs to take a proactive role so that these “locals” don't even come to our campus in the beginning. I have spent a couple of summers at WMC as

well and know the problem is much more prevalent during that time. I realize the children are out of school, but this not a city park or playground.

WMC is a private institution of higher learning. The game room, the Pub, Red Square, the Quad, and other areas on campus are for us, NOT THEM!

Please keep this in mind for the future. You may want to carry some insecticide with you.

Misunderstandings about MSA’s cultural fundraiser

Rasheeda George responds to an issue that was brought up in the previous Phoenix issue.

This article is in response to the article with the headline reading “MSA’s event sparks debate.”

First of all, what debate is this article referring to? This article should not have been written with nonfactual information. MSA stands for the Multicultural Student Association, not Alliance.

This proves that the person who wrote the article stated above did not have the knowledge needed to talk about such an organization and its events. This organization had a fundraiser entitled, “Support A Cultural/Ethnic Group.” This is a big difference from saying, “Support your Cultural/Ethnic Group” as the article stated.

This is a big misunderstanding and should not have been quoted. We had this fundraiser in order to raise money and also to allow you to have pride in who you are. It's okay to have pride in a specific ethnic group.

It becomes a problem when a person is anti-someone else. This fundraiser wasn't designed for this or to separate people. Instead it was designed to attempt to provide a type of awareness that there are many types of different ethnic backgrounds even at WMC.

This fundraiser was not developed to

It's funny how many minorities put themselves in uncomfortable situations by coming to this school, but no one wants to take that same step. Instead, they want to be on the peripheral and make negative comments about it.

harm anyone. A member from MSA thought of this idea from seeing many sororities and fraternities do the same type of fundraiser.

As noted in the article of dispute, these types of organizations aren't criticized or accused of having “only unity within [a] specific group.” Just like these fundraisers people are allowed to put money in any of the containers, not their “favorite” group. This was not a “voting” process. This organization is here to promote diversity, not factionalism.

Most people are ignorant to the definition of “diversity.” Diversity means differences. MSA is here to celebrate differences. This organization is not only for minorities, it's for everyone because everyone has differences. The primary purposes for these cultural groups are to educate, support, and have awareness and understanding. This is what MSA is about.

The author of the opposing article should have contacted at least one person from the group before assuming something. That's why some “white people have a [certain] mentality” because they don't take the time to go support a cultural groups' event or meeting, but then they talk about it without having the facts.

As Hussein Samater (the president of MSA) stated, “It's important to get your facts straight before you do anything.”

There were a couple of organizations that were mentioned, but had nothing to do with MSA; the Multicultural Task Force, the Office of Multicultural Services,

and Women's Issues. Just because the word “Multicultural” is in them doesn't mean they are associated with MSA. As Tia Lawrence stated, “Knowledge is the key.” Educate yourself and then write about the facts.

MSA and all the other organizations I'm involved in try their best to include everyone. It's not “a (insert minority group here) thing;” it's a WMC thing. There are campus wide messages sent out for people to join the groups and attend the events. Everyone is invited.

Latoria Haines shared an experience she had with one of her white friends. She said she invited her to come to a BSU meeting on numerous occasions informing her that BSU wasn't just for black students, but her friend always refused to come. Latoria felt as though her friend felt uncomfortable.

It's funny how many minorities put themselves in uncomfortable situations by coming to this school, but no one wants to take that same step. Instead, they want to be on the peripheral and make negative comments about it. MSA, Women's Issues, and other cultural groups aren't only for minorities.

Women's Issues should not have been mentioned because this group does not exclude anyone including men. Men are also allowed to participate just as women and women are no longer part of

the minority.

I think people need to seriously reevaluate their thought-processes of what they think diversity means and how they feel about minorities and the programs by them.

Cultural programs aren't well respected, attended, or appreciated. If people have problems with a particular group or a program they need to be able to suggest something.

It would also help if the person could go to a meeting or event before they comment on anything. It would even also help if they contact someone about a particular event before assuming something. All the organizations and presidents are located in the Student Guidance Datebook.

MSA and the other cultural groups that I am apart of are trying their best to combat the ignorance of people. While, doing the fundraiser the sign “black” was taken down several times.

Also, “NAACP” signs that promoted voting was also taken down. These organizations are trying to take the opportunity to express themselves, but they are discouraged by actions such as these.

People need to realize not to have a certain mentality or assumption without having facts. Hussein Samater says that he believes the author of the opposing article had good intentions, he just went about it in the wrong way.

As stated in that article, it's about time we started challenging the basic assumptions of our society.

ASAP and Allies hosted annual World AIDS Day program

BJ SHORE

Assistant Commentary Editor

"AIDS isn't over."

This is the message Ron Baker wanted to send to students, as he gave his personal testimony of living with AIDS, at the World AIDS Day program held in Ensor Lounge on Thursday, November 30, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

The program was cosponsored by two student organizations: ASAP (AIDS Support, Awareness, and Prevention) and Allies.

Founded in 1994, ASAP has been holding World AIDS Day programs for approximately four years.

On the two large panels of the AIDS Quilt displayed in Ensor Lounge, there were 16 names of AIDS victims. The panels are made by the loved ones of the individuals to symbolize who they were and how they will be remembered.

There are now 42,000 panels total; that is enough to stretch over 25 football fields. ASAP, through the National Youth Education Program, acquired the panels for a fee of \$465. The money raised by the quilt rentals will go toward AIDS research.

The program opened with a song from RENT, performed by five members of WMC's Madrigals.

Then, members of ASAP performed a skit. The skit was written by co-Vice President of ASAP Lisa Dale Van Auken. The skit illustrated how easily AIDS can travel through sexual activity.

Bernice Culver, from the Carroll County Health Department, spoke about the AIDS Quilt and the existence of this disease, not only in the world, but in Carroll County.

By making people aware of AIDS and educating them about

ways to prevent themselves from becoming infected, she said, "it's a gift of life we are trying to spread."

Ron Baker works along side Culver as he goes into area schools testifying to what his life with AIDS is like.

Upon finding out that he had tested positive for AIDS, he remembered not being able to think about anything but the clock.

He also recalled seeing parts of his life flash before him. He was ridiculed and lost all of his friends, except for his best friend, who is now his wife.

He wants to make young people aware of his life, so that they never have to experience it. HIV is something that affects everyone. "We will all know someone with it in our lifetime," Culver said.

Michael Baker, the president of Allies and a member of ASAP, said,

"I'd like to see a world where we don't walk down the street and pass people who are infected with AIDS." His interest in AIDS awareness is why he joined ASAP.

Culver, too, would like more than anything for this to be the last commemoration of World AIDS Day.

However, the numbers show otherwise. She said that just last year 2.8 million people died of AIDS, and another six million became infected.

Every hour, two people under the age of 25 become infected, she added. Since Ron Baker has been counseling individuals who have AIDS, he has seen people becoming infected at extremely young ages. In fact, Baker is currently counseling an 11-year-old girl who contracted AIDS because of her unsafe sexual behavior.

"People don't think it can happen to them, but it can," said Cathy Pendorf, housing manager for ASAP.

Observing the quilt panels, Pendorf added, "each person has a story, a story that was cut off...it hurts inside to think about."

Another part of the program was a raffling off of the Ty Beanie Baby Bear named Ariel. Ariel's design was drawn by a little girl who died of AIDS. The bear is also named after the girl.

ASAP raised \$81.91 with the raffie, which will also go towards a local AIDS research organization.

Culver ended her talk by making several statements about what each person can do to support people who have AIDS.

Her final statement sums it up in the best possible way as individuals and as a community, "we need to care."

Are you in need of some good advice? Ask Kitty

Do you ever have those pressing problems to which you wished you had a quick answer?

Well, there may not be a quick answer, but Kitty will read your problems and give you her advice. Maybe she'll even give you a few options you hadn't thought of yet.

If you have a question, a problem, or just a situation you would like an opinion on, write a letter and send it to Kitty. Send it through campus mail to box 797.

Disclaimer: The author is a WMC psychology major, and not a licensed professional. Kitty just presents a forum for people who would like to look at their issues in a different way.

Hello Kitty,

I'm usually very responsible when it comes to safe sex.

But this guy and I have been together for a while, and we've had just not so easy to slow things down so we can get a condom. I mean to use one, but then, I just don't.

I feel really bad about it afterward. What should I do? I know birth control could work, but I don't know how to get it. Are there any other alternatives?

-Swept Away

Dear Swept Away,

It's a positive step that you are concerned about it. There are several things you can do now.

One thing would be to learn more information.

Some facts are that the pill and some other forms of birth control do not protect you from STD's, HIV, and AIDS.

Condoms are only 85% effective, and yes there are alternatives in birth control and protection, some more effective than others, though abstinence from sex is the only 100% effective way to protect yourself.

Further information is available at Smith House x700 and also at Carroll County Health Services in Westminster.

Another suggestion is to talk to your partner about your concerns, this is a situation that involves both of you. He may be worried about it too, and unsure whether to talk to you about it.

Remember, if you are mature enough to have sex, you should be mature enough to talk about it.

This is a high-risk behavior and if you decide to, AIDS testing is free and anonymous at Smith House and at Carroll County Health Services.

Stay safe and thanks for writing!

Dear Kitty,

Dude! My buds keep taking my Buds! It's starting to make me really mad!

I don't usually care, but I'm a little low on buds at the end of the semester stress makes this situation VERY important!

I don't want to be an ass about it, what do I do?

-Bud Dude

Dear Dude,

It sounds like this is really bothering you, should think about talking to your Buds. Let them know how you feel, that you don't usually care but you are low on funds.

Maybe suggest that they chip in or take turns buying the refreshments for the evening.

From the information you have given me, it does sound like an unfair situation and there is definitely a diplomatic way to address it.

Don't hold things in.

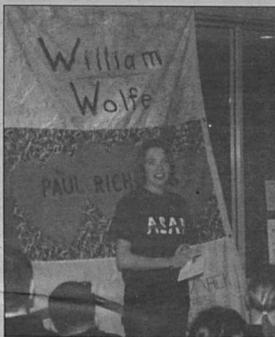
The bottom line is that communication is key. Your buds just might not realize how you feel.

So take this advice and take control of your situation.

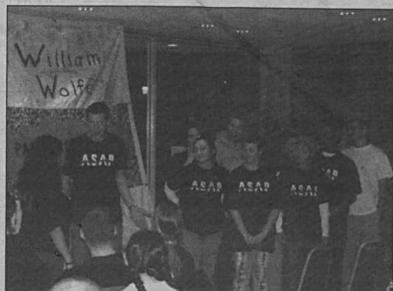


BRAD WIDNER

Co-vice president of ASAP, Lisa Dale Van Auken, introduces the first speaker at the World AIDS Day Program, with sections of the AIDS Quilt behind her. Lisa is also the author of the skit performed by ASAP.



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From left to right are Cathy Pendorf, Matt Winner, Lisa Van Auken, Libby Liu, Pat Dougherty, Shauna Dominguez, Jennie Callos, Karen Pizzolato, Mohindra Ramphal, Joan Faulkner, Dan Mueller, and Allison Rupert.

To get or not to get: perfect gift ideas for everyone on your list

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With the holidays approaching, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Bath-tub Party Day, etc. it is time to think again of what the holiday season means to you and what you will get for those you care about. Here are some "inexpensive" holiday gift ideas:

For the environmentalist -

Good gift ideas: A \$1000 donation to a save the rain forest fund, several subscriptions to an adopt-an-animal program, or an electric car. These gifts may be expensive, but they make the Earth happy. Cheesy gift idea: A bag of dirt. This is actually a very useful gift. It can be used to grow plants in the spring, to create yummy mud pies, and to track on the carpet and irritate your roommate. Bad gift idea: Stock in an oil company.

For the person who has everything -

Good gift ideas: gift certificates to their favorite restaurants and stores. These are good because people need to eat and they can pick their own gift this way. Cheesy gift idea: Water. This is something that every-

one needs, and most people don't get enough of it. Hint: this item can be found in the pub, packaged in attractive gift bottles. And hey, you can get flavored water too! Bad gift idea: something they already have.

For your roommate -

Good gift idea: For one day, promise to A) Pick your dirty clothes up off the floor B) Turn the music DOWN C) Wash your dishes and/or D) Remove the large animal from the room. Hey, what could be better than giving a gift that is free of cost? Cheesy gift idea: Return everything you ever "borrowed" from them (hint: don't mention that it was already theirs). You know they'll like it because they had it before. Bad gift idea: Give them something you would rather have for yourself (so you can steal it back later).

For your significant other -

Good gift idea: Tickets for a romantic getaway for two to their favorite place. If they feel as strongly for you as you for them, maybe they'll actually take you with them. Cheesy gift idea: What do they need a present for? They have you in all of your amazingness! If they can't appreciate that, who needs them? So there! Bad gift idea: A

picture of you that also happens to have your ex with his/her arm around you.

For your incompetent ex -

Good Gift Idea: Why would you be giving them a gift anyway? Cheesy Gift Idea: How do you wrap a grenade? Bad Gift Idea: A picture of yourself with a heart drawn around it.

For the vegetarian -

Good gift idea: A \$1000 donation to an animal rights organization. This gift may be expensive but it makes animals happy. Cheesy gift idea: A box of animal crackers. Vegetarians can eat these without feeling guilty. Bad gift idea: a side of beef. This would be a bad gift for anyone.

For the golfer -

Good gift idea: A new set of balls and clubs. If your golfer is like the golfer I know, they will need them. Cheesy gift idea: Those silly chocolates that look like golf balls. Everyone could use a little chocolate. Bad gift idea: A bowling ball.

For other sports fanatics -

Good gift idea: Buy them their favorite

sports team. It's the best way to spend 100 million dollars. Cheesy gift idea: Take them out to play their favorite sport. Don't actually play, just offer to. It's free and you get to spend "quality" time with them. Bad gift idea: Season tickets to the games of their least favorite team, and sport for that matter.

For the music fanatic -

Good gift idea: Tickets to every concert on their favorite band's tour. They'll be your best friend forever, and it'll get them out of your hair. Cheesy gift idea: A subscription to Tiger Beat. They can get monthly pin-ups of those teen idols everyone loves. Bad gift idea: A \$1 gift certificate to a music store.

For your parents -

Good gift idea: Send them on that long cruise they keep saying they're going to take when you graduate. They deserve it after raising you to be the nice, responsible adult that you are. Cheesy gift idea: Offer to move out without their financial support. They might actually like this one. Bad gift idea: Move them out while they are not at home, you know, while they are on that cruise you're going to send them on. Oh and don't forget to change the locks.

For your professors -

Good gift idea: Tell them you won't ever be in their class again. But wait, if they teach in your major, you probably will. So instead get them a new red pen because they'll need it with you in their class again. Cheesy gift idea: Give them a great review on semester-end evaluations or get them an apple from the pub. The first will be appreciated greatly and the second, well, teachers love apples. Duh. Bad gift idea: Give them your 200-page senior sem paper, even if you aren't a senior.

For your pet -

Good gift idea: Their favorite treats. They'll love you for it, even if they already love you. Cheesy gift idea: Reindeer antlers or some other degrading pet clothes. They don't want to be dressed up even if you think it's cute. If you happen to have a bird or fish, get them food. What else are you going to get them? Bad gift idea: A trip to the vet.

For anyone who missed -

Do you really expect us to give you all our ideas?



we throw all kinds of
[obstacles] at you.
tuition isn't one of them.

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College Band Concert

Alumni Hall Mainstage
Friday, December 8th, 7:00 p.m.

The Carroll County Children's Chorus

Big Baker Memorial Chapel
Sunday, December 10th, 3:00 p.m.

Encore Orchestra Winter Concert

North Carroll High School
Sunday, December 10th, 7:00 p.m.

Room 403G: What's up with F***?

LISA DALE VAN AUKEN
Staff Writer

Welcome to room 403G. It's small, cramped, cluttered, and five flights above Rouser parking lot. We call it home.

I don't blame you if you've got a problem with the F-bomb. I myself drop it from time to time, but if you don't like it, it's understandable.

It's been crammed so densely into conversation that taking it out would cut our vocabulary in half.

But time after time, there's just something that always makes us fall back on that most profane of all profanities, the most offensive of obscenities, the queen mother—F***er of all curse words (don't say I didn't warn you): fuck.

I decided recently to start documenting the number of times that my roommates and I hear fuck shouted outside our fifth-floor window.

And after a month, the empirical evidence points to one conclusion: fuck is unavoidable.

In two weeks, we documented a total of six different occasions (usually weekends) that someone (usually a male) shouted (usually

at night) the profanity.

That means, on average, we hear a stranger screaming the obscenity outside our window 45 times a semester, 90 times a year. No wonder I wear earplugs to sleep.

In the beginning, fuck was a perfectly acceptable word. Most likely, the word derives from the Old German word fucken: "to strike or penetrate," later meaning, "to copulate."

The first recorded fuck was in 1503, but in the 18th century, during Queen Victoria's reign, the word was censured.

Interestingly, Victoria also decreed that saying table limbs was more appropriate than saying table legs because legs was too sexual.

So, fuck became a dirty word because of one woman's sexual hang-ups.

It wasn't until a 1960 court case in America that fuck was legally printable. Lucky for me, huh?

So what's the big deal? The word fuck is really just a bunch of sounds, right? The only reason it's dirty is because we think of it that way.

Well, the truth is, we need an arsenal of curses at our disposal.

We need fuck. It's an expression that comes right from our gut. It pushes off our lips with *fff*, then bubbles up out of our viscera with *uhhhh*, then finally explodes with *kkkk*.

Striking a primitive chord, it anchors us for an instant to our unrefined, instinctual selves.

So, whether we like it or not, fuck is a staple in language for lots of people.

You can hear it in buses, bars, movies, and, yes, even class rooms. Many-a-time, I've heard the F-word slip from a teacher's lips.

In fact, I have one teacher who thinks that fuck is so overused that it will be a worthless, insipid word in another few generations, like the way cool has become a little less exciting than it was in the 60s.

'Til then, fuck can be very effective for emphasis, even though it's taboo. It's grabs people's attention, makes them listen more carefully to what you're saying. When it's used sparingly, a well-placed swear is worth 10, or even more than 10, other words.

But don't go test this theory too enthusiastically; 'Cause I'm really fucking tired of hearing it outside my window.

60 SECONDS

What are you going to do over winter break?

-Compiled by Brad Widner



"Sleeping and regu-
lating the 4th floor
of McDaniel."

Josh Bronson '01
Sociology



"Working, working
and working..."

Andrew White '03
Business



"Two words --
Road trips!"

Emily Perry '02(left)
Business
Christina Walter '03
Sociology/Social Work



"Fretting over what
I'm going to do
with an English
degree."

Kris Sevillena '01
English

Horoscopes for Happy Holidays

LISA STANLEY
Staff Writer

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov 23- Dec 21)

Happy Birthday Sagittarius! Party extra hardy. Those Scorpios know how to have a good time, so meet up with one and them you'll both have entirely too much fun. Your best food is Turkey, and your lucky numbers are 2, 21 and 34.

CAPRICORN
(Dec 22- Jan 20)

This Holiday season let someone know how much they mean to you (no, family doesn't count.) and just watch their face light up. Your best food is some cranberries any way you like them and your lucky numbers are 9, 27 and 31.

AQUARIUS
(Jan 21- Feb 19)

Hey you beautiful people! Show the Scorpio in your life what you call fun; keep their party jumping, and of course a gift from an Aquarius is not necessary. Your best food is Pineapple Stuffing (if you've never heard of it you don't know what you are missing) and your lucky numbers are 4, 18 and 29.

PISCES
(Feb 20- Mar 20)

Watch out who you spend the Holidays with; remember the Settlers were nothing but liars, so just keep that in mind. Your best food is corn on the cob and your lucky numbers are 11, 15 and 23.

ARIES
(Mar 21- Apr 20)

Start some new traditions this Holiday season, that is always fun

especially for any young kids in the extended family. Your best food is apple pie and your lucky numbers are 1, 17 and 33.

TAURUS
(Apr 21 - May 21)

This season put aside your pessimistic tendencies and really enjoy this time of year with an open mind and an eye on your family. Doing this, Taurus, will make your holiday the best ever. Your best food is honey baked ham and your lucky numbers are 5, 19 and 26.



LEO
(July 24- Aug 23)

All right Leo it's time to let you big heart roar, show people how loud it can be. Spend some time this year at a soup kitchen or helping your community in some way, it will lighten your heart and bring smiles to faces that need them. Your best food is Pineapple upside-down cake and your lucky numbers are 12, 22 and 32.

VIRGO
(Aug 24- Sep 23)

Make some time and get together with Grandma and bake her best cookies this break and reconnect with the older generation. Your best foods are shortbread cookies and your best numbers are 8, 24 and 30.

LIBRA
(Sep 24- Oct 23)

Hang some mistletoe in a high traffic area and everyone will have fun with it including you Libra, keep an eye on the plant good things may come out of it. Your best food is peanut butter balls (you have no idea what you are missing if you've never had one) and your best numbers are 3, 14 and 35.

SCORPIO
(Oct 24- Nov 22)

Happy belated Birthday Scorpio! You wonderful people are not ready to stop that wild birthday celebration - so go ahead and let loose, hit the clubs, whatever you want; you'll have a blast. Your best food is pumpkin pie, your lucky numbers are 7, 13 and 25.

GEMINI
(May 22- June 21)

Make sure to put lots of time aside this special time of year for your family Gemini, they all won't be around for long so cherish them while they're able to reciprocate their love. Your best food is applause and your lucky numbers are 6, 20 and 36.

CANCER
(June 22- July 23)

Keep an eye on your younger cousins, nieces, and nephews and reload the joy and wonder of the holiday season, it will do your heart good. Your best food are some

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Men's Basketball starts out strong, defeats Swarthmore

GREG LEDERER
Assistant Sports Editor

It has been a strong start for the Western Maryland College men's basketball team this year as the team has a positive 3-2, 1-0 record to begin the season.

The team has been very surprising given that it has gone through back to back four win seasons.

On December 1, the Green Terror opened up their conference season with a home game against Swarthmore.

For a team winless in their first five games, Swarthmore came out firing and dominated the boards to a 23-8 advantage in the first half, but WMC held on and found themselves only down 43-40 at the half. In the second stanza, the home team responded with aggressive defense and incredible long range shooting.

The Green Terror defense held the opposition to a poor shooting percentage (11-33 from the floor) and used a balanced attack to take a come from behind 87-76 win.

Sophomore guard Greg Hill led WMC with 18 points and senior forward Mike Furey had 16 and eight rebounds to help pace the team. Freshman Alan Hoyt and junior Erik Larson both contributed with 14 and 10 points respectively. The Green Terror made an amazing nine three-point shots on the night and have already tied their conference win total of last season.

The team is very optimistic and positive about how the season is going. "We are very positive, undefeated in the conference so far," says senior forward Matt McVey.

Playing well early in the season, the Green Terror welcomed very tough Otterbein College of Ohio, on November 28. This was to be a mismatch for WMC as the opposition is led by tough center Jeff Gibbs, the best rebounder in division III last year.

WMC played tough throughout, hitting six three-point shots in the contest, but were overmatched on the boards 36 to 18 by the invaders.

Freshman Sam Anstead paced the Green

Terror with 13 points and Larson had nine points and six rebounds, but they couldn't match Gibb's 21 points and game high 11 rebounds in a 77-68 loss.

In one of the greatest offensive games in the team's history, WMC broke out against non-conference foe, Galluadet. With a home crowd cheering them on, the Green Terror went on a scoring binge with 67 points in the second half to take a blazing 108-87 win. The 108 point total was just seven points shy from the Green Terror record for points scored in one game.

Senior guard Jack Kowalik poured in a career high 23 points and Sam Anstead played another solid game with 16 points and very aggressive defense effort.

WMC guards Greg Hill and junior Desmond Esteves also played well with 12 and 11 points respectively in the high scoring affair.

"We are playing better offensively and defensively this year," says senior guard Jack Kowalik. "We're playing much better at the defensive end and that is something that Coach is really stressing that we do."

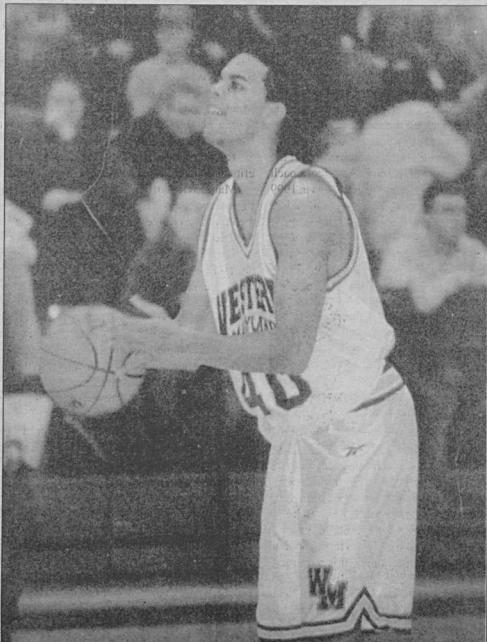
Earlier in the season, the Green Terror kicked off their season with the 19th annual WMC Tip-Off Tournament. In their first game, WMC played a very strong Villa Julie team.

In a high scoring affair, the opposition was very hot from the outside throughout the game and didn't relinquish the early lead in taking a 98-80 victory.

The loss spoiled the head coaching debut of WMC coach Darrell Brooks, but the game was closer than the score indicated as the Green Terror were able to close the gap to eight in the middle of the second half. Anstead led the team with 15 points and Sean Pond chipped in 12 to pace the Green Terror attack.

WMC was looking to get back on the winning track in the consolation game of the tournament against North Carolina Wesleyan.

In a close game, the Green Terror played



BRAD WINNER

Junior Erik Larson sets up at the free throw line in during the 87-67 Western Maryland win against Swarthmore. Larson would score 10 points in the effort. This contest was the first Centennial Conference action the team has faced thus far in the season.

aggressive defense and timely offense down the stretch to secure the team's first victory of the season.

In the closing minutes of the game, freshman Alan Hoyt hit a three point shot and buried a couple free throws to help WMC take the 67-59 win. Hoyt and Hill had 11 points for the Green Terror, and sophomore center Jon Pearson stepped up with a big 12

points and five rebounds to get the first win of Coach Darrell Brook's head coaching career.

After posting back to back four win seasons, this year's basketball team looks ready to make a positive improvement and progress towards a strong program in the future. While the season is very young, the team is off to a strong start.

Phoenix spotlight on wrestler Levi McVey

RANDALL JUSTICE
Staff Writer

The success of the Green Terror Wrestling team this season hinges, in large part, on the efforts of several new additions to the lineup.

One of the grapplers excelling early on is Washington and Lee transfer Levi McVey. Wrestling at 174 lbs, the sophomore has wrestled into the finals in his first three outings with the Green Terror, finishing second each time.

McVey's arrival on campus is due in large part to his interaction with WMC wrestling coach John Lowe at last year's Petroses Invitational.

Lowe, a Washington and Lee alum, knew about McVey's unhappiness at W & L and promised better things on The Hill.

So the two-time District Champ out of Tuckerton, New Jersey made the move to Western Maryland College and appears to be glad he did so. McVey says he is "happier as a wrestler and a student," following his transfer. He enjoys "the team atmosphere in the room."

The criminal justice student has certainly doted on his fair share of punishment since joining the Green Terror and attributes much of his recent prowess to his unique approach. Rather than seeking to hit particular moves,

Levi "focuses on staying relaxed and having fun, just using his quickness."

It also doesn't hurt that McVey continually stays after practice to do additional training and drilling, providing the confident feeling that he "is more prepared than his opponent."



COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION
Sophomore transfer Levi McVey looks to play a large role for Green Terror wrestling.

He admits that, while he is very comfortable on his feet, his work on both top and bottom need improvement. However, with his work ethic, the desired progress cannot be far behind.

Yet the most remarkable thing about this

athlete has little to do with his strength or speed. Levi emphasized his ability to "wrestle all his life without letting it become his life."

Too often a talented athlete develops a tunnel vision approach to life. He or she becomes defined purely within the parameters of the chosen sport.

Levi has found a unique balance, dedicating himself to his sport while cultivating other interests.

He and a friend joined forces to garner a founding charter for a new chapter of Habitat for Humanity in Ocean County, New Jersey. McVey also participated in both baseball and soccer at the varsity level while attending Pinelander Regional High School.

While his passion for wrestling, coupled with a series of knee injuries, forced him to give up these other competitive outlets, he still enjoys them both as a casual participant and a fan.

At present, McVey remains focused on winning the Centennial Conference title in the 174 lbs. weight class and giving his best effort at nationals while helping the team break the top ten in national rankings.

Levi McVey does a number of things and he seems to do them all remarkably well. With him on the mat, similar success for the Green Terror cannot be far behind.

Sports Trivia

What is the team mascot of UC Santa Cruz?

Submitted by Alex Lendrim

Answer from 11/16: Olden Polynice

Web Design Workshop

January 8- January 10

7-9 p.m. in the Writing Center

Learn from your peers how to make a web page during Jan term. The three-session workshop will teach you how to:

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Former Field Hockey players show the value of having alumni on the coaching staff

AMY BITTINGER
Staff Writer

At this year's annual alumni hockey game, there was only one coach on the sideline.

That is because both assistant coaches were participating in the game as alumni. Assistant coach Natalie Hannible graduated in 1999 while Amy Eggers graduated in 1997.



COURTESY OF AMY BITTINGER
1997 WMC grad Amy Eggers now is an assistant coach for the field hockey team.

Head coach Mindy Manolovich feels that there are both benefits and disadvantages to having alumni on the sidelines coaching.

Manolovich explains that the biggest advantage to having alumni on the coaching staff is recruiting. "Because they have been students, and know what it is like to be a student-athlete at WMC, it is easier to sell the school and the program," she says.

Manolovich also adds, alumni are more "specific and informative about nonathletic aspects of college life at WMC." For example, the alumni have lived in the dorms and have eaten in the dining room and

therefore, can better express what those aspects of the school are like.

Hannible agrees with Manalovich that because she "had such a good experience here and can honestly convey it" to recruits.

However, there are more benefits than just recruiting.

Manalovich often referred to the assistants when there were conflicts with practice to determine their validity.

For example, room draw and student scheduling may conflict with practice time. Also, Hannible, an exercise science major and Eggers, a chemistry major, realize that lab times cannot always be altered to accommodate practices.

Furthermore, the alumni add an understanding of the school and program's history. Because the alumni have played in the big games they can sometimes better understand the importance of the rivalry.

Manalovich is quick to add that there can be problems with a recent graduate changing roles from a player to a coach.

For example, when she was at Oberlin College in Ohio, she had a graduate coach who would not refrain from partying and hanging out with the team.

Manalovich said that this caused "players to lack respect for her and for the team."

So, before she hires an alumna to be a coach she explains to him or her what his or her role is as a coach. Another problem that sometimes occurs with alumni coaches

is that when the alumna is young it is hard to establish a good rapport with parents. Similarly, for some it is difficult to make the change from student-athlete to coach.

In the case of assistant coach Hannible, she began coaching at WMC just two semesters after graduating from the college.

She was coaching three classes of players with whom she played. Although, for all three of those classes she was a captain.

This set the tone for her changing role.

As a captain she was well respected and taken seriously. In her first season coaching she had little problem being a coach except that she "wanted to go out and play." Standing on the sidelines was hardest for her. However, what made up for it was "seeing the girls with whom I played grow and get better."

Former teammate and present player for Hannible, Lisa Weber explained that the transition from teammate to coach of Hannible was "good because she acted professionally, like a coach."

Weber also explained that she was a great coach to have on the sideline because "she knows the chemistry of the team, she knows each individual's strengths and weaknesses, and she knows the opponents first hand."

Hannible admits that having had her first coaching experience in the familiar setting of her college has made it easier.

Hannible hopes to continue coaching in the future.

Eggers on the other hand, added that she feels comfortable helping players with problems with classes and professors because she knows many first hand.

Similarly, she commented, that the common experience of sport and school adds an element of fa-



COURTESY OF AMY BITTINGER
Natalie Hannible, a 1999 grad of Western Maryland, is a first-year assistant coach.

miliarity to the team.

Eggers has the same situation by coaching lacrosse at her alma mater Eggers, a 1992 graduate of North Carroll High School also teaches at the school.

She says that she liked being a player and now coaching because it gives her an insight to what her player's schedules and daily lives are like.

Eggers enjoys this coaching/teaching situation

and Manolovich equally enjoys Eggers and Hannible coaching here at Western Maryland College.

Winter Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

Vs. Franklin and Marshall
Dec. 6, 7:30 pm

@ Catholic
Dec. 9, 4:00 pm

@ Mary Washington
Dec. 17, 2:00 pm

Randolph Macon Winter Classic @ Ashland, VA.
Dec. 29-30

Women's Basketball

Vs. Franklin and Marshall
Dec. 5, 7 pm

@ Notre Dame
Dec. 8, 7 pm

@ York
Dec. 10, 2 pm

@ Lebanon Valley
Jan. 4, 7 pm

Swimming
Vs Elizabethtown
Dec. 5, 7 pm

Vs. York
Dec. 8, 6 pm

Indoor Track
@ Bucknell
Dec. 9

State Invitational
@ Prince George's
Jan. 6

Wrestling
@ Muhlenburg
Dec. 5, 7:30 pm

Florida Citrus Open
Dec. 26-29

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Steinbrenner buys former Oriole Mussina: Can small market teams compete?

MATTHEW E. HURFF
Sports Editor

Well, Baseball's best team, the Yankees, just became even better, as they exploited the financial disparities in the game once again. That's because this past week they signed former Orioles ace Mike Mussina for a whopping six-year, \$88.5 million contract.

This means that the Yankees now boast a starting rotation that contains Roger Clemens, Mussina, Orlando Hernandez, and Andy Pettitte, while having an outstanding bullpen led by Mariano Rivera to back them up. How is this fair?

Most teams in the league cannot afford one pitcher of this caliber. So how can other teams compete? The answer is simple: they cannot.

The Orioles have now lost their ace and heart of their team. Mussina has been stellar for the past 10 years in service of the O's, compiling a 147-81 record, and sadly, they do not have anyone of his caliber to step up and fill his shoes.

This means that Sidney Ponson or Scott Erickson will now be

Baltimore's ace barring any free agent signings. That is ridiculous. Ponson shows promise given time, but he is still young and has not shown the prowess that an ace needs. Erickson is coming off an injury plagued season and is unreliable at best. However, even when he was in prime form, he was not ace material. He certainly was able to absorb many innings pitched, but at the same time, he let up a high number or earned runs and losses. Ideally, he would be a third starter in an average rotation. So, without an off-season acquisition, fans will basically see a AAA pitching staff at Camden Yards in 2001.

This trend is happening all over baseball. Just last year, the Phillies lost their marquee player, Curt Schilling to Arizona. Likewise, this off-season, the Cubs will lose Sammy Sosa, the Mariners will lose Alex Rodriguez, and Tony Gwynn may depart from the Padres.

All of whom will be going to the greener pastures of New York, Atlanta or Boston among other locales.

Many of the players departing

their teams claim that they are leaving because they want to play for contenders, not because of the money.

Is this true? Maybe in some cases, but in others, money seems to be the main motivation. Alex Rodriguez wants to leave the Mariners despite the fact that they had an outstanding season last year, winning the AL West. Manny Ramirez wants to depart from the Indians; a team that has been successful for most of the 90s and should not be counted out in 2001 by any means.

Looking over all of these transactions I was very depressed. At least until I read over the contract proposal of former Met relief pitcher Turk Wendell. Wendell says that if any team signs him to a three-year contract, he will play the fourth year for free. If the team must, by law, pay him, he says that he will donate the salary to charity.

Wendell is by far not one of the high paid players in the game, but this is still an encouraging sign.

It is doubtful that any of the other big name free agents has this

attitude though.

I also can't believe the players who want to leave because they want to go to a winning team. How can they have so little faith that their team will get better given time. When a marquee player leaves citing this "desire to win," they are just making it even more difficult for a team to lure new talent.

Maybe I am just being unrealistic, but I'm certain that I'm not the only one who would like to know that their favorite player will still be on the same team for most of their career.

Can you imagine trading Joe DiMaggio, Cal Ripken, Mike Schmidt...etc in their prime years. Absolutely not.

But it seems to happen almost every off-season for the past five or six seasons. Another problem is the lack of economic equality.

Obviously, a team in the city the size of New York will have a larger fan and economic base than the Montreal Expos. Bud Selig is trying to fix this, but most players don't seem to care about equality, they just care about their wallets.

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Football season ends with loss in Texas for third straight season

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Staff Writer

The third time is supposed to be the charm, isn't it? That's how the saying goes, anyway. Unfortunately the third time wasn't the charm for the Terror as the Football squad lost in Texas for the third consecutive year, this time in a 32-10, second-round loss to Hardin-Simmons.

The previous two years the team lost to Trinity College in San Antonio.

The game itself, which took place on Saturday November 25th, while most WMC students were relaxing on their Thanksgiving break was close at the half, but went sour in the second stanza. A TD run by freshman Louie Wright opened the scoring in the game.

Hardin-Simmons QB Travis Jones lead his team to 18 straight

more WR Joey Ellis. Ellis had 143 yards on 8 catches in the game. The Terror defense was able to hold the ODAC champions offense to 14 points on strong play from LB's Aaron Bartolain and Matt Wilchinski.

Although many fans and players had hoped for a national championship this season, it was still a successful season for the team. They won the conference and 10 games for the 4th consecutive year. They are, along with Trinity and Mt. Union, one of only three teams in the nation to make the playoffs for four consecutive years.

On top of all of that the Terror proved they could win games without All-American QB Ron Serمارini.

Many critics of the team claimed that the success was only because of Serمارini. With the 10

...the Terror proved that they could win games without three-time All Centennial Conference QB Ron Serمارini.

unanswered points before the Terror closed out the half with a Brent Sandrock field goal. This made the score 18-10 at the half.

Jones was replaced by Josh McCasland as QB for Hardin-Simmons in the second half. The duo had split time all year. This didn't help the Terror any as they gave up 14 consecutive unanswered points and wound up losing the game 32-10. A disappointing loss for the Terror.

The big issue in the game for the Terror was the injury to Centennial Conference player of the year Jamie Harris from the week before.

He pulled a hamstring the previous week in a win against Emory and Henry.

Harris wasn't able to recover fully from the severe pull and was only able to accrue 12 yards on 13 carries.

In the game against Emory and Henry, the Terror won a first round playoff game on the road.

This game was a standout victory for Western Maryland as they won 38-14.

Harris, despite being removed in the third quarter because of the hamstring pull, threw for 248 yards and a pair of TD's.

One of the TD's went to sopho-

wins and undefeated conference record they proved these skeptics wrong.

Once again all eyes move to next season. No one can predict the future for sure.

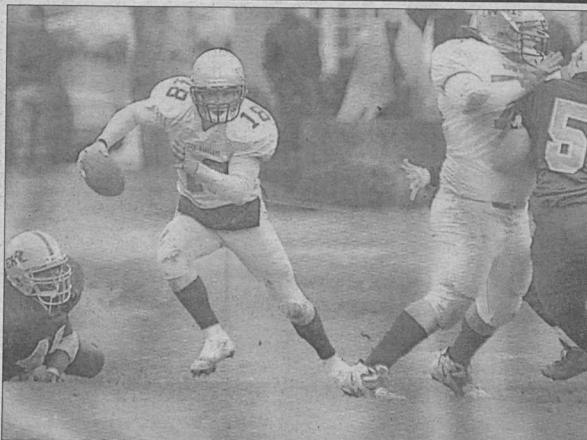
However things look to be good once again. Although key starters such as Bartolain, Derrick Gwynn, Joe Kendorski, Rob McCracken, and Brent Sandrock will be missed, the Terror have Curtis Husselman, Athan Margetis, Brandon Brown, Louie Wright, Joe Symonek, and Chris Patterson returning—all of whom have proven themselves this year, showing that they are ready to step up and fill the positions of the departing players next year.

On top of that, offensive weapons Boo Harris and Teron Powell will be back to make a strong effort in their senior campaign.

So look for the Terror to win the conference again next season as well as make a serious run for that coveted national championship.

On top of the above mentioned starters *The Phoenix* would like to recognize the careers of all seniors graduating this year.

This includes: Sam Gordon, Mike Wood, John Croyle, Anthony Delle Donne, Matt McVey, Matt Jackson, Ryan Smith, and Dan Gadd (again).



COURTESY OF THE CARROLL COUNTY TIMES

Terror Quarterback Boo Harris eludes a diving Emory and Henry defender while #75 Nick Alevrogianni provides a vital block to free Harris. In this game, Harris passed for 248 yards and two touchdown passes.

Women's Basketball jumps to a solid 3-1 start to the season

CRAIG P. JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Perfection. It's something that every athlete strives toward, but very few ever achieve.

While the WMC women's basketball team has not yet reached this elusive goal, they have come close at times on the way to a 3-1 early season record.

The team began the 2000 campaign on November 18 in the Greensboro Invitational against Virginia Wesleyan.

Behind 24 points from Jill Ibe and 10 from Jen Piccolomini, the Western Maryland women nipped the opposition by a score of 63-62.

This first round tournament game saw WMC hold Virginia Wesleyan to just 36.5 percent shooting from the field, but managed only 34.8 percent themselves.

Still, it was enough to advance to the championship game the next day.

On November 19, WMC met a powerful squad from Wittenberg College.

Wittenberg dominated the Green Terror on the glass in winning the Greensboro Invitational, 69-55.

The Tigers held a 49-29 advantage in rebounding for the game.

Western Maryland trailed by just five at intermission, 38-33, but struggled from the field in the sec-

ond half, shooting just 30 percent (9-of-30).

Piccolomini led the team with 15 points, with Ibe adding 13. These strong individual performances earned the two players All-Tournament team honors.

WMC made their Centennial Conference debut at home on November 29 against Dickinson College.

After a shaky first couple minutes, it was all Green Terror as they forced 30 turnovers on the way to an 81-56 victory.

Western Maryland was led by Ibe's game-high 18 points and 10 rebounds.

WMC led Dickinson 37-25 at halftime and pulled away with 44 second-half points. Two other Green Terror players scored in double figures, with Piccolomini chipping in 13 and Patty Russo adding 11.

The most pleasant surprise was perhaps the play of freshman Toby McIntyre, who led the ball club with five assists and four steals in her Gill Center debut.

Finally, Western Maryland pushed their record to 3-1 with a 66-57 victory over Alvernia on December 2.

Piccolomini's rebound and put back with 6:40 remaining gave WMC its first lead of the second half, a lead which they would not

relinquish. Piccolomini led all scorers with 22 points.

Alvernia held a 38-30 lead at intermission while shooting over 50 percent from the floor.

However, the Green Terror defense stiffened in the second half, holding the visiting Crusaders to just eight field goals in 30 attempts. Stephanie McPherson provided a spark for Western Maryland by grabbing a team-high eight rebounds.

If the first four games serve as any indication, this team is destined to go a long way.



MATT HURFF

Freshman Toby McIntyre moves the ball down court in a 66-57 win over Alvernia.



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Former WMC student banned from campus

TAMMI SLATER
Staff Writer

A fun night for independents and Bachelors turned into a night of drunken fighting on the fourth floor of Blanche, leaving two students in the hospital.

It broke out around 3 a.m. when a former Western Maryland College student and Bachelor, John Waters, confronted two independent students.

According to a WMC student, who wishes to remain anonymous and was present at the scene when the fight broke out, two independent students had apparently taken off their shirts at a party, walked into the hallway, and Waters took offense.

Waters reacted by screaming and professing that he held authority on the floor, and they must obey him, according to the anonymous student. When the

two independent students ignored Waters's request, he threw an empty beer bottle at one of them, resulting in an injury to the eyebrow area.

In an act of defense, people joined in on both sides of the fight.

The fight, where alcohol was a significant factor, resulted two independent students being sent to the hospital. Two students were given temporary expulsions.

Waters was ordered not to return to campus. After being charged with violating probation, Waters has formerly been criminally charged with the following: assault, trespassing, burglary, and violation of probation at WMC.

Currently, future precautions are being taken to ensure that Water's does not return to campus, however, a ban cannot be

enforced in this regard.

There is also a warrant out for Water's arrest as a result of his escape before police could arrive.

Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, and Philip Sayre, the dean of Student Affairs, both

confirmed that charges have been placed on the four Bachelor students that were involved, and the case has been turned over to the Honor and Conduct Board, where the necessary actions will be taken from there.

Smoke without fire

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Staff Writer

Smith House office manager Maryann Nalevanko doesn't go into Smith House on a daily basis to work, but when she opened the door and stepped in on December 21st, 2000 she was greeted by an overpowering smell of smoke.

While the smoke was caused by furnace problems, and not flames, rumors circulated around campus about a Smith House inferno.

What appeared to be a fire began some time between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.; the exact time is unknown. Large amounts of smoke poured out of the chimney, filled the building with a terrible smell, and forced the office to be shut down for the entire Jan Term semester.

Despite the smoke and fumes, Smith House remained standing and not in a pile of ashes.

The real problem involved the old oil-burning furnace, said Thomas Stebeck, director of Human Resources. Somehow the oil in the furnace backed up, *continued on page 3*

Campus Safety deals with recent burglaries

JOAN FAULKNER
Asst. News Editor

After a "fire" in December and a fight a few weeks later, who would have thought that a burglary story would be the next big news on this campus?

Certainly not Jan Kiphart, Registrar, and the others who work in her office. Nor did Susan Schmidt, Bursar, and her office mates...

Someone broke into the Bursar and Registrar's office on January 24, 2001.

According to Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, the Bursar's Office door was hand checked at 1:30 a.m. and housekeep-

ing called at about 6 a.m. saying the window was missing.

The city police were then contacted and the scene was secured until Webster arrived. The only thing taken was an employee's personal keys and there was no attempt to enter the safe.

Schmidt was rather surprised to receive a phone call early in the morning "You take it kind of personally," she said, and one has to "take it as a learning experience."

Schmidt says now, the Bursar employees have an awareness "that things need to be private" and "we need to protect important information."

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ED SCHULTHEIS

This lone walker takes his time through the shoveled pathway of a late January snow storm that blanketed the campus and decorated the trees.

Committee discusses new housing

STACI L. GEORGE
News Editor

Last semester steps were taken to conclude that more housing is a definite need of the WMC campus. Since spring semester began there have been many new advancements in the plan.

A meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee was held on Wednesday, February 7 to discuss the prospect of new housing.

"We're thinking that we'll build six small low-rise buildings in the area behind the water tower," commented Philip Sayre, vice president and dean of Student Affairs.

This sort of village concept will be a mix of apartments and suite-style accommodations.

A memo handed out at Wednesday's meeting listed eight advantages to this sort of housing option. The included popularity of *continued on page 2*

WMC welcomes five new people to the Hill

STACI L. GEORGE
News Editor

There are many new faces around the WMC campus, most of them students who transferred here from other colleges. But there are five new faces, that you may have not seen yet, and introductions you have not made thus far.

Like the new students, these women have all transferred from other institutions; however, they are not students, but rather staff members.

Positions have been filled by newcomers Jan Kiphart, Elizabeth Skeffington Towle, Katherine Moncreu, Jennifer Fisher, and Toni Condon.

Kiphart was hired at the end of last semester as the new registrar. Before coming to WMC, she was the registrar at Mt. Saint Mary's College of Maryland for ten years and also worked in the admissions office for five years.

She began working in her new office on January 3.

"It's been very busy, but

everyone's been wonderful. I'm learning a lot," said Kiphart.

Her only complaint so far is that she has not had the privilege to meet a lot of students. She has, however, offered to attend an SGA meeting, as well as meet with any group of students at their convenience.

As a mother of "three very active, young children," Kiphart spends her "free" time at their athletic events. She also likes to garden, shop, and travel.

Althou', she has traveled to

Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii, Kiphart and her family are content "exploring the local areas," she noted. "With family in Colorado and the New England region, they also travel to these states to visit.

Also taking on the responsibilities of the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, the position recently held by Scott Kane, is Elizabeth Towle. Before coming here, she was the Associate Dean of Student Development at Mt. St. Mary's College.

She had been at Mt. St. Mary's *continued on page 2*

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for five and a half years when she saw the posting for the WMC position.

As she read the ad, she said that she "thought it was possibly a time for change." So she decided to apply and see what happened.

As she drove home after her interview in mid-December, she thought, "Oh I really like it."

When Dean Sayre contacted her with the good news, she decided "to give it a try!"

What struck her was "how much people who are here like to be here. The students especially, but also the faculty and administrators I met."

Each day she listens to her forwarded messages from Ernie Ogle to find out what's going on around campus.

She is "looking forward to attending campus events such as plays, athletic events, all that



Jan Kiphart

kind of stuff."

A newlywed of seven weeks, Towle and her husband Michael are living on campus in a house on Pennsylvania Avenue.

In her spare time, she is the assistant coach of a Gettysburg girls' 11-12 year old soccer team.

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education programs.



STACI L. GEORGE

Elizabeth Towle

trying to meet faculty and staff."

She enjoys listening to music, running, mountain biking, hiking, and walking her dog Bachi.

Toni Condon, director of major gifts, and Jennifer Fisher, assistant director of annual giving, are the two new additions to the development

Before coming to WMC, Moncure had four years of counseling experiences at Sacred Heart and Fairfield (CT) Universities.

Adjusting to her new job was "hard because Smith House was closed, for a while." And now she is "just basically trying to get situated and



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Toni Condon

office.

Condon was the associate director of development for major gifts at The John Hopkins University Krueger School of Arts and Sciences.

Fisher, who will work to increase young alumni participation in the annual fund, was the assistant director of alumni affairs at Hood College and worked in the development office at Georgetown University before coming to WMC.

Some portions of the article were provided by the Public Information Office.



STACI L. GEORGE

Katherine Moncure

ond addition to the Student Affairs

staff, Katherine Moncure, Counselor, will be working with Susan Glore in dealing with students' personal and psychological issues.

Moncure will also be in charge of the College's alcohol and drug



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SGA forms committee to represent the student body's ideas for the new housing options

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apartments and suites; the likelihood of reduced meal plans, thus easing stress on Englar Dining Hall; independent, mature style housing; student population spread throughout the campus; proximity to parking; improved security for Pennsylvania Avenue houses; opportunity to develop a new residential community with placement of buildings, landscaping, and social space; and the opportunity to build in increments."

Present at the meeting was senior Matt Burger, who has been a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee for two years. Burger mentioned that Martin K. Hill, the

committee's chairman, said that, "we are very interested in hearing what the students have to say about what they want."

In order to get as many students involved, the Student Government Assembly has formed a committee of seven people that will work with Sayre, the trustees, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Sophomore Jamrin Bartolomeo, a student representative to the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the chairman of the newly formed SGA committee, said that it will act as a liaison between the students and the administration.

The committee will meet on a monthly basis at first and then more frequently when needed, noted Bartolomeo.

He also said that the new building plans would be an issue at an upcoming SGA Open Forum. The committee will then communicate the ideas to the faculty and administration, as well as to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Student input has also been a subject at the monthly All College Council meetings, confirmed both Sayre and Burger.

As for the issue of money, the trustees have yet to approve the new building plans; however Sayre said, "there have been many green lights." Sayre continued to say that,

"They basically said 'keep planning.' It is my hope that they give the go ahead at the April meeting."

Last semester, three architectural firms came to campus and offered their expertise and opinions, but none have been selected to carry out the project yet. After the committee sees all the architects' proposals, they will select a firm and begin to work with the chosen architect to create the ideal housing opportunities.

Bartolomeo said that the SGA committee would probably end up working with the selected architect.

Although nothing is official and no money has been granted to the project, Sayre anticipated that groundbreaking would take place some time in September or October 2001.

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Smith House smoke scare

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and turned almost into a soot-like substance, he said.

Stebek explained that the furnace should have shut itself off at this point, but instead continued to chug away. Thus, the soot and smoky, oily residue was pumped through the entire Smith House building.

The result was a thin layer of oil crust throughout most of the building, as well as a horrible stench.

Nalevanko was one of the first staff members to reenter the building on the day after the incident. "The smell was hard to stand. It made your eyes watery, and they burned...when you needed to go in the building you had to try and go in and out real quick," she said.

Luckily they did not need to go into the building too much.

Cleaning and repairs began right away, on the \$20-25,000 damages.

A new, more efficient gas-burning furnace was put in the very same day.

An outside company, Service Master, went right to work cleaning out the building. The entire insides of the building were cleaned from the basement to the third level. And yet, the awful smell was

still present.

Stebek handled the situation with the insurance company. According to him, "All of the carpets, paint on the walls, and blinds were replaced to eliminate the smell... A new sealant was put in between the first floor and the basement floor as well."

Stebek also mentioned that there may be plans to eventually replace all the furniture in the building.

Smith House itself may have been out of use for a few weeks, but its staff still had to get their job done. At first, the employees stayed at home and did what little they could from home on their computers.

Later when students showed up for Jan Term, the Smith House staff was temporarily moved to the Leidy room, in Decker Center.

The room was adequate for their needs, but "the worst part was having to run back to the building to get things that we found that we needed," Nalevanko said.

The incident will be covered almost entirely by the school's insurance plan. The school will only pay a \$1000 premium on the estimated \$20-25,000, said Stebek.

Bursar and Registrar break-ins

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Later that day, a computer and keys were reported stolen from the Registrar's Office.

The Registrar did not respond to a call for an interview with the Phoenix.

Schmidt says that, unlike the Registrar Office, which has more valuable information, "it's inherent within the Bursar's Office to have

lockable and fireproof equipment to safeguard negotiable items and student loan promissory notes."

Still though, Schmidt says, "we're always self-conscious. You just don't take things for granted."

Future precautions are being taken in the offices Webster says, but they cannot be revealed.

Campus Safety Blotter

The Department of Campus Safety documented the following reports which include:

* 12/15/00 at 12:00 pm unknown subject(s) attempted to gain access to the room by drilling the lock core at Albert Norman Ward Hall.

* 1/2/01 at 11:55 pm a missing fire extinguisher was replaced in Blanche Ward Hall.

* 1/3/01 at 12:00 am a resident assistant reported vandalism to a bathroom stall on the third floor of Whiteford Hall. A resident on the floor took responsibility for the damage and her guests' actions.

* 1/7/01 at 1:00 am there was a possession of alcohol in a public area in suite party DMC in suite 402.

* 1/9/01 at 3:00 am a case of beer in Rouzer was set out on the window sill to chill (directly outside of DoCS Office).

* 1/9/01 at 3:00 am a fire extinguisher was taken from Blanche and discharged in Decker and Rouzer by subject from earlier incident.

* 1/11/01 at 1:30 am students were in possession of hard liquor in Garden Apartments Building 2.

* 1/11/01 at 12:20 am several students were cooking with a charcoal grill outside Garden Apartments #1. Alcohol was on site and although unclaimed, was confiscated.

* 1/16/01 at 10:04 pm two female students were in possession of drug paraphernalia and city police issued a citation in

McDaniel Hall.

* 1/18/01 at 12:45 pm one employee reported harassment and verbal threats by another employee in Campus Wide.



* 1/20/01 at 1:19 am 3 non student juveniles were in possession of alcohol while guest of 2 students in Rouzer Hall.

* 1/20/01 at 10:07 pm the girls basketball "initiation" party had underage possession and consumption of alcohol and firecode violation (blocking doorways to common area) in PA House 193.

* 1/20/01 at 2:03 am a student refused to comply with multiple requests to lower volume on stereo in Blanche Ward Hall.

* 1/20/01 at 2:35 am several residents of the 4th floor engaged in battery of 2 students. Both students sustained noticeable head and face injuries in Blanche Ward Hall.

* 1/20/01 at 2:35 am former student John Waters was involved in a severe assault. Waters was previously prohibited from entering campus. Charges were filed for assault, burglary, trespass, and vio-

lation of probation in Blanche Ward Hall.

* 1/21/01 at 1:15 am a student was verbally abusive of campus officials and refused to comply with directions in Blanche Ward Hall.

* 1/21/01 at 1:20 am a student was documented for driving dangerously in the Quad.

* 1/21/01 at 1:25 am there was alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.

* 1/21/01 at 11:28 am a former student who had been prohibited from campus was seen on campus in Whiteford Hall.

* 1/21/01 at 2:00 am a noise violation occurred during quiet hours. Extremely loud stereo was playing. Students were non-compliant, refusing to leave the room and hallway in Blanche Ward Hall.

* 1/21/01 at 2:30 am a student was found on the roof of Blanche Ward Hall.

* 1/24/01 at 11:29 am a student reported his soft top jeep illegally entered and personal property stolen valued at \$225.00.

* 1/24/01 at 6:00 am Bursar and Registrar offices were burglarized. A computer was stolen from Registrar's office, personal property from Bursar's office. Forensic prints taken from both offices.

* 1/25/01 at 11:07 am an employee in Registrar's Office reports theft of personal property overnight.

* 1/28/01 at 4:30 pm student report room burglarized. Vandalism done within and property stolen valued at approximately \$1,000.00.

* 2/1/01 at 5:00 pm student arrested for possession of CD's in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

2001 Maryland Wine Festival Design Competition Announced- \$1,000 Prize to winning Artist

The Carroll County Farm Museum and the Carroll County Arts Council have announced the annual design competition for the Maryland Wine Festival Poster.

The winning artist(s) will receive a 1,000 cash prize. The winning design will be reproduced on posters, t-shirts, brochures, and various other promotional materials. The 2001 Maryland Wine Festival will be held on Saturday, September 15, from 10 am - 6 pm and Sunday, September 16, from Noon- 6 pm.

Any two-dimensional media may be used to design the poster, including painting, drawing, collage, photography, computer-generated design, etc. Artists must be 18 years of age or older to enter.

The deadline for design submission is 3 pm on Friday, March 16, 2001. Interested artists and designers must contact the Arts Council at (410) 848-7272 or (410) 876-8550 to receive a copy of the official design requirements and entry form. The Arts Council is open from 10 am- 4 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Friday; 10 am- 8 pm Thursdays; and 11 am- 4 pm Saturdays. Artists may also send a self-addressed #10 envelope to the Arts Council at 15 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157 to receive entry materials.

Celebrate Black history

Monday, February 19: History of Black Music, 8-10 pm in the forum. Music faculty members Glenn Caldwell and Eric Byrd will discuss the impact of Black music.

Saturday, February 24: Gospel Jubilee, 7-9 pm in Baker Memorial Chapel. Free. The concert features various gospel groups from the Baltimore area.

Saturday, March 10: Step Show, 7-9 pm in Baker Memorial Chapel. There will be an admission fee and tickets will be available in advance and at the door. The program features steppers from chapters of the nine national Black fraternities and sororities.

For information about Black History Month events at WMC call Mary Grace Alamandrez at (410) 857-2791 or the College Activities Office at (410) 857-2267

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Letter to the Editor: Preferential Treatment

Dear Editor,

The last Phoenix of the previous school year brought us an article concerning preferential treatment for athletes, especially football players. The only response I saw stated that there is no preferential treatment.

I do not think athletes are receiving college-subsidized off-campus apartments as last year's article suggested.

I do believe there is preferential treatment for athletes in admissions, however. I also believe this should be the case. Athletics takes up a lot of time, and makes an applicant more attractive to a college. It is just another activity that shows that someone has what it takes to succeed in college, such as active involvement in community service or student government. There are two differences, however.

First, athletes are the most visible representatives for our college. As such, the college has an interest in attracting students who will represent WMC well.

Second, athletes have coaches trying to get them into our college. Unlike athletes, there is no coach on this campus who can make a well-placed call on behalf of a student government president.

Admissions and the athletics office have a close relationship. Admissions gives each coach at WMC a list of his or her prospects and the status of their application. The coach can then earmark certain athletes to alert admissions that s/he really wants that athlete to get in. Unless the athlete's marks are exceedingly low their admissions status is usually upgraded to "wait list" or "admitted."

I, personally, have benefited from this relationship. When I was a senior in high school my father and I spend most of the admitted student's day trying to convince financial aid and admissions that I needed more money to come to this college and that I should be in the Honors program. None of them were swayed.

Before I left that day, I mentioned to my coach that I would probably go to another college because I could not afford WMC. The next day I received a call from admissions telling me that I would receive \$2000 more a year in financial aid, and that I had been accepted into the Honors program.

While hanging out in the Athletics Office late at night I have heard on several occasions a football coach saying, "well his

grades and SAT's are too low, but he's black and has great speed, so I'll call up admissions tomorrow and get him in." Once a student is in, it's not that hard to tweak his financial aid package either.

Many people qualify for grants, loans, and work study. Grants are best because you don't work and you don't have to pay it back.

There is nothing stopping athletic coaches from encouraging Financial Aid to relieve athlete's financial need with a grant, when he qualified for a loan. Everyone's financial aid is still met; it's just that athletes have someone pulling for them to get grants.

I don't think there is anything wrong with these policies. It is just one of the ways the college uses to make each incoming class as strong as possible. Colleges are in the business of educating, but they are also in the business of attracting the best possible class of students, and athletes are the most recruited.

I think it is a great idea to attract stellar athletes to this school. I just think it is ridiculous to pretend that nothing like this occurs.

-Jeremy Keil

Outback causes battle among TV networks

Edward K. Schultheis



In the battlefields of America's homes, there is a new war being waged. A battle between two superpowers has made prime-time viewing the best it has been

since "Seinfeld" left the air. The biggest battle is the one that occurs every Thursday night between CBS and NBC.

Yes that is right, a fight to the finish between CBS' show "Survivor" and NBC's shows "Friends" and "Saturday Night Live Prime-time." While some critics stated that "Survivor" was just a fluke and that a sequel would be a flop, the latest installment of "Survivor: The Australian Outback" has been a ratings juggernaut much like its pre-

decessor.

When news came out that "Survivor" was going to be on Thursday night, instead of Wednesday like it was last year, NBC went scurrying to find something that could compete. The problem was that "Friends," one of NBC's money-makers, was only 30 minutes long, with "Survivor" being an hour long. So NBC, in all of its infinite wisdom, decided to make "Friends" into a 40 minute show, with "SNL Prime-time" taking up the last 20 minutes.

Now before I go any further, I must say that I have been a "Survivor" watcher since it started. And I was looking forward to the new season as much as any other fan. But there is something about this new season that is different than the first one. Maybe it is just a feeling or the fact that last year it was a new show and this time around it has lost some of its appeal. Maybe it is just me, but I think I liked the first season better than the current. However, you can still find me grilled to the television on Thursday nights watching "Survivor."

I think the main reason people like "Sur-

vivor" is because it is a so-called "reality show." These are the type of shows where there is no script, where real people are on them, and where anything can happen. I not only like it for this reason, but because of the challenges that they have to do, and also watching the people commute and try to get others kicked out of the outback.

It is cool watching these people run around, eat live bugs, and get off a cliff all because they want to go a set of matches, or a fishing kit, or the treasured immunity idol. It is cool mainly because it is not me having to chew cow brains or do other things like that. However, watching the people try to scheme and conspire, that is worth watching the TV show by itself.

So while it may not be as "original" as the first show, the new "Survivor" is just as much fun to watch. The majority of the people who have seen the new show will definitely agree with me. So if you haven't had a chance to check it out, I recommend you sit down one Thursday night and watch "Survivor." That way you can find out what all the hoopla is about.

Editors-in-chief looking towards new year

Edward Schultheis and Claire Adams discuss the changes awaiting the Phoenix this year.

The Phoenix has officially left its old confines in the basement of Daniel McLea. No more smoldering heat, no more cramped spaces, and hopefully no more cockroaches. We are now able to breath and work without sweating to death. And our office has a prime location, in what used to be the office of WMC TV, near Glar and the Pub.

So, we're pretty happy campers, needless to say. And all, along with a new office we have a new staff. Co-editors-in-chief Claire Adams and Ed Schultheis, News Editor Staci George, Commentary Editor B.J. Shorb, Features Editor Shauna Dominguez, and Sports Editor Matt Hurff.

Over the next semester we have many hopes for seeing the Phoenix grow. We'd like to give the paper a bit of a face lift and make it more visually appealing. But we had to make it through the first issue before thinking about making changed. So we embarked on publishing our first edition of the Phoenix with two new editors-in-chief and a new commentary editor.

While we knew that it was a hard and

time consuming job, we had no idea how difficult it was going to be. So that leaves us here, at 7 pm on Monday night writing this story while the paper is still being laid out with articles.

We knew from watching the previous editors-in-chief, Laura Kelley and Jen Sirkis, that this was going to be an arduous task, and they did their best to prepare us for this long and taxing process. However, nothing could prepare us for the tiring night we have ahead of us. Maybe that is what Jen meant when last issue she wrote, "For the past year, the Phoenix has involuntarily come before schoolwork and sleep."

The rest of the staff held up their part of the bargain and did the best they could to finish their stories and their sections, but as everyone who works for the Phoenix knows, nothing normally goes according to plan. This is the reason that on Monday night we

are still finishing up the paper in time for it to be read on Thursday morning when people expect it.

Even with the greater workload, it is still a privilege and a honor to be the new co-editors and we are looking forward to what this new semester brings. We are considering a few ideas that we hope to implement that will make the paper more fun to work with, but also for the readers to read. Perhaps color, or a new title await the Phoenix - money and time wiling. We also hope to be making some decor changes in our new office, such as new furniture. Anything that will make working on the Phoenix until the wee hours of the morning more enjoyable.

So while you are reading this, remember the amount of effort that we, the editors, and all the writers put into the paper. We are looking forward to a new semester of the Phoenix, and hope that you are too. Remember, we don't do this because it is the most fun you can have on weekends. We do it because we consider it an honor and a privilege to serve the community of WMC.

Getting back into the swing of things

Jessica Fisher compares home to school, but admits it is good to be back.

Welcome back fellow WMC students! After almost a month off from school we are now back to the rigorous old routine that we have come to know here at college.

I think these first couple of weeks are a period in order for us to get back into the groove of things.

If you are anything like me, then you are probably still feeling out your new classes to see how easy or difficult they will be. And, still looking at the professors to see whether or not their tests and assignments will be hard or not.

Not only are these first couple of weeks days for us to familiarize ourselves with our new classes, but they also serve as days for us to get used to college life again.

...you are probably still feeling out your new classes to see how easy or difficult they will be.

It gives us a chance to get back to the life that we have here instead of the one that we have at home.

I know for me, it has been very odd coming back to school after having off for so long. I was so used to having my own room and doing whatever I wanted to in it at anytime.

Now it is back to sharing my space with my roommate. It's not that I don't get along well with my roommate, it is just I had gotten used to my privacy again.

Gotten used to staying up 'til three in the morning playing music and watching the television without worrying about waking my roommate. I could make all the noise that I wanted to because no one else was in the room with me.

I had gotten used to taking naps after I came home from

work without having to listen to any noise from another person in the room.

Food. Do I even have to go on any further? I think it is safe to say that none of us missed the stale nachos, the cold pizza, and the wonderful meats that GLAR serves.

When I was home, I could honestly say that I was not thinking of GLAR when eating my mom's homemade food.

I did, however, miss all of the adventures that come along with eating a dinner in the cafeteria. I missed guessing what were our drinks and finding that half the drink dispensers weren't working.

In addition to all of these things, I had also realized the pleasures of once again having my own bathroom to myself. Not to be shared by anyone other than myself.

Now I find myself continually forgetting to bring things to the bathroom with me because I am so used to already having them there waiting for me.

I miss being able to feel the water on my bare feet, instead of feeling the water drip off of my flip-flops.

There is nothing like being able to do things like bath yourself, brush your teeth, and put on makeup. Without about ten other people with you.

All in all though, I am glad to be back here at good old college. I am glad to be back on my own, in a way to speak, and being able to come and go as I please without having to worry about what my parents will say.

Even with all of the things I have listed above, I still love it here, and I am looking forward to this semester.

Using library reserve system: student problems and alternatives

When have we paid enough? No matter how much you pay there is always another "hidden fee."

You pay for tuition in order to come to WMC. If you live on campus, you pay for room and board in order to stay at WMC. You pay outrageous prices for textbooks in order to learn at WMC. You may even pay extra fees in order to take certain classes at WMC. Still, you aren't finished paying yet...

Allow me to explain what I mean by "hidden fees." I am referring to the library's reserve system.

Our library has a system where a professor can put items on reserve for the students in his/her class. In doing this, several copies of articles, tapes, or whatever medium it may be, are kept at the front desk in the library.

So, after receiving a list of reserves to read and study for homework, you might head off to the library, like any diligent student.

Upon reaching the front desk you ask for the reserves. Then, a stack of five or so short articles are placed in front of you.

You check them out, but you cannot leave the library with them. When are they due? In four hours.

What next? You actually have several options.

First option: you could find a seat and read the articles immediately. Second option: you could copy all the articles, so you could spend more time studying them in your room and at your own leisure.

Third option: you could turn them in right away and say "heck with this." Not one of those options benefits the student in any way. This reserve system was designed to make it easier on students.

If you choose option one, you may rush through the articles in order to have them read before they are due. You will not be able to have them in class with you during the discussion. Most professor prefer



B.J. Shorb

that you do have the readings with you. If you ever need to use them as sources in the future, you will have to pray they are still on reserve, go back to the library, check them out for another four hours, and the cycle begins again.

If you choose option two, you would have them for class discussion. But, you may find yourself hogging up one of the few copiers in the library for 20 minutes.

Five fifteen-page articles, at ten

So, who do these reserves benefit? Certainly not students! Perhaps it is easier on the professor and the copy center. But, who is paying the big bucks to come here?

cents a copy will cost you \$7.50. If this is weekly, you could end up paying over \$60.00 just on copying articles. If you knew a place to make cheaper copies off-campus, you could do that. But then again, the articles must stay in the building, so that wouldn't help.

Since our tuition probably buys the copiers, we shouldn't have to pay for each copy. Even if you love reading assignments, do you really love them enough to pay that much for them?

If you choose option three, which seems like the most appealing, your grade will suffer. By not studying the readings, you'll be unprepared for participating in class. You will not perform as well on tests. This is obviously not a good choice either.

So, who does these reserves ben-

efit? Certainly not students! Perhaps it is easier on the professor and the copy center. But, who is paying the big bucks to come here? We, the students, are. Doesn't it make you wonder what tuition really includes? I know that some professors heavily depend on the reserve system. However, after looking back on some of my other classes, I would like to offer several alternatives.

My first suggestion, would be having readings on-line. One of my professors keeps them at the class website. Students can download and print them out from any campus computer. This saves both professors from making copies, and students from paying for copies.

If you don't like that idea, my second suggestion, is to give all the articles out in a packet form bound together. Another one of my professors has done this in several classes and it seems to work well.

The copy center copies the pages and binds them with black spiral however you would like. This makes good use of the copy center.

It allows students to keep all articles together and bring them to class for discussion at no cost.

If that doesn't suit your fancy either, another method that has been used is to give a large pile of readings to a group of students at the beginning of the semester and let them copy in bulk somewhere off-campus. This method still requires the student to pay money for the readings, but not nearly as much since it all at once and in bulk.

If none of these suggestions work for you, then perhaps you should stick to the required texts and eliminate additional readings all together.

Students have enough college expenses without having to pay "hidden fees" for their homework assignments.

220-meal plan treats all students the same; they are not

Jeremy Keil expresses his feelings regarding the current 220-meal plan.

The WMC meal plan for the majority of residential students is exactly the same: 220 meals for everybody. But, hardly anybody uses 220. I think that the plan is unfair because it treats everyone the same.

The small girl that eats just over 100 meals pays just as much as the big guy who eats twice as much or 200 meals. They pay exactly the same even though in theory a male consumes four times as much food as a female. The average amount of meals used is between 165 and 180 meals, while the meal plan gives us 220 meals.

Why have a meal plan that

forces students to pay for meals they don't use? Well, in actuality if you eat 175 meals you are paying \$8 per meal. That is the actual cost per meal to the college. If you eat more than 175 meals, you get a better deal, and by eating less than 175 meals you are paying more per meal. This means people eating less than 175 meals are subsidizing those who eat more.

I think that instead of paying for a lump sum of 220 meals, students should pay per meal. At \$8 a meal, if you only eat 100 meals, you pay \$800 dollars, if you eat 200 meals, you should pay \$1,600.

Without going into the history of the meal plan, this is the third year of our current 220 meal plan. It allows more flexibility with the

times you can eat, what days or meals you decide to eat, and 30 fourth meals in the pub. 220 meals was decided upon because it comes out to 2 meals per day.

The theory behind the lump sum of meals was explained by Ethan Seidel, vice president of finance. The dining hall is the only place on campus where so many students can interact. One of the goals of WMC is to develop the college community. One method is to encourage students to go to the dining hall as roughly twice a day.

I think this is the most compelling argument for the 220 meal plan. I also believe the real reason is that it makes food planning and financial accounting a whole lot easier.

Seidel and Barry Bosley, director of auxiliary services and facili-

ties management, both brought up the example that a cash starved student could easily become a food starved student if he realized he could get back a lot of money under my plan by not eating. Does the college have a compelling social responsibility to ensure that no one goes hungry, or is it an individual's responsibility to eat?

I think the exact opposite of Seidel and Bosley. One of my reasons for having a pay-as-you-eat system is that many people who are strapped for cash hold down jobs off campus.

Because of this, they miss meals at GLAR, and end up paying for a meal off campus, or going without. I believe many cash starved students may be going without food BECAUSE of a meal plan that is

suggested to make sure this doesn't happen.

Bosley said this shouldn't be a problem since students are able to request bag lunches and can eat those when they have to work. From the Dining Services perspective, Bosley told me that it is one of his goals to encourage everyone on campus to use all the meals. What all this boils down to is that the administration thinks it is best to develop a sense of community and make it easier for accounting to have a 220-meal plan.

Personally, I feel this system is unfair because some people end up paying for the meals of others. So until this inequity is solved, use those four meals, take a bagged lunch to work, and make sure you get what you pay for.

A student's perspective: the value of an internship.

Amy Bittinger discusses the true meaning of an internship through her experience at AON.

While most of my friends spent their summer hanging out, waiting tables at a local restaurant, or cashing in at a local liquor store, I was in my own cubicle with a computer, phone, pass card, and company paid metro pass.

I was dressed in a charcoal colored pantsuit or khakis with a nice button-down shirt. I was hired as a summer intern to work in the actuarial department of Aon Consulting's Baltimore office.

I applied for the internship in April of 2000 because I wanted an experience that would add to my well-roundedness and prepare me for what was to come after graduation.

At the end of summer, I was convinced that the three-month internship was the single most valuable experience in the four years that I had been an undergraduate student.

The internship exposed me to office life, etiquette, and procedure. While at Aon, an employee benefits consulting firm, I learned about actuarial science, a field that I am considering entering.

I also gained extensive experience and knowledge of Microsoft Office, which has also benefited me in the math classroom. To the surprise of Aon, I had little know-how of that software, but because of my computer science background, I picked it up with ease.

While at Aon, I did work on a vast array

of projects and clients. My first two weeks at Aon I compiled data for an auditor's request. This is where I quickly learned Excel. I imported data from DOS and formatted it in Excel. After that, I spent a lot of time filling out government forms including the 5500s and attachments and PBGCs. I filled out the forms based on financial reports and data valuation runs.

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to improve my employee benefit knowledge and my actuarial mathematics.

So when government forms were completed, I began working on calculating individual benefits for retired and terminated employees of our clients. I also had the opportunity to test programs that were created to perform these individual benefit calculations.

Other tasks that I had included the less exciting archiving of old files, filing of documents and correspondences, and more rewarding jobs of doing valuation runs, completing expense disclosures, and report assembling. I had a ball using the binding machines.

However, above all, my internship built

my confidence. It proved to me, for the first and only time in my college years that all of my hard work was paying off and was valuable.

My experience writing for the Phoenix enabled me to more effectively write discussion sections of financial reports. My experience with all of my clubs and organizations helped me to understand that a task cannot be completed inaccurately.

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not right or completed, but in a professional setting tasks must be done thoroughly and accurately.

My experience with lacrosse gave me a chance to understand a team attitude, in which Aon is organized. I was the doer, a co-worker was the checker, and as associate was the finisher.

Even though I was merely a college student, I had an important role that could not be taken lightly. Also, in terms of the mathematics required for the job, I was thoroughly prepared.

As a result of my internship, I have more confidence in myself, what I have to offer to a company, and all of the educational experiences that I have had from Western Mary-

land College.

But I wasn't the only one to benefit from the internship. Aon benefited as well. In an economic way, the work that I did was charged to clients at a nominal rate an hour, while regular full-time employees are charged at a much higher rate per hour.

Furthermore, interns can be given more mundane tasks and assignments that would be inefficient for full-time employees to work on such as filing, checking data, and envelope stuffing.

One afternoon I stuffed two pieces of paper into each of over 1,200 envelopes. The biggest advantage that Aon benefited from having interns is that they had the opportunity to see how the interns worked so they could decide if they wanted to hire their interns for full-time employment or not.

In the case of the group of interns of which I was a part, they gained two full time employees. The internship was also an opportunity for me to see if I wanted to be a pension actuary, and if so, if I wanted to work at Aon.

I can't think of a better way to have spent the summer between my junior and senior years of school as well as three days a week in my fall semester. And I am sure that when I embark on my career after graduation, I will be well prepared.

I wish that I could have had more internship experiences to have an even better idea of what is out there.

I encourage all students to seek an experience similar to mine.

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Close call: studying matters

Michael Wiles



become accustomed.

Aside from facing a situation of this sort myself, I gained a whole new perspective by hanging out with many of my old high school friends over break. Several of them had failed out of school this past fall. I guess, you never realize how important studying is until you see how it can honestly alter the course of your life. It certainly makes you look at that history exam more seriously, does it not?

But, of course, it was not the studying that I envisioned missing the most had I ended my time here at WMC early. Don't get me wrong; education and enlightenment are both fun and exciting. But in the end, it really is the little things that you miss most of all.

Not returning to WMC would have been alright... no more nights in the pub, no more all-night study sessions with friends, and, most importantly, no more feelings of independence—which might have been the greatest loss of all.

All of this really makes a person think. And, what is more, it really makes someone appreciate what they have.

The next time that classes have you down, remember that you are among the lucky few that get to explore the opportunities a college education provides.

Remember that you should make the absolute most of the experience. Unfortunately, this means hitting the books as hard as you have to, and pushing yourself past laziness and procrastination.

In the end, as I hope you all will agree, the benefits and the eventual outcomes of our labor (i.e. graduation) make everything well worth the effort. Unless, of course, you live in Rouzer Hall. Not one positive outcome exists that could justify having to live in that place.

Parking is not just annoying-- but dangerous

Sara Hoover enlightens us about parking via her commuting experiences.

When I first sat down to write this article, I thought to myself, how redundant.

Practically ever issue of this paper has someone complaining about the parking on campus. I never really realized how large the parking problem is, until I became a commuter. Parking designated "For Commuters Only" is hard to find, unless you plan to walk half way around the campus. Then, maybe you would find about two or three spots, which I am sure have already been taken.

Now before you start to remind me that WMC is a small campus in comparison to other campuses, I still must say that parking is an issue. Being the dutiful reporter that I am, I do have a few suggestions of my own.

First of all, a very easy way to handle the parking is to stop giving out parking permits! If there are no more spots, then do not give someone a permit. Doing that can only lead to people parking on the grass-- as they always do.

For example, last week after much rain, I came to campus around 10:20 AM-- which when I lived on-campus was considered an "early" class. I proceeded to walk to my one and only class of the day.

When I returned to my car around 11:20 AM, I found myself unable to get my car out of the mud. The ground was too wet, so when I tried to back up I found myself and my car stuck! Luckily, a man from the grounds crew came by to help me out (thank you, wherever you are). This instance simply illustrates my point.

When there are no spots, people park on the grass. But grass is called grass and not pavement for a reason. If the grass becomes too soggy, someone could get hurt. Unfortunately, WMC would probably suggest it was their fault, but I'm not so sure it is that true.

Second, I think that at least one parking lot devoted to commuters should be close to campus. Why do residents receive the prime parking spots if they do not use their cars to get

to class? Many of the cars seem to stay parked in the same spot all the time. I bet that there are some residents who move their cars less than twice a week. Therefore, it would make more sense for a resident to park further away than a commuter.

Yes, I can make it to campus in five or ten minutes, but then I fight for fifteen minutes to find a spot, or make my own, and then I walk and walk and walk to get to class. Don't get me wrong, I'm not against exercise, but I'm also not against arriving to class on time.

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Horoscopes for a very special and romantic Valentine's Day

LISA STANLEY
Staff Writer

Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

Happy Birthday! Now is the time for love and you've got a lot of it so let it loose and go to Bateman's with your friends. Your lucky numbers are 1, 21 and 34.

Pisces

(Feb 20-March 20)

Well you slippery fishes, this Valentine's Day get your groove on, and go on a getaway this month with someone special and hit the slopes if you can. Your lucky numbers are 7, 13 and 25.

Aries

(March 21-April 20)

It's time to see red this semes-

ter, so take an idea over the top this V-Day and the one on the receiving end will love you for it. Your lucky numbers are 2, 17 and 28.

Taurus

(April 21-May 21)

Taurus, feeling bullish this year? Well take some chances, walk out on a limb and it is guaranteed that good things will come of it, hint: chocolate is always a good bet. Your lucky numbers are 9, 15 and 23.

Gemini

(May 22-June 21)

Take a day off and hit the inner harbor, play at the ESPN Zone and get competitive but let someone else win some too. Your lucky numbers are 11, 24 and 35.

Cancer

(June 22-July 23)

Watch your stars, they are lucky especially at this time of year, cash them in for your heart and see their magic work. Your lucky numbers are 8, 14 and 32.

Leo

(July 24-Aug 23)

Your inner Lion is restless, let this animal guide your actions, hint: not too much. Take this lion and go out with that someone special or a good friend and the spirit of Valentine will be yours. Your lucky numbers are 12, 27 and 26.

Virgo

(Aug 24-Sept 23)

Virgo, no viagra needed for you. This Valentines Day play out-

side in a park, hint: picnics are just so romantic. Just don't stay outside too long if it's still cold. But is the day is dreary don't worry your secret admirer will still come out to play. Your lucky numbers are 6, 18 and 31.

Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

Don't let Valentine's Day make you shy. Get out there! As part of a couple or stag this V-day is full of good surprises for you. Your lucky numbers are 10, 16 and 20.

Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Scorpio's this semester work hard and play hard with select others, hit a hot tub and a bottle of wine, with this a night will ensue

that all involved will remember fondly in years to come. Your lucky numbers are 5, 23 and 36.

Sagittarius

(Nov 23- Dec 21)

All right Sagittarius it is time to put plans into motion, hint: you know what I mean. These plans will make that special someone's heart soar. Your lucky numbers are 4, 22 and 29.

Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

I hope you were not overlooked in the hustle and bustle of this holiday season. This new semester do what you had wanted to do last semester Capricorn, hint: roses and a special person. Your lucky numbers are 3, 19 and 30.

Students learn hands on aboard the S.S. Universe Explorer

PHILIP VOCT

Staff Writer

Every year, the Western Maryland College study abroad program affords students the opportunity to experience a new culture first hand.

For two WMC upperclassmen, however, the program provided an opportunity to study a handful of foreign cultures-from the deck of a cruise ship.

Junior Jamie Morris and senior Aleya Horn both participated in the Semester at Sea program during the fall; a unique experience in which "campus" is a cruise ship, classes are at sea, and "field trips" span several continents.

"The idea was to get involved in cross-cultural learning, not just in class but by actually going to places," Horn explained.

Roughly 700 students and faculty joined 300 administrators and a full crew for the 100 day trip, which departed from Vancouver at the start of the semester, and included stops in Japan, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, India, Kenya, South Africa, Brazil and Cuba.

The ship docked at each location for extended periods of time, during which the program provided an in-depth, personal study of each culture. In addition, the group performed a variety of service projects.

The combination of formally studying the various cultures,

then actually seeing them and interacting within them, heightened the learning process and cast the notion of cross-cultural studies into an entirely new perspective.

According to Horn, nothing you read in a textbook can prepare you for actually visiting the countries and seeing how the people live. In India, for example, she had heard of the widespread poverty but hadn't expected it to manifest in very nearly every region of the country.

She described the feeling as one of wonder, saying "Wow! This [stuff we read about in the texts] really happens."

"You can see the real India or the Taj Mahal," Horn explained, noting that the program, while valuable, tended toward the touristic at times.

However, her own independent travel allowed her to make observations of such things as India's rigid caste system, a topic with which she was very interested.

While certainly exotic and very different from the traditional college classes and lectures (both Horn and Morris had the opportunity to hear Fidel Castro speak in Cuba), the trip was not without it's conventional college aspects.

In addition to typical cruise ship features, the boat had residence halls (complete with a residence life staff that put on periodic programs), classrooms, a pool, a gym, a library, and a computer lab.

Both students took a variety of classes unrelated to the trip itself for regular credits which transferred to their WMC transcripts upon their return.

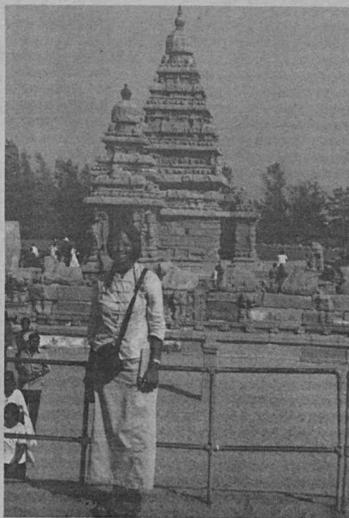
Ultimately, both Horn and Morris enjoyed the experience considerably and were quick to recommend the program to others, citing the opportunity to see several countries during the semester rather than just one as the main reason they chose to participate.

"Staying in one country [for a semester] allows you to really get to learn that place, but with this [program] you get to see more" and experience many more cultures Morris said.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY ALEYA HORN

Clockwise, starting with above: Aleya Horn pictured with students at the middle school in which the children of her host family in Kobe Japan attend. Top Right: Aleya poses in Mamalla Purum, India. Bottom Right: The Golden Pavillion in Kyoto, Japan.



The true benefit of the program, however, may have been the chance to explore the countries completely independent of the program.

Horn admits that the program provided excellent learning opportunities, but she feels she learned more by "going native" and travelling independently, visiting the things she wished to visit and arranging her own accommodations.

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Ask Kitty: helpful advice about romance and relationships

CATHY PENDORE
Staff Writer

Do you ever have those pressing problems to which you wished you had a quick answer? Well, there may not be a quick answer, but Kitty will read your problems and maybe give you a few options you hadn't thought of yet, so go ahead ask for help, Ask Kitty...

If you have a question, a problem, or just a situation you would like an opinion on, write a letter and send it to Kitty. Just send your letter through campus mail to box 797.

Disclaimer: The author is not a licensed professional, but just wishes to present a forum for people who would like to look at their issues in a different way.

Dear Kitty,

With Valentine's Day nearly here, I am freaking out about what to get my boyfriend. He said he doesn't want anything, but I have to get him something. Don't you think it would be rude to not get him anything at all? I want to get him something special, but I don't have a lot of money to spend. I am so confused! Please help!

-Sincerely Stressing

Dear Sincerely Stressing,

I don't think you need to spend a lot of money to get someone something special.

He said he didn't want anything and maybe he really doesn't. He may just want to spend some time with you. You could plan something nice for the two of you to do together or maybe you could make something for him.

It really is the thought that counts, and sometimes just saying the right words can be the perfect gift.

If all else fails, refer to the list of Valentine gift ideas found in this issue of the *Phoenix*!

Dear Kitty,

I have a wonderful boyfriend and I love him to death - but I have one problem, he does not understand the need for personal space.

He calls me several times a day and visits every night. He says he wants to be with me 24/7. Can you say, "smothering?"

How can I make my him understand that I love the time I spend with him, but need time to myself? I just don't want to hurt his feelings.

-No breathing room

Dear No breathing room,

Maybe the key to making your boyfriend understand you need time to yourself is to just tell him.

Be direct - don't hint around.

While you're spending time trying to figure out how to spare his feelings, you are losing the time you need to figure out what you want.

If telling him what you need to stay healthy is hurting his feelings, then maybe there is something wrong with the relationship.

Maybe you should reevaluate your interaction, especially if he still doesn't give you space after you talk to him.

Don't give up who you are and what you need to keep breathing.

Kitty,

I need your advice. There are these two guys... One of them likes me and I like the other one.

The problem is, the one I like already has a girlfriend. He has told me that he wants to break up with her and be with me, but I'm not sure I believe him. He flirts with me all the time and he gets jealous when he sees me with any other guys.

Oh, and the guy who likes me is not exactly my type, but he's a really great guy. What should I do?

-Torn and Confused

Dear Torn and Confused,

First of all, the guy you like, why are you putting up with his crap? He has a girlfriend.

He says he's breaking up with her, but your instincts tell you he's lying. Trust yourself.

When he flirts with you, remind yourself it's bad news and get away from the situation. And you say he gets jealous, well, so what. That's not your problem.

As for the guy who likes you, decide how you feel about him, and then follow through. If he's not your type and you don't like him, don't lead him on.

You say he's a great guy, be a great friend to him.

I can't really tell you what to do, that's something you have to figure out on your own, after all, you're the one who will have to live with the decision.

If it were a game, you could toss a coin to decide, and if the option you end up with isn't the one you can live with, then maybe the other is the one you want...



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I Believe: What do you believe in?

Anyone familiar with the movie *Bull Durham* remembers the emotion-packed scene when baseball groupie Annie Savoy (Susan Sarandon) angrily asks Crash Davis (Kevin Costner) what he believes in.

Crash launches into a monologue that includes, "...I believe that the novels of Susan Sontag are self-indulgent, overrated crap. I believe that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. I believe that there ought to be a designated hitter. I believe in the sweet spot, soft-core pornography, opening your presents Christmas morning rather than Christmas eve, and I believe in long, slow, deep, soft, wet kisses that last for three days."

Using this monologue as a model, instructor Lisa Breslin recently asked her ENGI101 students to create "I Believe" statements. Their writing proved to be "inspiring, revealing, poignant and extremely well-written," Breslin said, adding that she could not take credit for the assignment idea because she had pulled it from Joel

Saltzman's book, *If You Can Talk, You Can Write*.

Starting with this issue we will be running the column, "I Believe." Some of Breslin's students are the first to contribute; our hope is that "I Believe" statements start pouring in. They offer a unique glimpse into the lives of WMC students, their priorities and their dreams.

-Shauna Dominguez

I believe in true friends, being happy, having faith, miracles, catching fireflies during the summer, making children laugh and only eating #8 spaghetti. I believe that the Coyote will catch the Roadrunner one day; a View Master is as good as a television; everyone should have a Mr. Potato Head; you should always have clean socks; and that making a wish on the first star that you see at night is an obligation. I believe the greatest job in the world is being a kid, and I believe in only playing with soccer balls that have 32 panels. I believe in eating apples with a spoon and not eating the cheese on pizza. I

believe that failing is not an option; sleeping is a waste of time; and that someone is always watching. I believe that I have it tough but others have it tougher. I am unique and I have a long road ahead of me. I believe that I will make it.

-Christen Szymanski

I believe in running through sprinklers on a hot summer day, falling asleep in a hammock on a breezy porch, smiling at strangers. I believe that country music has real meaning. I believe in driving with the car windows down, and that compliments can change your whole attitude. I believe that owning a dog can really make you live longer, and that Heaven does exist. I believe that a popsicle and a kiss can cure any childhood injury; pizza should be eaten three times a day; and the meals that taste the best are made by Mom. I believe that shopping with my best friend Leah should be made into an Olympic sport. I believe that super models create bad images for young girls. But most of all, I believe in myself.

-Katie Champion

403G: A lesson in eating etiquette

LISA DALE VAN AUKEN

Staff Writer

It's cramped, five-stories above Rouser parking lot. We call it home.

So we go to New York City this past weekend to see a show and we stop at this Tai place for lunch. Inside, there's only a few occupied tables: a couple of women in the corner in dress-suits and some Asians near the window in fashionable New York black. I'm hoping the food is as tasteful as the decorating.

Problem is, when we order, we do everything wrong. We ask for the luncheon menu and the waitress says "not on weekends." We order Iced-tea and she tells us that it's an after dinner drink. We spend fifteen minutes trying to figure out the bill and it never adds up quite right. And when we leave we I get the feeling that we've uncon-

sciously broken every rule of eating etiquette that exists.

Etiquette, sounds a little too Martha Stuart for my tastes. But the thing is, as a young upcoming academic, I have this feeling that I am slowly being ushered into worlds of eating etiquette that I'm not prepared to swallow.

In my room the most rigid eating custom we have is the "five second rule." And how can you learn that you're supposed to keep your elbows off the table when you don't even have one?

Ever the English geek, I thought I'd head to the library to find out what I've been missing. In light of the holiday, here's a few pointers I picked up to help you wine and dine your loved one.

Don't crush crackers into your soup. Don't pick up your napkin if you drop it (let the waiter do it). Don't eat soup by scooping it toward you. Don't sip from the

pointy end of your spoon. Put your napkin on your lap when you sit and put it to the left when you're done. Your fork and knife point inward on the right side of your plate when you've finished. And finally, always push in your chair using the very tip of your pinky finger, and be sure to speak in an affected English accent when you quibble over whose going to leave the tip.

Alright. I added that last one. But these conventions seem a little anal retentive to me. Maybe rules of etiquette are fine for fine-dining elitists, but we mortals get indigestion trying to remember them. Hopefully, the people we're taking to dinner on Valentine's Day won't know any more about etiquette than we do.

I'm sure we'll probably be forced to learn the do's and don'ts of fine dining eventually, but for now, I'll probably just see ya' at Denny's. I'll be the one with my elbows on the table.

Gifts from the heart and the wallet

SHAUNA DOMINGUEZ AND

KATE ESPOSITO

Features Editor and Senior Writer

It's Valentine's Day again and you don't have a gift for your significant other. What are you going to do? Keep reading, that's what and find out what we suggest to get that special someone on the day that was made to celebrate love and passion.

For a romantic date that doesn't cost a lot, just spend time together. You can go for a walk and talk about your hopes and dreams, or do something totally fun and spontaneous. For example, take them bowling. It's not very expensive and it can be a lot of fun.

For those of you who say "money is no object" take your someone to a fancy restaurant in Baltimore and buy them something expensive. Jewelry is nice. Trips to

romantic cities are also good. Paris is romantic. And if Paris is a little much, Virginia is for lovers.

For all you extra-cheap college kids just buy one of those teeny boxes of candy hearts and call it a present. Or if you have a little more money, buy them a box of chocolates or one of those adorable love kisses. But don't buy the huge chocolate lips. Those are just odd. They look like they'd belong to the girlfriend of the Jolly Green Giant.

For those of you who think presents on Valentine's Day ruin the meaning of the day, show your sweetie how much you like/love them by simply telling them how much you care. It's mushy and sort of cheesy, but some people actually go for that sort of thing.

For those of you who want to give something special and unique, take them to their favorite restau-

rant. Surprise them with little poems and chocolate roses and stuffed teddy bears. Or, for something less normal, go to a Chinese restaurant and get them to put a fortune in the cookie with a personalized message. This is definitely a great way to say "I love you."

If you have a crush but think they don't know you exist, write a note and send it through campus mail. Sign it "Your Secret Admirer" or something equally cheesy. This may be silly, but it's a sure bet to get them to smile.

And if you are feeling extra creative, dress like cupid and serenade your significant other from outside his or her window. Beware, though, you might draw an audience.

Okay, so we hope this helps all of you gift-challenged people. If not, you're on your own. Good luck to all you hopeless romantics.

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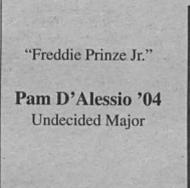
Who would be your ideal Valentine's date?

compiled by Brad Widner



"Either the girls from Flinstones or C.R.'s sister... It's too tough to call."

Randy Justice '02
English Major



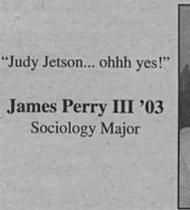
"Freddie Prinze Jr."

Pam D'Alessio '04
Undecided Major



"Heidi Klum and the Saint Pauli Girl."

David Blackburn '04
Pre-Engineering Major



"Judy Jetson... ohhh yes!"

James Perry III '03
Sociology Major

Student research & creativity grants

To apply for an award, a student must have a WMC grade point average of 3.2 and obtain the direct involvement or close sponsorship of a faculty member. The awards are competitive. The grants are intended to encourage special projects that complement students' major academic emphasis; they are not intended to cover the normal expenses of a course. Dean Case would like to see what kinds of creative proposals students may devise. Grants may range from \$25 to \$500. Applications are available in Dean Case's office.

The deadline for applications for student research and creativity grants for Spring, 2001 is February 28, 2001.

The Sideline View: XFL, football or flop?

Jeff Grever discusses Vince McMahon's newly created XFL. Is it really as "hard hitting" and exciting as promised?

Disappointment. That is the first, and only, word that comes to mind when you think about Vince McMahon's new football league, the XFL. This league was promoted to be bigger, tougher, and better than the NFL. The advertisements used hard hits, sex, and fewer rules to draw in the viewers.

Well I can begin by saying that I was initially excited to see a few harder hits, and maybe some "should have been" NFL players make their marks.

And the league certainly got what they were hoping for, which was everyone's at-

NFL. Like the lack of a "fair catch" rule, but how tough is it when they add a five-yard halo rule? College football has a two-yard halo rule, and the NFL has no halo rule. I think there is more of a chance for a big hit in these games than in the XFL. And the harder hits?

I have yet to see a really hard hit in any of these games yet. The NFL has several huge hits every game, and if they don't have a monster hit during the game, they don't try and talk up a cheesy hit and show it over and over again.

Which brings me to the announcers. Dennis Miller can run laps around these guys as far as I am concerned.

Anyone who criticized Miller of not knowing enough about football better take a

Young's most revealing incident on pay per view last spring, which still haunts me to this day.

Another downfall to the XFL is the quality of the actual game.

The level of play in the XFL is about as entertaining as a JV high school football game. The teams are constantly trying for big plays, and they never use strategy to always gaining yards in an efficient way. Big plays don't happen when the little plays aren't made to set them up.

Teams trying for a deep pass on three downs in a row is not entertaining, and besides being redundant and predictable, it just isn't fun to watch two teams full of quasi-skilled players attempt to score on one another.

These offenses couldn't gain three yards

Anyone who criticized Miller of not knowing enough about football better take a good look at these guys. These guys know as much about football as Milli Vanilli knew about singing.

ention. The league had millions of people watching its opening weekend, and only being two weeks into it, I am already predicting those numbers to be only a small fraction of that by the season's midway point.

But it didn't take long for the disappointment to settle in.

I should not have expected much from a league that was started by the man who is responsible for the WWF, which is the biggest waste of prime time television hours that have ever seen.

But back to the football league. Or is it even worthy of being called football? OK, so they are supposed to be tougher than the

good look at these guys. These guys know as much about football as Milli Vanilli knew about singing.

The commentary sounds just as cheesy as the WWF, they make a big deal about nothing. The announcers repeat themselves constantly, and they need frequent breaks from interviews with fans, players, and coaches during the game.

The worst example of the announcers lack of football knowledge was when one of them tried to predict, "They may attempt a fake field goal" on 2nd down and three yards to go while the offense was still on their own 34 yard-line. That was almost as disturbing to a knowledgeable football fan as Mae

against the weakest defense in the NFL, and the defenses are just as pathetic.

So what keeps you watching the game then? Well if it isn't the hopes of the league actually beginning to live up to its hype, it is the sexy cheerleaders dancing around in almost nothing during this round.

Using sex to sell football? This is a new idea, and if I might add, a desperate one. Besides, the women that they find are not even talented dancers.

I have seen better moves on "The Man Show," and for those who don't know, that is not saying much. And the sad part is that the cheerleaders are the most entertaining part of the game.

Which wrestlers will be featured in World Wrestling Federation Wreslemania?

Michael Jenkinson gives his predictions for the upcoming Wreslemania

Every spring, the Super Bowl of pro-wrestling, Wreslemania, explodes on the scene. Each year, the event is another chapter in wrestling history that takes place in either late March or early April.

Participating in the main event at Wreslemania is the most coveted spot in the wrestling business. It is something that few have done, and a mark of elite status that will insure a wrestlers place in wrestling history.

With Wreslemania less than two months away, wrestling fans have begun to speculate who will be in this year's main event.

The three leading candidates are The Rock, Triple H, and Stone Cold Steve Austin. Austin appears to be a virtual lock. Not only is he the single most popular wrestler in the world today, but he has already won a spot in the match since he won the Royal Rumble this year.

The Royal Rumble is a pay-per-view match consisting of 30 wrestlers that takes place every January.

The winner of the match is supposed to be given a free title shot and thus an appearance in the main event at Wreslemania. However, with wrestling's wild storylines, several wrestlers have won the rumble but have been left out of their title shots later on.

Despite that, Austin is most likely going to be in the match. But who will he face?

1996 Olympic gold medalist Kurt Angle is currently the WWF champion, but it seems unlikely that he will retain his title until Wreslemania.

The other two favorites left are Triple H and The Rock. But they are problems with both of these men.

Stone Cold Steve Austin and Triple H are facing off in a grudge match in a February pay-per-view, and it seems unlikely that the WWF would choose to feature Wreslemania with a match that happened the previous month.

So that leaves The Rock, right? There are problems with The Rock/Austin match as well. The Rock is a "face," a wrestling term for a good guy or fan favorite.

Austin is also a "face." The last time two "faces" fought in the main event at Wreslemania was more than ten years ago when the Ultimate Warrior challenged Hulk Hogan.

There is a chance The Rock could turn heel, the name for a bad guy or rule breaker. However, there are other problems with The Rock/Austin match besides the previously mentioned ones. The Rock and Austin were the main event of Wreslemania two years ago, and never in the sixteen years of the event's history has there been a repeat main event.

Another possibility is a three way match featuring all three superstars.

Coming off of last years extremely unpopular four way match that featured 3H, The Rock, The Big Show, and Mick Foley, I doubt that WWF would repeat the concept.

Perhaps a fourth, unsuspecting man could pull off a surprise appearance. Angle, The Undertaker, and Chris Jericho could all be possible darkhorses.

There are also rumors that the legendary Shawn Michael could possibly return from a three year retirement and wrestle again for this special event.

Who knows? Probably only Vince McMahon himself

Phoenix Sports Trivia

Why do the Orioles start every season at home?

Last edition's answer:
The Banana Slugs

Swimming end solid season on losing note

MATT HURFF
Sports Editor

The Men's and Women's Swimming teams finished their regular season slate the same way they began, by dropping two straight heartbreaking meets.

This two-game slide occurred when the Terror met Franklin and Marshall in Lancaster, Pa in a 58-141 Men's loss and 77-127 women's loss.

Before this loss, the women's squad was in the midst of a 6-2 tear while the men's squad had won five of their last seven meets.

In the loss against Franklin and Marshall, freshman Melanie Pulley smashed her own school record in the 1000-meter freestyle with a time of 10:53.06.

Meanwhile, Pulley also picked up the 100-yard breaststroke victory with a time of 1:12.85.

Other highlights from the women's action were the 1-2 finish in the 50-meter fly by Aimee Smith and Katie Tomarelli with times of 2:18.96 and 2:26.83 respectively and the victory in the 100-meter freestyle by Jen Fegley with a time of 56.82.

In the men's action Dan Pickett came through with a win in the 1000-meter freestyle with a time of 10:15.08. Pickett also suffered a heartbreaking 1-2 finish with the Diplomats Mark Woodall in the 200-meter backstroke, as Woodall edged out Pickett with a time of 2:04.54 compared to Pickett's time of 2:04.57.

Another key performer in the men's match was Chris Clemmens who placed second in the 200-meter freestyle and the 500-meter freestyle and also participated in the 200-meter freestyle relay.

In the final regular season meet against Washington College in Chestertown, Md, both the men's and the women's squads lost, ending the season on a two game losing streak, as the women lost 61-127 while the men dropped a 66-127 decision.

Melanie Pulley broke yet another Western Maryland College swimming record, this time in the 1650-meter freestyle with a time of 18:09.29 breaking the time of 19:59.31 set by Kelly Benvin in 1995. Despite this record, Pulley only managed a 2nd place finish in the event.

This record gives Pulley the 4th fastest time in the Centennial Conference this season.

Other top female performers include Aimee Smith and Mary Easterday, who had a 1-2 finish in the 100-meter fly with times of 1:04.17 and 1:05.53 respectively.

Chris Clemmens led the men's action with a win in the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 1:48.89 while also having a 2nd place finish in the 200-meter backstroke. Jason Stackhouse also posted a first place finish in the 200-meter butterfly with a time of 2:11.54.

A solid performance was put forward by Dan Pickett who finished 2nd in the 1000-meter freestyle, the 200 I.M. and the 500-meter freestyle.

The Men's swimming squad now heads into the Centennial Conference Championship in Lancaster, Pa on February 16th-18th with a 5-6 regular season record.

Meanwhile, the women's team heads into the post season with a 6-6 record on the year.

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GREEN TERROR

Scoreboard

Wrestling

Name	Wins	Losses	Pins
Vinny Pedalino	21	2	8
Nick Alley	20	13	6
Josh Kurjan	2	16	1
Mike Macey	17	18	1
Rob Johns	24	7	12
Billy Bobbitt	20	13	5
Levi McVey	15	7	7
Eric Bartzak	9	13	2
Chris McNally	31	5	10

Women's Basketball hard at work during January break

CRAIG P. JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

While most students were home during the month of January relaxing and enjoying the time off, the WMC women's basketball team was still hard at work. The winter session held many twists and turns for Western Maryland, as they posted a 6-4 record. However, three wins in the last four games have the Green Terror headed in the right direction entering the home stretch of the regular season.

During the winter session, Western Maryland posted wins over conference opponents Bryn Mawr, Haverford, and Swarthmore, and non-conference opponents Villa Julie, Catholic, and Galludet. Losses during this campaign came at the hands of Lebanon Valley, Gettysburg,

Johns Hopkins, and Muhlenberg. During the month of January, the WMC offense was primarily driven by the play of three individuals. Senior Jill Ibe, who is averaging 15.4 ppg, led the team in scoring five times. Sophomore Jen Piccolomini, the team's second leading scorer at 14.5 ppg, led the team in scoring four times. And Senior Patty Russo, averaging 10.1 ppg, led the team in scoring three times.

The team has gone 3-1 since the student body made its way back to the hill for the spring semester.

The Green Terror made the first lay back, January 29, a memorable one by posting a 69-59 home win against Mary Washington.

The Green Terror trailed at the half by a score of 31-28. However, led by Jill Ibe's 16 points, and Jen Piccolomini's 15-point, 11-rebound double-double, Western Maryland managed to prevail over the visiting Eagles. On January 31,

the Terror traveled to Lancaster, PA to take on a tough squad from Franklin & Marshall. Patty Russo tallied 15 points, including 6 from behind the 3-point line. But in spite of this offensive effort, WMC was unable to pull out a conference victory, losing by a score of 83-63. The loss dropped Western Maryland to 13-6 (5-4).

The month of February opened on a winning note as the Green Terror rolled past Ursinus for a 78-56 conference victory. Once again, WMC found itself trailing at halftime, 37-36. However, a swarming Green Terror defense held the Bears to just 19 points and a 23.3 percent field-goal percentage after intermission.

The offense was spearheaded by Jill Ibe's game high 16 points and 12 rebounds. The WMC attack also saw a trio of players finish with nine points: Patty Russo, Toby McIntire, and Brooke Brenneman.

Finally, on February 6, Western Maryland squared off against the Red Devils of Dickinson in Carlisle, PA. Despite trailing 30-28 at halftime, the Terror gained a 38-36 lead midway through Tuesday's second half and led by as much as five down the stretch, defeating Dickinson 59-56.

Jill Ibe led all scorers with 19 points for WMC, while teammate Jen Piccolomini contributed 18 points of her own. The victory improved Western Maryland's record to 15-6, 7-4 in the Centennial Conference.

The Green Terror returns home at 1 p.m. on Saturday for Senior Day, where they will take on the Bullets of Gettysburg. February had been good to WMC so far. Hopefully, that crucial element known as momentum will remain on their side.

Women's Basketball

Name	G	REB	A	PPG
Jill Ibe	19	140	31	15.4
Jen Piccolomini	20	121	42	14.5
Patty Russo	20	42	59	10.1
Toby McIntire	20	64	72	6.2
Brook Brenneman	19	88	9	6.1
Steph McPherson	20	92	34	4.7

Men's Basketball

Name	G	REB	A	PPG
Alan Hoyt	20	92	27	11.9
Sam Anstead	20	72	37	10.6
Jack Kowalik	20	38	18	9.4
Desmond Esteves	20	39	83	8.9
Micheal Furey	20	103	21	8.3
Greg Hill	20	37	45	7.4
Jon Pearson	20	58	4	5.1

GREEN TERROR Standings

Women's Basketball

Team	Conf.	Overall
Franklin & Marshall	10-2	16-5
Johns Hopkins	10-2	15-7
Western Maryland	8-4	16-6
Gettysburg	8-5	17-6
Dickinson	3-9	5-17

Men's Basketball

Team	Conf.	Overall
Franklin & Marshall	9-2	17-5
Gettysburg	9-2	14-8
Dickinson	8-3	13-9
Johns Hopkins	6-5	13-9
Western Maryland	3-8	7-15

Wrestling

Team	Conf.	Overall
Muhlenberg	5-0	15-5
Western Maryland	4-1	13-6
Ursinus	3-2	16-5
Washington & Lee	1-3	4-5-1
Gettysburg	1-4	6-9
Johns Hopkins	0-4	4-10

Schedule

Baseball

vs Barton College
March 4th
@ 1:00 PM

vs Villa Julie
March 7th
@ 2:30 PM

@ Lincoln University
March 10th

@ Messiah College
March 13th
@ 2:30

Men's Lacrosse

@ Villa Julie
March 3rd
@ 2:00 PM

vs Cabrini College
March 3rd
@ 2:00 PM

@ Widener University
March 10th
@ 2:00 PM

Women's Lacrosse

vs St. Mary's College
March 1st
@ 4:00 PM

vs Susquehanna
March 10th
@ 1:00 PM

@ Franklin and Marshall
March 14th
4:00 PM

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Brad Widener

#32 Jack Kowalik breaks out for a lay-up during a Terror 85-83 overtime loss to Ursinus. Kowalik is third in Terror scoring with 188 points for the season and 8.9 points per game.

Phoenix spotlight: two sport standout Christian Hamilton

MARCUS HELTON

Staff Writer

Christian Hamilton is no stranger to athletic success. The 5'6", 155 pound junior has been an integral part of the Western Maryland Football and Track teams for the past three years.

Hamilton started playing foot-

not get off to an illustrious start.

"The very first play I was on the field, I had a penalty called on me," he says.

He bounced back from that miscue, and became one of the Terror's most valuable special teams players.

His sophomore season did not

ball is not the only sport Hamilton competes in at WMC. As a freshman, he was a member of the relay team that finished second in the Centennial Conference Championship in the 4 X 200 meter relay, and third in the 4 x 400 at the Penn Relays. As a sophomore, he was part of a team that set the school

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ball at age nine. He played freshman football at DeMatha High School.

He played receiver that year, and had only two receptions, both of which were touchdowns. After transferring to Seneca Valley High School in Germantown the next year, he was part of a team that went 33-2 with one state championship.

After graduating from Seneca Valley in 1998, Hamilton came to Western Maryland College to continue his athletic and academic career.

Recruited to play receiver, he saw the majority of his playing time on the Green Terror's special teams. Unfortunately, his career did

go as well, however, as he tore the meniscus in his right knee and missed most of the season. Luckily, Hamilton rebounded strongly from the injury, and the 2000 season was the most successful of his collegiate career. "This season was definitely my best one," Hamilton says. "It felt good to be healthy again."

He was among the team leaders in special teams tackles. In addition, he set a team record against Widener with nine special teams points. What makes that feat even more impressive is the fact that he did it all in the first half. In three years, he has three blocked punts and four fumble recoveries.

As previously mentioned, foot-

record in the 4 x 400.

No one knows how the track team will perform this year, but one thing is for certain: if Christian Hamilton's past is any indication, they are due for another successful year.

Away from the field, the Business and Economics major can be found in his room engaged in one of his favorite pastimes: sleeping and watching cartoons. What is his favorite cartoon?

"Batman Beyond," he says. "I love that show, I make sure I see it everyday." Christian Hamilton is truly one of WMC's most gifted athletes, and anyone who knows him knows that he is a special person as well.

Men's Basketball hits eight game losing slide

GREG LEDERER

Assistant Sports Editor

It has been an interesting season for the Western Maryland College Men's Basketball team. After a positive 3-1 start to the conference season, the team has fallen on hard times with eight straight losses. While they have been mired in a slump, there are positive signs for the team.

On February 7th, the Green Terror ventured on the road for a conference game against Dickinson College. From the start, the opposition used tough defense and long distance shooting to build a solid 40-25 lead on WMC at intermission. The Green Terror suffered through a bad shooting night as they shot only 33% from the floor and while Dickinson was hot from the three point line, hitting eight on the night. One bright spot for WMC was the play of junior forward Teron Powell who played one of his best games of the season with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman Sam Anstead also chipped in 13 points on the night.

Suffering through a tough slump, WMC hosted conference rival Ursinus in a tough matchup. From the start, the Green Terror didn't play like a team with a seven game losing streak and found themselves trailing by four points (36-40) at halftime.

The game went back and forth through the second half as WMC received a huge performance off the bench from senior guard Jack Kowalik who posted nineteen points in the contest. In the final seconds of regulation with WMC down only 2 points (83-81), Ursinus was whistled for a foul and Kowalik went to the foul line with a chance to tie the game.

He coolly sank two free throws and the contest would go to overtime. In the extra period with the game tied at 83, the Green Terror had the ball and was playing for the last shot with 20 seconds left on the clock.

As the clock ticked down, Kowalik shot the ball, but it was tipped and in pursuit of the ball, WMC forward Sylvanus Adenaik was called for a foul with 1.3 seconds left in the game.

Ursinus made two free throws and took the game 85-83. It was a heartbreaking loss for the Green Terror, considering that they played well enough to end their losing streak, but fell just short again. "We have a losing streak right now,

but the effort is there," says guard Anstead. "We've caught a couple bad breaks, but we are playing hard."

On January 31th, WMC went on the road again for a tough game against conference powerhouse, Franklin and Marshall.

The game was a story of two halves as the Green Terror played the role of underdog and played well enough to be down only four points at halftime. The second half was another story as Franklin and Marshall dominated the contest as they outscored WMC 52-14 in route to a 90-48 victory. WMC was very sloppy at times they committed 27 turnovers and found themselves buried by the offensive attack of the opposition. Freshman forward Alan Hoyt, the team's leading scorer, led the team with ten points and seven rebounds on the night. Again, the team played well at times, but lost their fourth conference game in a row. "So far, the season has been up and down, but I think the one thing we are missing is experience," says WMC forward Sylvanus Adenaik. "We have a lot of guys learning how to play together."

WMC looked to turn around their recent troubles in a conference road game against Muhlenberg. The Green Terror showed why they are leading the conference in three point shots made per game as they knocked down eight on the contest, but found themselves outplayed on the boards as the opposition pulled down 14 more rebounds and took the game 89-75. Sophomore point guard Desmond Esteves led the team with 17 points, while Sam Anstead and Mike Furey chipped in 15 and 10, respectively.

With only a few games left in the season, the Green Terror have had a up and down season. Though mired in a losing streak of late, the team continues to play hard and show promise for the future of the program.

"The team is definitely improved from its past and we are still having fun as a team," says junior guard Erik Larson. The team has been hit by some injuries including a season ending knee injury to sophomore swingman Michael Paesani, but the effort continues to be there for head coach Darrell Brooks. After back to back four win seasons, the team's seven wins this year are step in the right direction for the men's basketball team.



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Sen. Mikulski shares her "highway of firsts"

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There are only thirteen female senators currently at work in Washington... WMC was honored to have one of them here for a well-attended event recently.

Maryland's own democratic Senator Barbara A. Mikulski visited on Wednesday, February 20, 2001.

In "A Conversation with Barbara Mikulski" as this event was called, Mikulski discussed her past achievements, the road to her seat in the Senate, and the importance of community service during college through private organizations and involvement in public policy making.

Provost Sam Case made the opening remarks and introduced people who had been instrumental in arranging Senator Mikulski's visit to the Hill, such as Alec Resnick and his wife, as well as Dr. Herb Smith, chair of the Political

Science Department. Mikulski, a sociology major who later continued her education with studies in social work and social strategy, recalled being active in both the anti-Vietnam movement and the Civil Rights movement.

During the tragic year of 1968, after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., Mikulski decided to return to school again, this time to prepare for a cabinet position in a future presidency, she explained.

However, she was soon made aware that there was a plan to build a sixteen-lane highway through ethnic and minority neighborhoods as well as in Central and Northeastern Maryland.

Thus, she began her career of a "highway of firsts," as Smith claimed in his introduction.

In 1969, she took up the fight

against the highwaymen and won, stopping the destruction of both the

States House of Representatives. Mikulski continued to climb the political ladder.

In 1986 she ran for and won a seat in the United States Senate against Republican Linda Chavez, and has held onto that seat for the past two elections.

Mikulski was the first woman to serve in both houses of the United States government, the first woman to win a state wide election in Maryland, and the first woman to win a seat that had not been previously held by her husband.

She said, "[In life, the] path may not be clear- you're going to have to take a chance."

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Escorting offered to campus

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Staff Writer

Students who wish to have an escort accompany them across campus now have a new option.

Alpha Phi Omega, a two-year-old co-ed service fraternity, has begun to offer a service to escort anyone on campus if they feel unsafe or simply want to be escorted to their destination.

This service was originally offered by Campus Safety, however it would often take the staff members 45 minutes to an hour to meet the student.

As a result, Shonda Wilson, Residence Life coordinator, asked Alpha Phi Omega to take over and volunteer their services.

Senior Josh Bronson, a co-founder of the fraternity, said that the group happily took the job, eager to help the campus out.

This service is not intended to imply that Campus Safety was not capable of handling the job, said Bronson, it is simply to reduce some of their load.

Campus Safety is, despite some rumors on campus, at full staff right now according to Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety.

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No longer 'acting': Case becomes Provost

JOAN FAULKNER
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Imagine entering WMC as a freshman and being here 49 years later.

Too tough? Than just ask newly appointed Provost Sam Case, who entered WMC as a freshman in 1959.

On Dec. 12, 2000 President Joan Develin Coley announced the appointment of Dr. H. Samuel Case as Provost and Dean of the Faculty at Western Maryland College.

Case has been part of the faculty at WMC for 36 years.

Senior Dave Hanyok, a exercise

science major, said that Case is "not only one of my favorite people at this college. He has shown me support and assistance that I've only previously received from my mother."

Hanyok, who has taken four classes with Case adds that, "It's cool that he's the provost, but it's sucks that he can't teach. He's indescribable."

Case agrees that one of the biggest transitions he has had to make is, as he says, "the fact that I'm not teaching as much."

Case, who taught in the departments of exercise science and physical education, will continue to

teach Backpacking and Physiology of the Extreme Environment.

Case has also had to adjust to not being as actively involved in research as he used to be and now has a different working relationship with faculty.

The departments that are under his umbrella include admissions, library, information services, graduate and professional studies,

Theatre on the Hill, and financial aid.

Coley agrees that there are transitions one has to make when taking over as provost, such as knowing the intricacies of WMC.

Though Case attests to making some difficult transitions, Coley believes that "the transition, in fact, has been seamless, in part

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Lewis Project receives \$350,000

JACKIE LEAZER
Staff Writer

Built in 1914, and renovated in 1966, the Lewis Recitation Hall lacks up-to-date electric wiring support necessary for modern technology.

That will soon be rectified with a generous gift that exemplifies a commitment to Western Maryland College and what it has to offer.

WMC's ongoing fundraising campaign, "The Lewis Project", recently received a significant \$350,000 donation from The Helen P. Denit Charitable Trust of Baltimore, according to Doug Myers, associate vice president of development.

"This gift represents one of the leadership investments critical to

the success of the Lewis fundraising project," Myers said.

The trust's donation, secured with the help of a WMC trustee volunteer, gave a total of \$350,000 which was divided, giving

\$100,000 toward continuing technological advancements and the rest toward the revitalization of the Lewis Hall of Science.

The gift was the college's second from the Denit Charitable Trust, as money was also given toward the building of the science laboratory center. The trust, pleased with the success of the lab building wanted to continue their support, Myers said.

"We are thrilled to receive sup-

port from the fund," said President Joan Develin Coley.

"Part of our long-term goal is to

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Large crowd gathers to hear the speech of Senator Barbara Mikulski

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sion of women in the Senate. The audience was surprised when Mikulski said that a total of only 31 women have served in the Senate.

Between the years of 1920 and 1992 only sixteen had served, and of those sixteen only five had been elected; the others had been appointed to their positions. After the Anita Hill affair in 1992, four women were elected to the Senate and there are currently thirteen females senators (10 Democrats and three Republicans) serving in the equally divided house.

Mikulski had very positive things to say about the women's roles.

"We don't intend to be a caucus, but a force," she said.

They made this decision during the impeachment trial, calling on both parties to look at the issues rather than concentrate on bipartisan bickering.

Mikulski also made it very clear that the women of the Senate believe that all issues are women's issues, and that there is a woman on every major committee in the Senate including those that make armed forces, intelligence, and financial decisions.

Mikulski's remarks included a great deal of praise for Western Maryland College.

She noted the school's history of acceptance of different types of people, recalling

that the college was the first school south of the Mason-Dixon Line to get rid of segregation.

She also noted the school's record of, "inclusion, diversity, and community service," and praised that the school has always had "an open door and an open mind."

Finally, she called on those in attendance to continue to help through private organizations, and volunteering their time to others.

She also encouraged involvement in public policy-making as well, stating that, "One person can make a difference, but you must work together to make a change."

Her speech was followed by an open question and answer session.

Commenting on an earlier statement Mikulski had made concerning faith-based organizations, senior Monica Marinello asked

about the Senator's thoughts on President George W. Bush's plan to provide aid to faith-based organizations that are helping the public.

The Senator explained that as long as the organizations that received such funds were not using the money to evangelize those whom they were helping, she would support

this initiative.

Terence Dalton, associate professor of English, then questioned Mikulski about the competing media coverage of Bush and former President Clinton.

Mikulski expressed a feeling that Bush's lack of coverage has given him a "benign period" during which he has been able to present his ideas without interference.

She continued to answer that she was disappointed with Clinton and that she disagreed with his decision to pardon fugitive Marc Rich saying she considered it to be "out of the realm of what was necessary."

On the subject of the Missile Defense Shield proposed by Bush she commented that she doesn't "know who the enemies are," and that she thinks the idea is "odd."

She expressed that she felt that terrorism on American soil was more of a threat than being randomly "zapped."

One attendee asked what the country was doing for protection from terrorism.

Mikulski responded that while international intelligence can help to prevent or anticipate state supported or rouge acts of terrorism, it is the acts of terrorism that stem from hatred that cannot be predicted by the government.

"We cannot hate people for what they

believe, or who they are," she said.

Tom Deveny, professor of foreign languages, asked a question concerning the United States foreign policy with Cuba.

Mikulski encouraged the ending of the embargo, citing political and economic gains for both countries.

Mikulski also answered a question concerning the expectation of three Supreme Court

appointments during Bush's presidency.

She first focused on the appointment of Senator John Ashcroft to the cabinet position of Attorney General, relaying the same sentiment as when she spoke on the Senate floor approximately a month ago.

"He is the wrong man, at the wrong time, at the wrong agency," she said.

She commented that she hoped the current justices remained well, and should appointments be made, that Bush stick with moderates rather than those on the far right.

Mikulski's visit allowed the students and staff to meet their representative in an arena that made her seem very accessible and down to earth.

Senior Ryan Ewing remarked that he thought Mikulski's visit was, "very positive and held a nice message for the students on this campus. She seemed to speak what she believed."

"One person can make a difference, but you must work together to make a change."

- Senator Barbara A. Mikulski



Herb Smith introduced Senator Mikulski.

BRAD WINNER

Monica Marinello asked



The Question Marquis

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Q: Dear Question Marquis: My sister's boyfriend broke up with her over a year ago. But his voice is still on her answering machine. Should I tell her how pathetic this is? — Stephen in Annapolis

A: My advice here is going like this: It is not a problem, it is an opportunity. There is no truer friend of passion than the vulnerable rejected lover. You must simply play your cards correctly. I recommend a subtle approach to win her trust. Perhaps you can tell her about Questia. About how much more free time she will have when she's writing research papers if she does the research online. Free time that the two of you could use to, je ne sais pas, get to know each other better? If you know what I...wait—you said your sister's boyfriend? This is a terrible misunderstanding. I have got to stop skimming these questions.

Q: Dear Question Marquis: I am very interested in Questia. Could you please give me some more information about its exciting features? —TW in Houston

A: Zut alors! I think my employer has slipped this one in. But just by chance this is not how the case is, I will answer it briefly. Questia will have an extensive scholarly collection, and the full text of each book and journal article is all online. You just enter your topic and then you can instantly search through any book. And many of the author's own sources are, how you say, "hyperlinked." So you can follow the writer's train of thought, if you like. Also, quotes, footnotes and bibliographies are all done automatically. And, in a few months, Questia can be used to more efficiently groom racehorses. Or such is my understanding. That may be confidential information, so don't go gossiping it about like a bunch of Montesquieu's concubines. Now I wish I hadn't told you.

"There is no truer friend of passion than the vulnerable rejected lover. You simply must play your cards correctly."

Q: Dear Question Marquis: Well...why did you tell us? In both of your answers, you could have corrected your mistakes by using the delete key.

A: In life, there is no such thing as a delete key. Q.E.D., there is no delete key for writing my column. What's done is done, what's said is said. Vive moi! (Long live me!)

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Calendar of Events

- Thursday, March 1:** 4th Annual "Reach Out WMC" Auction; doors open at 4:30 p.m. and auction starts at 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 2:** "Little Shop of Horrors" opens at 8:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall; shows also on March 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10.
- Sunday, March 4:** Opening reception for Calvin Edward Ramsburg's "Point of Entry"; 2:00-5:00 in Rice Gallery.
- Friday, March 7:** Guest Lecturer Dr. Robin Blake; "Date Rape" at 7 p.m. in McDaniel Lounge.
- Tuesday, March 6:** Women's Lacrosse Basket Bingo at 5:30 p.m. in the forum.
- Wednesday, March 7:** Presentation by David Ivy on "Seeking Peace"; 8:00 p.m. in McDaniel Lounge.
- Friday, March 16:** Spring break starts; residence halls close at 7 p.m.

CORRECTION

The last issue of the Phoenix reported that Jan Kiphart, registrar, previously worked at Mt. St. Mary's College. Instead, she worked at St. Mary's College of Maryland. The Phoenix regrets this mistake.

Alpha Phi Omega helps Campus Safety with escorting students

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"We have 11 uniformed officers, plus myself. We also have a full time office manager and one work study student," said Webster. He feels these numbers are adequate. "I think it's a good number. We have a desk attendant around the clock as well as part-time dispatches."

The main reason the fraternity is doing this is because it enables Campus Safety to have more time to tend to their regular responsibilities, said Bronson.

The service has worked with moderate success so far, said Bronson. They have escorted a few people already, but hope that the service will be used on a more frequent basis in the near future, he said. "It hasn't been well publicized. Student Affairs will begin to advertise soon," said Bronson.

The escorts often help resident assistants on their rounds by escorting them down to the Pennsylvania Avenue houses late at night.

Another beneficial aspect of the service is the availability of a golf cart.

The cart, which is supplied by Campus Safety, can help anyone with a disability or someone who has suffered an injury and may have

trouble getting around campus.

"Any student interested in getting an escort can simply call Campus Safety at extension 202, or the Alpha Phi Omega member who is currently on duty.

To find out who is on duty, students can check their RA schedules that appear in the hallways of the dorms. The name and extension of the escort at the time is listed on the sheet. If the sheet is not available or readily seen in the hallway, the easiest method is to call Campus Safety, and they will forward you to the particular Alpha Phi



APO member Josh Bronson escorts sophomore Kelsey Reichard back to ANW after a late-night meeting. Omega member.

Alpha Phi Omega is well pre-

The Department of Campus Safety reported the following cases which include:

- 2/1/01 at 12:10 a.m. there was a floor party and too many people in a room in Blanche Ward Hall.
- 2/1/01 at 5:00 p.m. student was arrested for possession of CDS in Albert Normal Ward Hall.
- 2/2/01 at 10:21 p.m. a student and non student charged with underage possession/ consumption in ANW.
- 2/2/01 at 10:35 a.m. student assaulted the victim for no apparent reason in Decker Student Center.
- 2/2/01 at 12:30 a.m. Blanche Ward Hall third floor had a party in a public area.
- 2/3/01 at 11:00 a.m. car parked on Whiteford Lane overnight, when complainant returned next afternoon, noticed passenger side had been keyed.
- 2/3/01 at 11:39 p.m. student carrying an open container in public with alcohol at Rouzer Hall.
- 2/3/01 at 2:00 a.m. left car parked on Whiteford Lane on 2/3/01 and returned on 2/6/01 and found it had been keyed.
- 2/4/01 at 3:00 a.m. former student gained unauthorized access to old room in Blanche.
- 2/4/01 at 6:07 a.m. three chairs thrown in pool room. A small table broken, trash in pool and on floor beside pool table in Decker.
- 2/5/01 at 1:10 a.m. wipers were taken off college vehicle near Rouzer Hall.
- 2/6/01 at 9:45 a.m. student assaulted by another student near Gill Gym.
- 2/8/01 at 1:30 a.m. two students allegedly fighting in front of Blanche Ward Hall.
- 2/8/01 at 3:00 a.m. student was stealing items from display case in Decker.
- 2/9/01 at 1:15 a.m. students generating loud noises at PA House 139.

pared to handle this job, explained Bronson. When on duty, the escort wears an easily visible yellow vest, and carries a radio at all times.

In case of any trouble, the escorts are trained to call Campus Safety on their radios right away. "We're not trained to handle any (potentially troubling) situations," said Bronson.

The service is available through the fraternity on Sunday through Thursday until 11:30 p.m. On Friday and Saturday it's available until 1:30 a.m.

When Alpha Phi Omega is not available, Campus Safety will still take care of the service 24 hours a day, said Webster.

The fraternity plans to perform this service in definitely, said Bronson.

"We'll do it as long as Residence Life wants us."

Campus Safety Blotter

2/9/01 at 1:45 a.m. student gaining unauthorized access to Decker Center.

2/9/01 at 11:15 a.m. student observed with beer, under 21 near McDaniel Hall.

2/9/01 at 11:47 p.m. student underage possessing alcohol at Blanche Ward Hall.

2/9/01 at 2:30 a.m. underage possession/ consumption of alcohol by a student at Blanche.

2/9/01 at 2:31 a.m. a non-student was drinking in the hallway in Blanche.

2/16/01 at 1:29 a.m. a non-student female suspect discharged a fire extinguisher in Blanche.

2/16/01 at 2:00 a.m. student banned from Blanche was seen leaving the building.

2/16/01 at 3:00 a.m. a room vandalized by unknown suspects. Blue marker was used to darken peep hold on door, and a clear sticky liquid as found at doorway and inside the room in Rouzer Hall.

2/16/01 at 5:00 p.m. student is away for the evening while there is a party in his suite. Upon returning, he found his personal cell phone missing and allegedly the various belongings of his suite mates in Albert Norman Hall.

2/16/01 at 8:26 p.m. an unidentified male attempted to take a compact disk from student's room and was accosted by the student. The CD was returned and the unidentified male left the building.

2/17/01 at 11:19 p.m. underage possession by student attempting to enter clubroom party in Blanche.

2/17/01 at 11:45 p.m. underage possession and consumption by student. Officer observed as Sig Ep student was served from behind the bar.

2/18/01 at 1:00 a.m. students drinking underage in a clubroom party in Blanche.

2/18/01 at 3:00 a.m. student punched a window in Whiteford Hall.

2/18/01 at 1:00 a.m. a student was sitting in the middle of the Gazebo at McDaniel Hall.

2/15/01 at 1:00 a.m. a student driving under the influence of alcohol nearly hits three female students and is seen leaving Blanche (from which he's banned).

2/15/01 at 8:24 p.m. a student ran into a Decker door breaking the handle.

2/16/01 at 1:13 a.m. a floor party second floor of Blanche; students cited.

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Array of cuisine and clothes

STACI L. GEORGE
News Editor

Imagine taste-testing food from around the world without ever having to leave the WMC campus.

No this was not a special night in Glar, but rather the annual International Dinner. The theme of the night's festivities was "Open your mind, open your mouth."

Two hundred guests enjoyed the dishes prepared by students of various cultures. Along with the array of food, there was also a fashion show of clothes from around the world.

As the participants modeled their culture's clothing, some even offered such entertainment as playing a German song on the guitar, doing a Spanish dance, or singing an Italian song.

Nadja Werner, who is the German department student assistant said, "I think it was great. We, the participants, had fun and I think the guests enjoyed it."

Joanna Kraft, president of the International Club, and many other students had been planning the event since last semester.

Bill Spence, senior lecturer of the English department is the advisor of the International Club.



BRAD WIDNER
Many countries' cuisine was represented, as each of the participants served the food they had cooked. This allowed the 200 guests to ask them questions about their new dish.



BRAD WIDNER
The dinner did not only feature dishes of various cultures, but also an array of fashions. (l-r) Methona Dan wears a dress from Cambodia, Cathy Pendorf models a dress from South Korea, and Bushra Ahmad shows off a dress from Bangladesh.

Generous gift will be used to update the technology of Lewis Recitation Hall

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raise both the prestige and visibility of the college. Gifts like this help reinforce that the college is on the right path," said Coley

According to Doug Myers, with the Denit Charitable Trust's gift, alumni, friends of the college, and corporations are also being approached for similar investments in the Lewis Project.

The project's case statement states that gaining an overall goal of \$4 million in private funds will help toward the cost of the renovation of Lewis.

Once completed, Lewis Recitation Hall will have accommodations for the sciences, as well as providing future homes for the departments of mathematics, business and economics, communications, and sociology.

According to the case statement, the building lacks computer labs, as well as "necessities such as a sprinkler system and central air conditioning."

With the \$100,000 of the trust's donation specifically aimed toward improving technology, the college is now preparing itself to accommodate students with state-of-the-art equipment.

The project committee, chaired by trustee Charlie Moore, class of '71, along with the Board of Trustees, administration, and alumni is continuing its efforts to secure gifts toward this important effort.

With donations like the Denit Charitable Trust gift, the college can continue to provide new and advanced facilities.

Wednesday, February 28th

7:30 p.m.

McDaniel Lounge

"That was the election that was: Florida and the future of presidential elections"

A panel discussion featuring John Willis, Maryland Secretary of State
Kevin Igoe, Republican Campaign Consultant
Charles Chester, Democratic Attorney and Political Activist

We'll consider such questions as:

- 1.) What really happened in the Sunshine State
- 2.) Whether the electoral college should graduate any more presidents
- 3.) Should every vote be actually counted

Case becomes new WMC provost

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because Sam knows the college so well." Case plans to "improve the quality of faculty and services to students and make everything try to do more easily accomplished."

His agenda also includes the desire to "expand the diversity of students and faculty."

In the memo sent out by Coley, she describes his leadership as legendary, serving on virtually every committee to which he could be elected to and leading curricular reform in the '90s.

'90s. Also according to the memo, Case has published more than 35 articles in scholarly journals, served as associate editor of two, been awarded the Antarctica Service Medal, and been re-appointed chair of the Governor's Commission on Fitness.

Case singles out WMC as being better than other colleges because "there's a sense

of community here. People care about each other."

Junior Cheryl Skelley, a social work major, who had Case for Nutrition describes him as "really passionate about the subject that he taught."



BRAD WIDNER
Samuel Case, provost, came to WMC in 1959.

Skelley adds that "he's like a pillar of the college."

Case has been at WMC for over 40 years, he's planning to be provost to lead the college through the Middle States evaluation process in 2002-03 and then help look for his successor, according to the memo.

He then plans to retire because he has a lot of things he has still always wanted to do.

Coley said, "Sam Case has been an

integral part of WMC for his entire professional life... no one cares any more deeply about the college than Sam. He is the perfect provost."

SEEKING PEACE

David Ivry,
Ambassador of
Israel to the U.S..

Wednesday,
March 7, 2001

McDaniel Lounge at 8:00 pm

• Come and learn firsthand how he manages conflict resolution at Western Maryland College's annual lecture endowed by Alvan and Elaine Mintzes in honor of Alleck and Harriet Resnick.

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February 27	March 1	March 3
March 6	March 8	March 10
March 13	March 15	(Spring Break) begins Friday March 16
March 27	March 29	March 31
April 3	April 5	April 7
April 10		

Please call Karen Orchard at 410-848-7859 to schedule an appointment.

Maintaining priorities: academics are first, then athletics

I don't consider myself an athlete at Western Maryland College. I consider myself a student who participates on the lacrosse team, and in other clubs and organizations. My first priority as a student is academics.

Recently, I read an article in the Washington Post in which comedian Chris Rock complained that he feels that he wouldn't be admitted to college because he doesn't have a good jump shot.

Similarly, I read in New Yorker magazine that many schools that have successful athletic programs do not necessarily yield great financial gains as a result of spending on recruitment, management, and marketing.

Just the other day, I read about Annapolis native Susan Reihmer in the Baltimore Sun saying that especially in Anne Arundel County, students are more likely to get into college because of their skills with a lacrosse stick rather than their SAT scores. However, I think that an important element has been neglected from many of these arguments: what is in the best interest of the student?

I guess I am lucky that I lack athletic skill because if I had gotten into Princeton or Duke because of what I could do on a field, I would have struggled academically

to the point of probably having to drop out of school.

Students who get into Ivy League or prestigious schools on the basis of athletic skill and with little regard for academic preparation will undoubtedly be greatly hindered academically in college. This is true because, not only will students have less time for school because of all of the time demands such athletic programs require, but he or she will not be as prepared for such academic rigors that IVY league and other schools expect.

This is why I hope that students at Western Maryland College are not given admission preference based on athletics. It brings down the academic integrity of the whole school.

Susan Reihmer explained in her column that based on research done by James Shulman in "The Game of Life: College Sports and Educational Values" that financial benefit is not related to athletic success at all. The research says that "college programs regularly lose money" and that "Alumni giving is not linked to the winning team in the long run." Nor is it the case, according to the same research, that college athletes make better leaders or employers after graduating.

So what benefit is there to encouraging athletics in college?

Amy Bitinger gives her perspective on athlete preferential treatment.

Well, I play because it is fun. However, I was not recruited and I was not offered financial gain because of my sport (as prohibited by being a division three school). I do not think that playing lacrosse will benefit me in any way that other activities have not.

Furthermore, according to Shulman's research, athletes with the same college entrance scores (high school GPA and SAT scores) as non-athletes who have similar time restraints as a result of participation in drama, musical ensemble, or other activities, perform less well academically in school.

This shows that athletics hinders academic performance and not merely because of how much time it takes up. This is demonstrated by many describing athletes as slackers in the classroom.

Another problem that athletics pose is that for each under-qualified, but athletically-talented student accepted, there is one qualified student rejected. This point is especially important at small schools where there is a greater percentage of athletes in the student body.

For example, at Western Mary-

land College about 25 percent of students are members of at least one varsity sports team. If each athlete is accepted without having academic credentials 25 percent of the student body is under qualified (about 400 students). Even if one out of two athletes is accepted without academic credentials, then over 12 percent (about 200 students) of the student body is under qualified. The bigger the percent, the more likely the general academic rigor of the school is going to decrease.

This is part of the reason why Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, a member of the Centennial Conference of which WMC is a member, dropped their football program. They didn't want to admit academically inferior students that would help the struggling football program. Instead of fielding a weak team with academically suitable athletes, they dropped the program.

On the other hand, big schools like University of Michigan and University of Maryland have only

a few more athletes but over ten times as many students. Those athletes admitted without merit make up a small percentage of the student body, so they do not bring down the academic integrity of the whole school. As a result, there are less walk-on athletes and less academically qualified students at the school. A greater percentage of teams are recruited, so a team is picked a year in advance.

This gives less opportunity for the less-than-stellar athlete. This is what I consider myself. Chances are if I was a senior in high school, I would not be looked at. If I had not come to WMC, then I would not be playing. But, I hope that I would have still gotten accepted. I hope that a less qualified athlete would not have taken my acceptance. I also hope that the academic integrity of the school is maintained in my years here and will continue to be in the future.

-Amy Bitinger is a senior mathematics major.

Perhaps some things are better left unsaid

Brandi Crawford explains why complaining is unfruitful and annoying.

When I read the commentary section, I usually notice the same sorts of issues being discussed: parking, food, etc. And, although this can be rather redundant, it really doesn't bother me very much.

Why? Because I would rather read well-written articles discussing these issues than to hear people constantly complain about them from various locations on the campus.

It seems that lately everywhere I turn I hear people complaining about one thing or another. So, I am going to give my own personal opinions on these issues in a constructive way, through writing, instead of blasting my complaints to the ears of unwilling listeners throughout the campus. So, to all of you complainers, listen up!

First of all, yes, GLAR can get boring after awhile. Everyone acknowledges this fact. Let's move on: There's a decent variety, so every creative, don't see the same thing every time you go there.

If you really do feel the need to state your opinion about the dining establishment here, do it once and then be quiet. Or better yet, get a job, then buy and cook your own food. Maybe then you will begin to appreciate someone else doing the cooking and providing a bit of variety for you.

Yes, the parking issue is very real, and it really does stink. As a commuter for three years, I can attest to the fact that I have had to walk long distances through inclement weather numerous times. However, the school knows that

there is a problem, and they are trying to resolve it. Everything that has been suggested so far is great.

Among those suggestions are: a commuter only parking lot which is close to the campus, selling parking permits for the amount of spaces available and no more, and giving upperclassmen commuters the right to park closer to the campus.

We have dwelt on these issues, and it's obvious that the need is there, so there is really no point except to push the issue until something is done. Just don't walk into class complaining about that you had to park a mile away, because you've already told us that every class, and we feel your pain. But we don't want to hear about it anymore.

Thirdly, most students have hectic schedules. This is college. However, most of the stress that people walk around complaining about is self-induced. I know that I personally am famous for creating more stress for myself. I get involved in so much until I am pushed to the limit and completely frazzled. But I try not to walk around telling everyone how busy I am and all the things that I am involved in.

If you are really that stressed, then change your schedule. Very few people maintain a crazy schedule because everything is an absolute necessity. Prioritize. Then stop complaining. If you find that you cannot omit something from your schedule, then keep up with your insane lifestyle and drive yourself crazy. But, don't constantly tell other people

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Napster: better late than never

I have to admit, I am new at this. I got a spiffy new computer for Christmas. Among the various new age features it possessed, it had one ability that stood out from the others: the ability to play mp3's.

Now, prior to this acquisition, I had always taken the high road in the "Napster Battle." Artists should have the right to protect their music and not have it spread around the Internet with no financial compensation.

However, after considering how I would feel if my band, "Room 402," had its recording placed on the web, I began to look at the situation differently.

If one is to stay in a positive mindset, they might come to see the Internet as a means to free publicity. Therefore, they would see massive downloads or "Napster interest" as a sort of honor.

This type of thinking made it that much easier for me to install "Napster" on my own computer. Besides, I had to try this thing for myself. So, like the last guest to arrive at the biggest party of the year, I finally joined my peers on "Napster."

At first, I just thought I would download a few songs. And, to that same end, I would not download any LP versions (those that are officially released) of songs, just the rare stuff that the artist probably never meant for people to hear. Somehow, that sounds worse than taking the published stuff, does it not?

Anyway, I was enjoying my



Michael Wiles

new hobby last week when I learned that "Napster" is quickly losing their case against the record companies, and they will most likely have to throw in the towel soon, or possibly even charge for their service.

In any event, I feel a bit let down. It would seem that I arrived at the party just as it was coming to an end.

I think most can agree that, if Napster has to charge for its service, that will probably be the end of its social influence. As great as the service is, I could not personally see someone paying to use it.

In fact, paying for the service makes the whole practice of downloading music a bit dirtier than simply stealing it. Call me crazy, but I think that actually putting a cash amount on the whole situation makes things more complicated, or maybe just more real. It could be that I just do not want to admit that there is money being lost and gained, and that music, like everything else, is more than just fun and entertaining. It is also a serious business.

What is even harder to believe, no one I know really seems to be willing to help Napster in their fight against the record companies. More than likely because most people notice that Napster is fighting an uphill battle: one of which they will never gain a victory. Or, maybe most people are just hypocrites. I know I am. As soon as the service changes the format, if it does not just shut down that is, I will be one of the first to bid it farewell.

Napster has provided me with a lot of entertainment and enjoyment, and I should therefore be willing to fight for its survival, but, for some reason, I just am not.

In a larger sense, the whole situation reminds me of "The Great Gatsby."

Everyone wants to hang around while things are fun, but no one is there when it is time to clean up the pieces. The whole thing is socially an interesting phenomenon! In the same way, very much fitting with the times in which we live. More and more we seem to become "quick fix" people. We just stay with something as long as it keeps our interest, and then move on to the next big thing.

I, of course, include myself in the mix, since I have already begun to dust off my CD player and look for my old albums. It was fun while it lasted folks, and I will miss it when it is gone.

-Michael Wiles is a sophomore English major.

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Letter to the Editor: Library Reserves

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Ms. BJ Shorb's article in the previous issue, "Using library reserve system: student problems and alternatives."

Library policy prohibiting removal of reserves from the building is intended to ensure that all members of a class have reasonable opportunity to use them. It applies primarily to faculty owned books, videos cassettes, etc., which they place on reserve for the convenience of their classes. To the extent that very few reserves materials disappear the policy is successful even though inconvenient for those who would prefer to make their own copies off campus.

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Lamentations on the American Dream

Zeno Muhl III expresses his thoughts on the evolution of the ideal American Dream.

In 1967 Hunter S. Thompson wrote a letter to the editor of The Nation, Carey McWilliams.

lamenting the death of the American Dream. With Manifest Destiny complete he felt that, "the bunglers and rapists" had reached the coast and had no place else to go.

A hundred or so years before, Thompson continues, they had always moved west, continuing to cut their swath of destruction across the unknown, but never franchising it. Mr. Thompson felt that the events, of the late sixties, were a natural conclusion proving that, "California [was] the ultimate flower of the American Dream, a nightmare of failed possibilities." He cites civil rights riots, drug laws, the Free Speech Movement at Berkeley, and the capstone to it all, the gubernatorial victory of one Ronald Reagan as proof.

This may have been true then, but never could Hunter Thompson have imagined at the time that the rapists and bunglers would roll back across the country and begin a vicious game of Ping-Pong between the West and East Coasts. Truly the American dream has been perverted, but the hippie version died a long time ago at Altamonte to the tune

of "Sympathy for Devil" and the dance of the Hell's Angels on its head. The dream of this land of milk and honey was long ago packaged and marketed to each succeeding generation for mass consumption.

Now it's our turn. The 60's generation is now "in charge," for good or ill, and they have revamped the VW Bug to sell us their childhood. The protest songs they sung in defiance of "The Man" and "The Establishment" are sold as 60's Collections on CDs, not records, and raped of their meaning. It's straight economics really, beautiful in its simplicity.

We, of course, fall in lock step fantasizing about a better and more stimulating time that never happened, and if it had, it was some microcosm of the illusions we perceive of those times today. What that counter-culture had to offer was better then what ours does, at least they spoke out. Our counter-culture, on the other hand, hides in their houses looking for wisdom, love, or some junkie fix on the Internet.

Eventually their teenaged angst, like those of the 70's and 80's, will be marketed to our children as video games not suitable for persons under the age of fourteen. The market value of the American Dream is priceless.

Hell, look at the vile gangster the Abercrombie & Fitch Co. became. It was a

good store, once, full of woolsy outdoor stuff. The ultimate "rucksack revolution" store in a haphazard way.

The company has been around for along time, and maybe what it has become is another natural conclusion. Shopping there is useless if you remember what the store used to be and are looking for a good razor or canteen. Now you can buy T-shirt designed so that the patron becomes a billboard for the store. It's brilliant quite frankly, but nonetheless obscene. It all brings to mind Mr. Henry Louis Mencken's argument to the effect that no one has ever gone broke underestimating the intelligence of the American people.

What this all means is anyone's guess. To what purpose does this writing serve? Maybe to stir things up a bit, but I expect no response. This can be said, however, the American Dream is not dead, as Mr. Thompson had thought.

It has been revived time and again as the tool of pirate-profiteers. Some day it might once again be revived and monopolized by those who truly have the right to inherit it, the hordes of downtrodden left behind in parts unknown but to themselves. But, then again you can wish in one hand and . . . (finish the sentence at your leisure).

-Zeno Muhl is a senior history major.

Submarine accident causes doubt in Navy

Edward K. Schultheis



On February 9, the USS Greenville, a United States nuclear submarine performed a rapid ascent and rammed through a Japanese fishing boat, the Ehime Maru.

What makes the accident even more alarming is the fact that some civilians were at the controls on board the Greenville.

This fact has led Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to temporarily ban civilians from the controls of all weapons until questions are answered about the role of the civilians in the Greenville accident.

The accident, which occurred off the Oahu coast near Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, sank the Ehime Maru in a matter of minutes. Of the 35 people aboard the trawler, 26 people were rescued, but nine people are presumed dead after the Navy has yet to re-

cover the bodies.

Because of the international implications, the United States Navy is doing their best to dispose of the matter by assigning blame as quickly as possible. Cmdr. Scott Waddell, Lt. Cmdr. Gerald K. Pfeifer, and Lt. Michael J. Coen are the subjects of the investigation, although the Navy has not ruled out other members of the crew being involved in the inquiry. According to ABCNEWS.com, the Navy's Court of Inquiry, which could recommend a general court martial, "has been postponed until March 5 after Waddell's attorney asked for a delay."

What could this mean to the Navy? If nothing else, it does mean that it will be a long time before civilians are allowed at the controls of a nuclear submarine or any of the other ships in the force. It could also mean the end of three or more careers in the Navy if the Board of Inquiry finds that negligence was the cause of the accident that sent the ship to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean.

I personally don't care if civilians were on the submarine because it is the crew's job to make sure that the surface is clear before making any kind of ascent, especially a rapid ascent.

What makes matters worse is that sonar

told Waddell there was a ship on the surface just 2,000 yards away. Waddell checked the periscope, didn't see anything, and thought the ship was closer to 10,000 yards away.

The sub's fire control technician, who is responsible for plotting the sub's location and other boats around it, told investigators he stopped doing his particular task because he felt distracted by the 16 civilians on board the submarine.

This is not a good enough excuse. Just because the crewman felt distracted does not give him the right not to report his sonar contacts to the captain, even after a sweep was done using the periscope, which is what the crewman did.

There is plenty of blame to go around in this accident, and it rests on the members of the crew and the civilians who were on board. While I don't particularly like the fact that civilians were on board, it is still up to the crew, especially the captain and executive officer to oversee the workings of the submarine and the crew.

If we can't even trust the captain to make a thorough check of the surrounding waters during a routine test, who will we trust with protecting the sovereignty of the United States?

Sports world mourns

Amy Bitting conveys her feelings about the tragic death of Dale Earnhardt.

Call me heartless! Call me cold! But when a man, who earns millions to drive a car, drives his 3,200 pound automobile into a concrete wall at 180 mph dies, I wonder why so many people get upset. I don't get it. To begin with, to most NASCAR fans Dale Earnhardt was an idol, an image, a caricature. Few knew him personally, so why are people so disappointed in his death that they feel a loss? I genuinely feel for those who knew him who lost a friend, a father, a teammate, or a spouse. But for the rest of the world, it happens.

The biggest problem with how he died, though, is that millions witnessed it either in person, for those who were in attendance at Daytona, or live on television. The accident didn't look like much, but we knew, while reruns were shown on sportscasts and news broadcasts that he died in the moments of that accident.

In the past few years, four drivers have died in similar ways: Kenny Irwin and Adam Petty died on the north corner at New Hampshire because the throttle stuck. Tony Roper of the truck series died on impact from driving into a wall, and most recently Dale

greater number of cars due to the introduction of the restrictor plate. The restrictor plate, which was introduced in the late 1980's, decreases the amount of air and fuel taken into the engine for combustion, essentially decreasing speed. It equalizes all drivers because technologic and scientific advances in air and fuel intake are eliminated. As a result, there is less difference in speed capabilities between the 43 cars on the racetrack.

So what happens is we see the clumping of cars frequently three wide and five to ten deep, all traveling very close to each other at high rates of speed. In part this makes the sport safer because cars are not traveling as fast. However, it makes it more dangerous because if one car miscues even a tiny bit when it is in a 30 car clump it is much more likely to take out more cars.

Even though Earnhardt's crash involved only two cars, blame can be placed on having many cars so close together and so near the finish that all were taking slight risks to beat the pack and get an inch ahead for crossing the finish line.

For the first time in Earnhardt's career, he decided because his teammates, Michael Waltrip, and son, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., were running one two on the last lap that he, who was in third,

would prevent cars from passing him taking over one of the top three positions. The race would not have been so close had it not been for restrictor plates.

However, Dale Earnhardt meant a great deal to NASCAR racing. When he came into the sport in 1979 it was a sport for hillbillies, but he turned it into the second most televised sport. He brought NASCAR into the mainstream. He also did a lot for other racers.

In an ironic twist, at the conclusion of last year's season, Michael Waltrip had raced his 462nd race—without a win. Dale Earnhardt asked him to drive his number 15 Napa sponsored Chevy car, and he did in the Daytona 500—and he won. It was Dale Earnhardt's defensive driving in preventing other cars from passing him near the end that enabled Waltrip and son Dale Jr. to finish one-two.

Many whom Dale says they realize what Dale Earnhardt meant to the sport, and more mourn because of what they have learned about the man behind the icon in the wake of his tragic death. NASCAR may never see the number 3 black car; instead they may see a white number 29. The Michael Jordan of NASCAR, the Wayne Gretzky of auto racing made his mark, and ended it in a most tragic way for the whole racing world to see.

Winter storm not only gives road crews responsibility-- drivers too

Heavenly, but hazardous, was the winter storm that swept through the area last Thursday.

According to WBAL's investigative reporter Jayne Miller, Thursday was "the day for tow trucks" and Friday would be "the day for body shops."

Although the day was filled with fender benders and cars in ditches, on I-95 below Washington, D.C., it brought about a 100 plus-car pile-up.

The video clips Channel 11 showed on the 6 o'clock news were rather unsettling. However, there was only one fatality in the massive chain of crashes.

How does an accident like this happen when salt trucks are "prepared" for the storm and out on the roads? Could it be a result of driver-carelessness?

I always hear things like "they never clear my road" or "I haven't seen a salt truck in hours."

Let's face it; there are a lot of roads to clear and some take preference over others. I am not saying that the road crews can't do any better. I think there is always room for improvement.

What I am saying is that, while many tend to blame the salt trucks for not cleaning the roads well, there is another cause of weather-related accidents.

As drivers, we all need to be extremely cautious when the weather is bad. I learned this just after I got my license.

I was driving to work one evening, and I thought I was going



B.J. Shorb

slow enough. However, when I drove about 20 mph around a curve less than a mile from my house, I slid right off the road and into a telephone pole. Luckily I was not injured, and I was close to home.

That experience taught me two lessons. The first: It is okay to go half the speed-limit in treacherous weather. The second: Do not risk your life, unless you absolutely need to.

My first lesson is one that I always will still need to learn. I always see vehicles traveling at ridiculous speeds in severe conditions. Not only are they trying to go at regular speeds, but they tailgate drivers who are trying to be cautious, which only adds to their carelessness.

My second lesson is one that often leaves me feeling guilty. When I am supposed to travel to work or school and the weather is bad, I am more likely not to go. I feel that if I am not comfortable driving in adverse conditions, then by doing so, not only am I risking

my life, but I am endangering the lives of others.

Unfortunately, when I call out of school or work, I feel guilty for not being able to make it. I shouldn't feel this way. Sure, missing a day of classes or work might set me back.

However, there is nothing that I would've done or learned that day that means more to me than life, whether it is mine or someone else's.

When you think about it, other people will stay home too, so you won't be the only one. Depending on where you work, severe weather conditions may cause it to be a slow day anyway.

Some of you have the ability to drive in snow with ease, and more power to you. You may have four-wheel drive, and that is great. For those of you, like me, who do not possess either of the two things, I would like to recommend you learn the two lessons that I learned when I was sixteen.

Like making any decision, you have to weigh the risks and benefits of each option.

If you've done that and still feel the need to venture out into the dangerous weather, please do it cautiously. Drive slow and do not tailgate, or you may cause the next pile-up.

After all, not only does the road crew need to do its job, but we, as drivers, also need to do our job.

-B.J. Shorb is a junior communication major.

It can no longer be ignored that NASCAR racing is dangerous...

Earnhardt died on impact at Daytona.

The first three racers were relatively inexperienced. For example, Adam Petty was only 19-years-old. So the risk of death associated with NASCAR was limited because of the contribution of driver-error. However, when the most successful, most talented, and most experienced driver died, the contribution to driver-error was suddenly eliminated. The blame is placed on the nature of the sport.

It can no longer be ignored that NASCAR racing is dangerous, even for a very skilled driver. Compared to other sports that I am aware of, NASCAR has experienced four times the number of deaths. In fact, I know of no one who has died as a result of an injury sustained during a game.

No baseball player, no ice hockey player, no football player (although a few have permanent spinal cord injuries from the game that have left them paralyzed) has ever died from the sport. The closest comparison I can draw is from basketball when in 1990 Loyola-Marymount's Hank Gathers died on the court during a Western Coast Conference tournament game because of a heart condition he knew he had.

Part of the blame is to be placed on NASCAR officials. Many contend that crashes are more and more likely to involve a

A student gives advice to all complainers

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how busy you are because chances are they are just as busy. You will only bum them out, too.

Of course, if someone asks you what you do or why you look like you only get three hours of sleep last night, tell them. Just don't tell them every time you see them, whether they want to hear about it or not.

And finally, my biggest complaining pet peeve: The Health Center. This is the one area of college life that everyone: students, faculty, and staff, complain about. I don't get it. Yes, it's true that they cannot provide you with every health service that you may need. But if they can't provide it, you can refer you to a physician who can.

In all honesty, where else can you walk right down the hill, get free physicals, check-ups, over the counter medicine, and health advice? They have on staff daily a certified Physicians Assistant and a Registered Nurse, as well as a Medical Doctor on call.

They can give you prescription medicines, such as antibiotics and birth control pills, for practically nothing. Items that, if you went through a pharmacy, may cost you anywhere from 20

to 80 dollars, if not more. They provide GYN exams, mono and strep tests, vaccinations, and a variety of other services, and it's all extremely inexpensive! For all of these services, your student account is billed, so you don't even have to pay for them on the spot!

Often times you can walk in without even having an appointment, and you will be seen as quickly as possible.

Tell me another medical facility that will let you come in and see a qualified professional without an appointment. Yet, I hear people complain because they had to wait ten minutes or that the staff is incompetent.

To all of you people, wait until you get into the real world and wait two hours at the doctor's office when you actually have an appointment. If you have to take an appointment because they can't fit you in when you call, see if you can get one that afternoon or even the next day.

If you think that it works that way, you will be sadly disappointed. And if you don't think that Smith House is qualified to handle your medical needs, then find a way to go elsewhere.

Be prepared: other places WILL

charge you money, you WILL probably have to wait several days if not weeks, and you WILL have to go off campus for both the appointment and the pharmacy. If that is your desire, then go for it.

Stop complaining about what is right here for you. The school is not obligated to provide such vast medical services. So, either use it and be happy, or don't use it and be quiet.

There are many other issues that students (and staff) complain about. However, these are the ones that I hear addressed most often, and usually on a daily basis. If you have valid concerns, then write an article or speak with one of the deans, and they will make sure that your complaint is heard and addressed if necessary.

Just going around complaining about everything is not only extremely unproductive, but also remarkably annoying to your listeners.

So, try and think before you speak: If what you are about to say will have no fruitful effect on those around you, then it would probably be better left unsaid.

-Brandi Crawford is a junior dual music-theater major.

Pro: Ravens should keep summer training at WMC

Tammi Slater discusses the advantages of having the Ravens continue to use our facilities.

While many Western Maryland College students were moving back into school on Sunday, January 28, Baltimore was preparing to witness a dream come true for many.

The day is one that is well anticipated every year by people all over the world. It brings about parties, celebrations, and the hope of victory or the stale stench of defeat. Of course, most of all, it consists of the sport of football—the Super Bowl.

This year, with the Baltimore Ravens defeat over the New York Giants a feeling ignited within football fans and the city of Baltimore of joy and team-spirit this city has not seen since the Baltimore Colts.

However, this success all had to start somewhere, and it all began right here in WMC's very own Bair Stadium. The Ravens

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lead their training at WMC last year, which has caused many to

doubt whether the college should allow the team to return due to their huge success.

As both a WMC student and a Ravens fan, I feel that continuing to invite the team will have many positive repercussions.

Anywhere the team travels now they are going to attract crowds, and how often is Westminster a center of attention?

Not only will the town benefit from the crowds and publicity, but so will the college through the attention it will receive.

I know that I have spoken to several people who had never been to Western Maryland's campus or even traveled to the Westminster area until attending the Ravens training camp. I had family and friends visit the campus last year to watch the training camp, and became interested in learning more about Western Maryland due to the positive experience they had here.

Some students, local area residents, and

WMC workers are concerned about issues such as crowds and parking, but what has happened to tradition and team support? Those that are concerned should perhaps join into the celebration and spirit that so many in Baltimore continue to display.

Some might claim they are simply not a football fan. Well, I would not consider myself a football-addict either. I do not reserve every Sunday for sitting on the couch, remote in hand, watching football. However, I do enjoy supporting our hometown and witnessing sports history.

It is the most memorable and significant achievements in sports history, this year's victory being a contributor, which brings this city together. Hosting the Ravens training camp will be a display of Baltimore spirit, support, and appreciation for a team that deserves nothing less.

This is a team that received little or no recognition at the start, proving many wrong, including some hometown fans. Whereas now, one cannot even go into the mall without seeing Ravens paraphernalia around every corner, and overhearing avid Ravens fans replaying the game highlights and savoring the victory.

I believe the Ravens success was 30 years in the making, and for the city of Baltimore it was truly bittersweet. The Ravens have made this city proud.

Let's help to show them the new-found memories they have given this city, our families, and our children by continuing to show our support, and getting a new season off to yet another great beginning.

You never know; offering our facilities might bring Baltimore the opportunity to relive the Super Bowl experience again next season.

-Tammi Slater is a sophomore communication major.

Con: Ravens' return will bring about negative effects

Joan Faulkner explains the disadvantages of hosting the Ravens summer training camp.

It may not occur to the WMC community that having the Super Bowl Champions practice at WMC over the summer could be a bad thing. Heck, it's more money for the school and more publicity than any small college could ask for.

A small liberal arts college hosting a now Super Bowl-winning football team with its limited resources and space may dampen our image as a private small-town college.

Already there's a huge growth of stores and restaurants on Route 140 that has taken business away from Westminster's main street. With the manipulation of WMC's campus for the Ravens' practice season, it will only add to the exploitation of this small town community.

Just for the month and a half of the Ravens' practice, according to Barry Bosley, director of management and auxiliary services, a great deal of planning goes into their practice season. The West Western is closed to the public and open exclusively to the Ravens. The weight room is cleared out so the team can bring their own equipment in.

Also, the Ravens take over the base of the field house, they are given the field by the gym, and the stadium for practicing.

...too much media and press coverage at our private college could destroy one of the biggest reasons why students choose to attend WMC.

Not only do the Ravens require accommodations, but the sports franchise Shenk and Title will be sponsoring a big Pepsi Carnival for children. However, the biggest problem, by far, facing Bosley and the facilities management team is the parking for spectators.

They are still considering a variety of parking options, including using the old Lowe's parking lot and providing a shuttle service. That could be costly.

When the State Wrestling Tournament comes to WMC for one weekend in the spring, the parking situation here is hideous. I directed traffic over that weekend, and I can attest that it was no easy task.

As to the number of people who will be watching the Ravens play, we can only predict that the crowds will be enormous. Bosley adds that 7,000 spectators showed up last summer for a Friday-night inter-squad scrimmage. The following morning about 3,000 people showed up for a mock game with the Ravens players talking to the fans and sign-

ing autographs afterward.

There is an estimated 30% increase in the number of spectators showing up this summer as a result of the Super Bowl. According to Bosley, the number at a scrimmage could now reach anywhere from 9,000 to possibly 10,000.

How would the college deal with that many people when the population of students and faculty on campus is approximately one-fifth of that (2,000). It is mind-boggling to imagine accommodating that many people on our small, intimate campus.

Another problem attributed to the Ravens practicing here is WMC's athletic teams who, for a period, will be practicing at the same time as the Ravens. Due to the Ravens taking up two fields, our athletic teams will be limited on space for practicing.

The Ravens don't leave until the August 27, and the WMC football team will start playing on August 12 and the soccer team on August 19.

All the other fall teams will start on the August 25, which is a two-day overlap with the Ravens. Bosley says that managing all the teams will be very tricky and they are still working out the details.

WMC teams won't have access to the locker rooms or laundry facilities. This makes it "a little difficult for our athletes to get started," Bosley says.

But this will not be a new problem, so the only new changes to be expected because of the Super Bowl publicity will be parking and the huge amount of spectators and media coverage.

Publicity for a small college like our's seems fantastic, but do we really want to turn into some marketing machine just to get money for the school?

I know WMC may be desperate for funds; however, too much media and press coverage at our private college could destroy one of the biggest reasons why students choose to attend WMC.

I don't think it's a tragedy that the Ravens will be occupying a portion of the school for a month and a half in the summer. I just think that we should review what makes WMC the college that it is. Too much media exposure could ruin the school's image of being "a small private college of the liberal arts and sciences."

-Joan Faulkner is a junior communication major.

Troubling toilet decisions

David Trader defines the stall choices in Rouzer's bathroom facilities

You gotta hand it to WMC's custodial engineers. When it comes to the toilet, they are definitely doing their duty. Normally, I would not result to "potty-mouth" language, but the pieces of porcelain in Rouzer are making a complete turnaround since I was a freshman.

Without getting into nasty detail, last year the toilets were not neglected, but far from something you'd eat off of. In my days as a freshman, you were given three choices, Stall #1, Stall #2, or Stall #3.

Stall #1 was right in front of the door and right beside the sink. The cracks in the seams of the partitioning were more like windows into the wonderful world of nature's way of getting rid of GLAR. So Stall #1 was not always the choice.

So we move on, to Stall #2. First of all, there was no handle. This is bad. No handle means no lock. This is worse. One time last year the entire door was missing. This crosses off Stall #2.

And to our final choice: Stall #3. There

were two places of lighting in the bathroom: the lights near the mirror, and the light over Stalls #1 and #2. In the pitch black area of Stall #3, one did not know what to expect. Strange noises and dark figures moved in the shadows of Stall #3, so I rarely ventured there.

But far removed from the lavatories of last year, come the toilets of peak sanitation. The doors and partitions make for a pleasant and private trip to the stalls.

The doors and locks work majestically, and with one easy slide of the lock, you seem to be cut off from the rest of the world. Stall #3 is still dark, but those that lurk in the shadows are no longer foreboding.

So Bottom's Up to those who work diligently to keep our hineys clean and well-stocked with toilet paper. Trips to the restroom are no longer adventures and challenges.

What did I do in my choice of Stall #1, Stall #2, or Stall #3? Simple. I held it in until Spring Break.

-David Trader is a sophomore biology major.

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Students share what thrills them

From warm weather, to the warmth of friends - from the perfect turkey sandwich, to music that keeps them sane, Western Maryland College students were quick to contribute to a new feature in the Phoenix called "I Believe."

Each week learn more about your peers by reading what they believe in. Share what thrills you by sending in your own "I Believe" statement.

Try to keep your statements to 75 words or less. Drop them off at the information desk in Decker and please put "For the Phoenix" across the top.

I believe that all human beings are equal. I believe that women should have the right to choose. I believe that it is possible to gain 15 pounds as a freshman in college. I believe in God. I believe that teenagers are not ready to become parents. I believe that I have the greatest friends in the whole world, and that love takes time. I believe that women are more emotional than men. And I believe that people need to work hard to achieve their goals.
— Lauren Day-Lewis

I believe in love, in finding that one person. I believe that people are generally good, and that trust shouldn't be earned or given wistfully away either. I believe in perfect turkey hoagies and good hugs. I believe that friends are what make life perfect and that nothing beats comfortable furniture.
— Joe Szymank

Room 403G: the big milestone of turning 21

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In Korea, they call it Kyanrye/Kyerye. Jewish people have Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and Christians are "confirmed." Hindus celebrate Upanayana.

Cultures and families all have their rites of passage into adulthood, but I think in that no coming of age celebration ever gets as much attention in America as the infamous 21st birthday.

Illegal drinkers are dropping like flies, turning the big 21 and entering the world of the legally adult.

But unlike other forms of coming of age ceremonies, our 21st birthday bashes have little to do with the bodily changes that often go along with ceremonies of passage.

In fact, for many people, turning 21 is just the long-awaited pinnacle of an already-

established tradition of drinking.

Just a rite of passage to remember for the rest of our lives, a common bond for birthday boys and girls alike.

We smile big goofy grins at the camera lady at Motor Vehicle, and then go out with friends, flashing our new ID's like VIP passes and acting indignant when they don't card us after all.

But is 21 really the way we cross the threshold into adulthood?

Dan, a kid in my Wednesday class, told me that he and his buddies got a limo and went into Baltimore for his 21st.

"Were you drunk?" I asked. "Ridiculous," he said, smiling. "It was probably one of the wildest nights..."

When I kept bothering him, asking him why he would do that (since he has said that he

was already drinking before he hit 21), he told me that going out for your 21st is not really a symbol of transition, but it's basically mandatory because you can go out for the first time without worrying about illegality.

He tells me his real entrance into adulthood was when he started playing sports and being part of a team.

When I started asking around, I found out the people seem to think that their real rites of passage came when they were 12 or 13, not 21.

Danielle said it was when she got to sit at the grown-up table on holidays.

Helen said it was when they let her start baby-sitting. Jared said it was when he threw away his action figures. I think mine was when my mom let me get my ears pierced.

We've all got little ceremo-

nies that made us feel like we entered the world of grown-ups, but to me, 21 seems to be a universal rite of passage.

Even though all the people I asked have different stories of becoming adults, they all know what they'll do or what they did on their 21st birthdays.

It's an unofficial ritual, based only on pop-culture and some liquor legislations.

But it creates more of a ruckus than more subtle rites of passage, so needless to say, it gets a good deal more attention.

And although 21 doesn't really have any particular ceremony for all people, it is one of the few secular rituals for nearly everyone.

To everyone who is celebrating their 21st birthday this semester: may your birthdays be bountiful, may the years bring you success, and may you always find your glasses half-full.

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ARIES

(Mar 21- Apr 20)

Can you feel Spring yet? If not you need to check your pulse. To do this get outside for a game of Frisbee or a walk and that spring-time energy will knock you off your proverbial rocker. Your lucky lotto numbers are: 2, 9, 14, 23, 32, 39.

TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 21)

Take a deep breath...now let it

all out. Too much stress can do anyone in, it is time you took a break and really let loose with your spring fever. Your lucky lotto numbers are: 1, 7, 19, 28, 32, 39.

GEMINI

(May 22- June 21)

Love has not left the air yet for you, and this time of year that is not a bad thing, use spring to your advantage and you may find a new springtime friend. Your lucky lotto numbers are: You have too much luck already.

CANCER

(June 22- July 23)

You crabs need to hit your natural environment this upcoming spring break, that means dig in at the beach. However a beach with palm trees in the vicinity is even better to get you into that happy

mood. Your lucky lotto numbers are: 5, 7, 19, 22, 27, 36.

LEO

(July 24- Aug 23)

All right, let your lion out on Valentine's Day now it is time to lay back and enjoy the sunshine, let yourself roam and find new haunts. Your lucky lotto numbers are: 3, 6, 11, 19, 24, 30.

VIRGO

(Aug 24- Sep 23)

Watch out, don't let spring fever get the best of you, keep your head up, enjoy the sun but don't forget about what really needs to be done. Your lucky lotto numbers are: 4, 9, 14, 20, 31, 41.

LIBRA

(Sep 24- Oct 23)

Take a blanket out to the quad

and get a tan, enjoy your friends, and catch a catnap in the warm sun. But don't forget the sunscreen. This will be just what you need to keep going. Your lucky lotto numbers are: 2, 5, 17, 19, 34, 43.

SCORPIO

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Don't let your stinger (temper) get in the way of a good friendship or a good time, let the sun soothe you and get ready for a relaxing spring break. Your lucky lotto numbers are: 4, 10, 13, 15, 22, 35.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23- Dec 21)

Winter blues still got you down? Never fear, the solution is here in your horoscope. Change your scenery; whether it is with an old friend you have not seen in awhile or hitting a vacation spot

with some buddies, it will do you good. Your lucky lotto numbers are: 13, 15, 22, 25, 31, 42.

CAPRICORN

(Dec 22- Jan 20)

Ok, it's time to get it into gear. Do something extra special for yourself, like read a book that you have been postponing, or get some friends together and play in the sun. Your lucky lotto numbers are: 3, 9, 11, 20, 27, 38.

AQUARIUS

(Jan 21- Feb 19)

Now that your birthday is over, do not think the party is too. Let all the springtime energy rejuvenate you to have a good time and work hard at your studies. Join the Pisces in their new-found water. Your lucky lotto numbers are: 1, 18, 21, 23, 34, 41.

The musical "Little Shop of Horrors" equals big laughs

BRANDI CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

A beautiful naive woman. A geeky yet lovable guy. An overbearing controlling shopkeeper. A sadistic dentist. Three singing street urchins. Winsos, druggies, hookers, and thieves. A blood-sucking plant trying to take over the world. Put them all together and what do you have? A delightfully comical and surprising musical that will leave you rolling in the aisles and maybe even reaching for your hankies.

On March 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10, the Western Maryland College Theatre Department will present the musical "Little Shop of Horrors".

The musical, under the direction of Theatre professor Elizabeth Van den Berg, features incredible talent from students right here at WMC. The show takes place each night at 8:00 p.m. on Alumni Hall's Main Stage.

The curtain opens on Skid Row, and you are soon introduced to many of the inhabitants previously named.

The opening number, "Little Shop of Horrors", sets the scene for what is about to happen, as it warns the audience to "beware" because something is out to get them! Lights up on Mushnik's Skid Row Florists, a little whole in the wall of a flower shop right in the heart of Skid Row.

Here we meet Mr. Mushnik (played by Dave Trader), and his two employees, Seymour Krelborn (played by Hendrik Lammers) and Audrey (played by Julie Keough). Audrey has come into work with another black eye, a gift from her good-for-nothing boyfriend Orin Scrivello, the sadistic dentist (played by Mike Pitsikoulis).

Meanwhile, Mr. Mushnik is fretting over the lack of customers, and tells Audrey and Seymour not to bother coming into work the next day. This, along with Audrey's encouragement, prompts Seymour to run to the backroom and get that "strange and unusual plant" that he has been working on. Immediately customers begin flocking to Mushnik's Florist to see this amazing cre-

ation, which mysteriously appeared following a total eclipse of the sun.

All of a sudden, business is booming. Calls are coming in for orders from all over the country, and Mr. Mushnik is elated. Seymour is doing radio interviews and television appearances just to promote this interesting plant, and of course these promotions aren't hurting the flower shop either.

Audrey keeps coming to work to help with the rush, but new injuries keep appearing: a cut here, a bruise there, a broken arm; all from her good-for-nothing creep of a boyfriend.

But Audrey isn't the only one with injuries. Seymour has been coming into work with Band-Aids on every finger, results of cutting himself with pruning shears, or so he says.

But what Audrey and Mr. Mushnik don't know is the real nature of Seymour's injuries. They don't know that he has been cutting himself on purpose to...feed the plant?

The plant keeps feeding and growing. Of course, as it reaches a new size, a new crowd

flocks to see it. But Seymour can't keep sacrificing his own blood. It's time to look elsewhere. Surely someone out there deserves to die and be fed to a hungry plant.

But who? Where can he turn? Who can he trust? Can he trust the plant, affectionately named "Audrey Two" after Audrey, the woman of his dreams? What will become of him? What will become of Audrey One? What will become of Audrey Two? And who will live to tell about it?

There's only one way to find out! The show will be playing for six performances only, on March 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10 at 8:00pm on Alumni Hall's Main Stage.

You won't want to miss the amazing production, complete with professional set, stellar performers, and an amazing design and technical team. The cost is \$8.00, or \$5.00 for students when you present your student I.D.

Come see the biggest, best, and fast musical of the year, and find out who the real "survivor" is.

BSU celebrates Black History Month with music and fun



BRAD WIDNER

On left: (from left to right) Raphael Taylor, Carl Taylor, and Justin Magruder sing at BSU's celebration of Black Music on Sunday, February 18, 2001.

On right: (from left to right) On drums is Marty Knepp, singing is Eric Byrd, on bass is Gary Richardson on sax is Glenn Codwell; all pleasing the crowd with their music.



BRAD WIDNER

Upcoming CAPBoard Events

Friday, March 2 - Speaker Dr. Robin Blake on
"Date Rape: How I Never Wanted to Spend Last Saturday Night"
- Hill. Room 108, 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 7- Movie "Proof of Life" -Hill Room 108, 8:30 pm

Thursday, March 8- Band "Radio Caroline" - Pub, 9:00 pm

Friday, March 9 - Casino Night with band "Crawdaddies" - Forum, 9:00 pm

Thursday, March 14 - Movie "Chasing Amy" - Pub, 9:00 pm

60 SECONDS

What are your favorite things about Spring?

compiled by Brad Widner



"No more EVIL snow!"
Nicole Nickerson '03
English

"Those girls in their tank tops and short shorts."
Dan Saul '02
Biology



"Baseball Season. Go O's!"
Jen Pohl '03
Education

"All the blooming flowers in the dewy meadows and Wrestle Mania."
Steve Sharkey '02
Political Science and Astro Physics



Ultimate Frisbee Club on the rise

PHILIP VOCT
Staff Writer

Imagine you are walking through the woods on a beautiful, sunny spring day. You cross a small, bubbling stream, scaring away a handful of deer who had stopped in the shade for a cool drink. As you reach a small hill, you see below you a large, open, grassy field. Is your first thought "Man! I wish I had a Frisbee and a dozen other people!"?

Okay, probably not. Nevertheless, the newly formed intercollegiate Ultimate Frisbee Club team would love to have you.

The fledgling team, which earned official campus recognition this semester, is looking for men and women interested in having a good time, enjoying some friendly competition, and traveling to other colleges in the region.

Currently, the team has roughly 15 active members, but team captain Ted Stephen urges everyone to give it a try.

"We all love having a great time and that is really the reason we are all out there," said Stephen, a junior who has played competitively for about seven years. "Everyone is welcome and we love seeing new faces and spreading the spirit of the game."

The team, which was first con-

ceived of during freshman orientation last year when Stephen met Sean Carroll and Andy Ewing, meets on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, as well as Wednesday nights, for practices. Sunday afternoons are reserved for games, usually beginning around three o'clock in the Quad.

Requirements for joining the team are very relaxed. Essentially, anyone interested can play as much or as little as desired. The Sunday afternoon games are open to players of all skill levels and the goal is simply to have a good time.

Similarly, the weekly practices are open to anyone with a little more interest in learning the game and improving their skills.

The traveling portion of the team, meanwhile, hopes to consist of dedicated, serious players in an effort to make a good showing in what Stephen says is a relatively competitive section.

"We are hoping the actual travel team will be fairly competitive but our goal is still just to have fun," Stephen added, admitting that he wasn't sure how the team would fare against the numerous established teams in the region.

"We have a lot of talent and speed," Stephen noted. "I really like the people we have coming out. They are all pretty dedicated and

they all seem to want to improve and play hard."

The team has already traveled to Towson and Gettysburg, earning one win and a tremendous amount of experience, something the team lacks. Few of the members have any previous competitive Ultimate experience, and many are still learning the subtle nuances of the rules and strategies.

The team is now on the official sectional mailing list, however, and intends to compete against several more colleges in the coming weeks, particularly when spring begins and informal tournaments become more frequent.

Still, Stephen feels that the team may forgo the official sectional tournaments this year, which can be expensive. The club is currently awaiting the decision of the SGA allocation meeting, but has no established funds otherwise. Members pay for whatever small expenses arise out of their own pockets, something they hope to change through fundraising and greater campus awareness.

Ultimately (no pun intended), the team hopes to establish itself both on campus and in the surrounding region as an opportunity for anyone interested to encourage sportsmanship, increase the profile of ultimate, and have a good time.

Which movie will win Best Picture?

KATE ESPOSITO
Senior Writer

Well, it's almost time for the Oscars again, judging by the cover of every entertainment magazine published in the past week.

What's really important, of course, is what the stars will be wearing, so us poor college students can go spend millions of dollars on matching outfits.

However, just in case you were wondering about the nominees here is an overview of the competitors for best picture:

"Traffic"

Judging by the title, this movie must be about driving in D.C. on

a, well, any day of the week actually. There is also a startling action scene where two students fight for the last parking spot on campus. Okay fine, so I haven't seen it.

"Chocolat"

This movie is about chocolate. Yum. At least I hope it is, or else it is poorly titled. I think love is a factor too. Sappy love and sappy people. Yay.

"Gladiator"

Okay, I've actually seen this one. Russell Crowe is in this movie, you know, the guy that had an affair with Meg Ryan
Features lots of macho guy-type

fighting and I think there's some kind of love story going on.

Oh yea, the king falls in love with his sister.

"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"

This is an excellent film, although (sorry to disappoint you animal lovers) it features neither a tiger nor a dragon as the title promises. It is also in Mandarin Chinese, so be prepared to read.

"Erin Brockovich"

Doubles as a movie and an ad for "the water bra". For a full commentary, see the review in a back issue of the Phoenix.

TECHNOLOGY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Whether you need help with WebCT or PowerPoint, members of SWAT (Student Web Assistance Team) can help.

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| 7-9 | Mondays | Windows Lab |
| 8-10 | Tuesdays | Writing Center |
| 8-10 | Wednesdays | Windows Lab |
| 7-9 | Thursdays | Writing Center |

Note: There will also be a workshop on PowerPoint from 7-9 on Sunday, March 4.

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Ask Kitty: advice dealing with friends, roommates, feuds

CATHY PENDORF
Staff Writer

There is no quick answer to any problem, but sometimes a question, problem, or situation might come up where you just have no idea what to do. Write a letter, send it to Kitty box 797 and maybe she can help you out. Maybe not professional counseling, but certainly a new way to look at your problems, and completely anonymous!

Dear Kitty,

My roommate is completely passive aggressive, and it drives me insane! When we have conflicts, she stops talking, storms off after giving me a stony look, and slams around the room like I don't exist. She'll talk about me to mutual friends, and of course I find out, but I suspect her intention was for me to find out all along. I am an assertive person, and I long to confront her.

Unfortunately, I feel that trying to talk to her will be flushing completely good words down the toilet. My interest in becoming friends again has almost completely

dwindled away, but I do still have to live with her for the rest of the semester. Could you give me advice on how to deal with this situation?

Sincerely,

Upset

Dear Upset,

Communicating in these situations can certainly be difficult. Some try so hard and when rebuffed, feel resent and rejected. Dealing with the feelings of anger and bitterness may be the worst part of the circumstances.

You could of course go with your instinct and confront her, but if you feel uncomfortable doing that, there are other things you can do. You both could sit down with a mediator and talk it out, or if that is too much, then maybe you could follow her less confrontational example and write her a letter. Writing a letter may be assertive enough for you, but nonthreatening enough for her. Whether she responds or not may be a different issue.

I suspect though that the reason you are so upset, is that you have a lot of things you want to say and no way to say it. If you write down what you feel and think, then you may feel a lot better having gotten it out.

Dear Kitty,

Hello. I have been living with my current roommate for awhile now, and things are great, but there is something that I am keeping from her. I am a lesbian, but I don't know how to tell her, or if I even should. Do I owe it to her to tell her? Or should I just keep it to myself? I don't want things to get weird, but I don't want to be dishonest with her either.

What do I do?

-Anonymous

Hi Anonymous,

This is an interesting question, how much does someone's roommate really need to know... Well, if you feel comfortable telling her and want to, then you should. If she is your friend, then she's not going to judge you for your sexual orientation. If you don't want

to tell her or think it is unimportant, then you shouldn't.

You don't hear of many people living with someone and worrying about whether they should tell them they are straight. It doesn't have to be something that is "kept," you can just be who you are and if it ever comes up then fine. But you really have to do what is best for you, it is your life and your roommate.

If you feel you need support, there are people you can talk to, your RA, friends or family, or Allies, an organization on campus dedicated to education and support.

Hello Kitty,

I have a problem of major proportions and I am praying you can help me out. A bunch of my friends are not getting along very well and everyone has been talking behind everyone else's back. I'm upset about it and I feel like I'm caught in the middle, especially now...

What I mean is that today I overheard a conversation between two of my friends. I heard them say my name and a few other names, so I stopped by the door to see what was being said. So maybe I eavesdropped. But it was not very difficult to do considering I heard them walking past their room (their door was closed).

So anyway, I heard some stuff that would upset a lot of people, but I don't know what to do. What I heard upset me and I want to share it with my friends, but I'm afraid that will only make matters worse. Please help me!

-Stuck in the Middle

Dear Stuck in the Middle,

Being stuck in the middle can be a big fight sometimes and it can be a very sticky and upsetting situation.

The conversation that you heard, you said that it was between two of your friends and that you were eavesdropping. Well first of all, the problem with eavesdropping is that what you hear isn't always what was said. Meanings and intent can get very warped even when it's though such a small space, like a door. If it really bothers you, then you should just talk to them directly. Letting it stew or talking about it to everyone else, would probably just be adding to the problem.

Approach the problem rationally and directly, that may be the key to avoid being stuck in the middle!



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A student gives his fond farewell to extreme wrestling

Michael Jenkinson looks at the demise of the ECW and the legacy it leaves

Extreme Championship Wrestling, which has existed for six years, will soon be closing shop. While this information is not yet official, the signs are all there.

A large portion of their talent has already left to join the greener pastures of other organizations such as the WWF and WCW. The company is no longer touring for house shows, and they only have one pay-per-view date left on the slate.

ECW has always been the third league, and never big and strong enough to battle with the WWF and WCW for supremacy in the United States.

They did have a very strong, die-hard following, however. The organization, which was once based almost exclusively in Philadelphia began to travel the country in the past few years.

However, ECW has always been number three, so why should mainstream wrestling fans care? The majority of WWF fans have never watched an ECW event on television, nor have they ever been to an ECW event live. (Something I personally would recommend for all wrestling fans.)

The problem lies in the fact that, besides losing a fun, capable wrestling show for die-hard wrestling fans, ECW will no longer be around to supply the other leagues with future stars.

Many of the most talented stars in the wrestling world today have roots in ECW.

Chris Jericho, Dean Malenko, Eddie Guerrero, Chris Benoit, Shane Douglas, Tazz, Raven, Mike Awesome, Lance Storm, Bam Bam Bigelow, The Dudley Boyz, and Mick Foley have all spent a portion of their career in the ECW or "Ee, See, Dub," as dedicated fans call it. It seems like a shame that this flow of talent will no longer exist.

The ECW does leave one final legacy for the fans of the major leagues, the WWF fans in particular.

That is because four men have just left ECW to sign contracts with the WWF.

Yosiro Tajiri, Rhino, Jerry Lynn, and Justin Credible can be considered the final graduating class of ECW wrestling. How will this class fare in the WWF?

I don't think that Lynn or Tajiri have much of a future in the WWF. They will see some TV time when they first arrive.

This will excite old ECW fans, so Vince McMahon will placate them by putting them in the spotlight for a few months, but they won't last long.

Both of these guys are small, but not small or comical enough to be like Crash Holly or Kaienta to be the funny small guys who cannot win a real match.

Tazz is one of the best examples of ECW shorties not making the grade.

Tazz was one of the biggest stars in ECW history, but his small stature has reduced him to third-string announcer duty and very little wrestling.

Neither Lynn or Tajiri are as talented or entertaining as Tazz. However, they are both talented in-ring workers, so they may have a career working house shows and appearing in occasional matches, but this won't last longer than a year or so.

Justin Credible has a slim chance to really make it. Credible does have some personality, but it is just minimal.

Credible does have one advantage that none of the other ECW rookies have. Connections. Credible has already served one tour of duty with WWF a few years back under the guise of Aldo Montoya. So he knows some of the higher ups in the organization. Even more important is the fact that he is close personal friends with WWF stars X-Pac and Triple H. Wrestlers tend to have a lot of backstage power. And having two established stars on your side certainly will help.

He will last longer than Lynn and Tajiri. He may even have a shot at winning the intercontinental title one day if the cards fall into place for him. However, it is doubtful that he will win the world title or main event at any pay-per-view events.

Unlike his fellow ECW graduates, Rhino might just have the tools to do it all. He has enough size, and is mean enough in demeanor to be a serious "bad guy" in the WWF. Furthermore, he is very young, 23 in fact.

His personality will need some polishing, but the WWF has the ability to turn someone who seems bored in another organization and turn them into stars. Just ask Eddie Guerrero and Steven (William) Regal.

They both had sputtering careers in the WCW before they went to the WWF and became refreshing new stars.

Right now, Rhino is more talented than either Guerrero or Regal did in the WCW.

The end of the ECW is certainly a sad event for all wrestling fans. Even for those who barely knew it existed.

Lets just hope that the ECW alum who are still wrestling in the WWF and WCW can carry on the torch and help us remember the glory days of the little number three league.

The Sideline View: The Heisman course is universal



ART BY TOM WOLF

Jeff Grever discusses the causes of the Heisman course and it's effects

Have you ever heard of the Heisman course? Well if you haven't, then you probably don't watch SportsCenter very often during the football season.

For many a football fan, looking through a list of past Heisman Trophy winners provides a moment of nostalgia.

The names that appear on one of these lists were all very famous at one time or another. Do you remember guys like Gino Torretta, Rashaan Salaam, and Desmond Howard?

These are all guys whose professional football careers have been cursed by the Heisman Trophy. For one reason or another, it is rare for Heisman Trophy winners to have the same success in the NFL. Bo Jackson is one of the most famous cases of bad Heisman luck.

Bo looked to be a very promising running back in the NFL, and shortly after his NFL career began he suffered an injury that caused him to get a hip replacement.

This prevented him from ever playing football again, and eventually ended his sure to be promising baseball career as well. Some, like Jackson, have fallen to injuries, and others to personal issues or to just plain old bad luck.

However, with this streak, there must be something that ties these unlucky souls to be doomed to failure. In my opinion, one of the unifying factors has to do with

high expectations.

Some are flawed because the high expectations create a situation where pressure builds to such a fever pitch that the player tries too hard to succeed, and thus fails.

In other situations, I think that the hype plays into athlete's vanity, causing them to be overconfident.

The perfect example of this would be Ryan Leaf. While he did not win the Heisman trophy, he has had to endure the same pressure and media attention that the Heisman winners usually face. And in my opinion, Leaf is one of the most conceted players in the league. The few players that can make it big through all of this hype are usually the ones who are humble to begin with.

Tennessee running back Eddie George is one of the few recent Heisman winners to break the course, and really make a name for himself in the NFL.

So what will happen to Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke after this year? Will he even be drafted?

He is approaching 30 years old, and besides if you ask me, he wasn't anywhere close to being the best quarterback in college football this season. Drew Brees, Michael Vick, and Josh Heupel are the three quarterbacks that stand out in my mind when I think about this past season.

So will Weinke follow Charlie Ward's lead and be the second FSU Heisman quarterback to not be drafted into the NFL in the last seven years?

I think if he does get drafted it will be well into the later rounds of the draft, and he will be picked up with the intentions of becoming a solid backup quarterback for somebody.

What offensive coordinator would spend tons of time trying to bring along a quarterback to build an offense around when the quarterback is nearly old enough to be

in the midst of a mid-life crisis?

It is hard enough for a younger quarterback to come into the league and make an impact, just like Andre Ware, Danny Wuerffel and Gino Torretta have discovered.

Ware came into the league with huge expectations. If things panned out correctly, Detroit would have been building a dynasty around Barry Sanders and Ware.

Instead, Sanders was successful while taking hand-offs from an unstable trio consisting of Eric Kramer, Rodney Peete and Ware.

Wuerffel may still have a chance of being successful in the NFL, but not for the Saints. Now that Aaron Brooks, a mid-round draft choice out of Virginia has shown that he has true NFL poise.

And Gino Torretta? Well, I am not even sure what happened to him after a promising career at Miami. The point is that no player is a sure thing in today's NFL.

That is one reason why I don't understand how owners can pay untested players huge signing bonuses and contracts. This is not just a disease that affects football. In fact, I think that football is doing a better job than basketball and baseball in this area.

There are basketball players coming out of high school that are earning more money in a signing bonus than I will ever see in my whole entire life. As for baseball, there are players like J.D. Drew and Travis Lee, who are paid the same exorbitant amounts. The problem with this is that neither played ball with wooden bats, nor did they ever have to face a Randy Johnson slider before being paid that much money. Is this intelligent? No, and even though this is quite an exaggeration, it is in essence what some owners do to get the high profile players.

Well I guess that's where the old saying fools and their money are soon parted holds true.

A tribute to "The Intimidator"

STACI L. GEORGE
News Editor

There are a few rare people that I have in the past perceived as invincible-you know, a person who has approached any obstacle set in their path and has overcome such a barrier with little or no physical or mental injury.

Illustrious. Intimidator. Invincible...

That was the Dale Earnhardt I went looking for with my dad each summer since I was 10-years-old at Pocono Raceway in Pennsylvania. On one occasion, my dad was able to meet him and shake his hand.

At the end of last season, Earnhardt had said during an ESPN interview that although 2000 had been a good year, 2001 would be a better one-he would get that 8th

Winston Cup Championship, ending his tie of 7 championships that he shares with Richard Petty.

That all changed Sunday, February 19 during the last lap of the first race of the 2001 NASCAR Winston Cup Series season when Earnhardt's black #3 Chevrolet Monte Carlo crashed into the wall between turns 3 and 4 of the 2.5 mile track.

At 5:16 pm, Earnhardt was pronounced dead at Halifax Hospital. Almost instantly, people began questioning the safety of racing. There was speculation that if Earnhardt had the HANS (Head and Neck Support) device, he would still be alive. Off the record, I find this to be slightly incredulous.

I had not known Earnhardt personally. But I can only imagine

what his wife and four children are feeling. And it is with this thought that I would personally like to express my condolences.

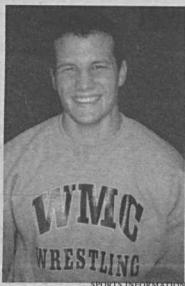
Racing will not be the same because it has lost a driver that has been referred to as the "Michael Jordan of his sport." Even people who were not racing fans new of his prominence.

This was not what was supposed to happen. He was supposed to win his 8th championship and retire in 2005 and watch his son become another racing hero. My dad and I were supposed to continue our two summer ventures to Pocono Raceway to talk to "our buddy Dale."

He was supposed to remain invincible, after all he is the illustrious "Intimidator!" God Bless you Dale.

Wrestling trio headed to Division III National Championships in Iowa

MATTHEW E. HURFF
Sports Editor



Rob Johns

While the regular season is now over for the Wrestling team, the excitement is far from over. Juniors Chris McNally, Rob Johns and Vinny Pedalino, catalysts from the team that finished with a 14-7 (3-1) record to place second in the Centennial Conference are headed to Iowa Wartburg College for the NCAA Division III National Championships.

For the second straight season, the trio was victorious at the Centennial Conference Championships, giving them births to the National Championships.

McNally iced his birth by beating Washington and Lee's Ezra Morse in the 197-lb. final. The victory also gave WMC a four-point edge over Muhlenberg for first place in the tournament.

Last year's Centennial Conference Championship was McNally's first win in a tournament, so going to nationals was just icing on the cake.

However, this year "just qualifying wasn't as big of a thing," said McNally. This year McNally was training to win at nationals. To do this, McNally says that he wants to "push our opponents to the limit, and attack them very aggressively. In fact, this is the only way McNally approaches any match.

If the 33-5 record McNally has posted this season, which includes 10 pins, is any indicator of his hopes at nationals, he should achieve his goal of being a major force at Wartburg College.

Pedalino earned his berth by defeating Mike Flor of Ursinus in 10-7, 125-lb. match-

up. Among the members of the wrestling team, Pedalino is known as "the wild man" and has "the balance of a cat," according to McNally.

Pedalino has used this quickness to accumulate a 22-3 record that includes 8 pins for the regular season. He also placed 7th at nationals last year, giving him All-American status.

Meanwhile, Johns, the other member of the Green Terror Wrestling squad headed to nationals was victorious in a 9-1 decision over Tim Scarpato of Gettysburg in 157-lb. action. McNally says that a great deal of John's success stems from the fact that he is "explosive and strong with incredible balance." He exemplified that this season as he compiled a stellar 27-6 record. 13 of those wins were pins.

Just like Pedalino, Johns placed 7th at nationals last year, and is certainly expected to build upon his past success.

Other wrestlers who placed highly at the Centennial Conference Championships and are on the verge of earning national berths themselves include sophomores Billy Bobbitt and Mike Macey who lost in the finals, giving them second place finishes.

Levi McVey and Andy Chencharik also finished strong with 3rd place honors.

With such strength returning next season, expect to see the terror win the conference while conceivably sending 5 wrestlers to nationals.

However, what is important at this point is the performance of McNally, Johns, and Pedalino at Wartburg college next weekend.

Phoenix Spotlight: Erin Mulhern

MARCUS HELTON
Staff Writer

Lacrosse is a sport that is fairly unfamiliar to many people who are not from the East Coast. However, in states like Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and New York, it is very popular. Lacrosse is a big part of Erin Mulhern's life.

The junior attacker from Media, Pennsylvania is the youngest of four children, and she began playing in seventh grade in order to follow in her sister's footsteps. "It's pretty popular where I live, and everyone in my family plays. It surprises me when people from other places talk about how they don't have it in their schools, I think that's weird. Maybe we need to expand," she said.

At Pennerest High School, she was named best attack player her junior and senior year, and all-conference her senior year. She was also named team captain her senior year. Here at Western Maryland College, her success has continued.

As a sophomore, she had 42 goals and 12 assists in 16 games. Her 54 points placed her in second on the team and 12th in the Conference.

In addition, her 3.38 points per game average was 14th in the Centennial Conference and with the graduation of All-Conference Attacker Meghan Orsino, she is the team's returning scoring leader.

Despite all of her success, she believes

"We didn't end up as good as we would have liked, so hopefully this year we can do better."

-Erin Mulhern

that there is still room for improvement. "I've improved tremendously since high school," she says. "I think a lot of it has to do with our coach (second-year head coach Mandy Manolovich)."

She's all about off-season training, and she's not concerned with who scores the most, she's only concerned with who's the best all-around athlete."

Last season, the Terror finished with a 6-10 overall record, with a 3-6 record in the Centennial Conference.

A positive that can be taken from this is the fact that many of the games could have gone either way. The team lost several close games, including three one-goal defeats and two consecutive triple overtime losses at the end of the season.

"We didn't end up as good as we would have liked, so hopefully this year we can do better," Mulhern said. The team will get a chance to work on their improvement soon. The Green Terror will open their season at home, Thursday, March 1st against St. Mary's College at 4:00 p.m.

When she is away from the field, Mulhern likes to spend her free time, "Sleeping or hanging out."

With her skill and continued determination, she also hopes to take Western Maryland women's lacrosse to the top of the Centennial Conference.

Phoenix Spotlight: Multi-talented Christa Farrar

JEFF GREYER
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland Girls Softball team is getting ready for another season; the older and more experienced players will once again have to prove their leadership skills if they want to have a successful season.

One of the leaders for this season whom has not necessarily been the type of leader that makes all of the headlines is Christa Farrar.

This will be Farrar's fourth season playing softball at WMC. She sets a great example of dedication and hustle for the younger players, even though she does not start every game.

Coach George Dix said, "Christa's great positive attitude is her best asset; she's always on time and gives 100%. She knows what role is expected from her, and she always gets it done." That role is a strong defensive replacement in right field, and a pinch runner.

Both of these positions come in handy in close games when one or two runs can mean the difference between a victory and a loss. Dix added, "She's a quick player off of the bench, and she's always ready when called upon."

Aside from being a role model on the field, Farrar has an outstanding academic record at WMC. In her first three years here she has maintained a 4.0 grade point average as a math major and is a member of several honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, which is the national liberal arts

honor society. She helps out in the community as a member of WMC Unity, volunteering for MADD once a week, and on campus as a math tutor.

Not to mention she also plays volleyball for WMC. Farrar aspires to enter the field of investigating computer crime/fraud once she graduates.

Farrar insists that the reason she continues to play is her love for softball and her teammates.

Farrar commented about the team, "We have the best attitude this season that we have had in awhile." Let's hope that this great attitude can lead to another winning season from the WMC Softball team.



Christina Farrar

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**GREEN
TERROR****Scoreboard****Men's Basketball**

Name	Reb	A	Points	Avg
Hoyt	115	29	275	11.5
Anstead	81	41	259	10.8
Esteves	48	98	223	9.3
Kowalik	49	22	223	9.3
Furey	119	29	195	8.1
Hill	37	46	151	6.9

Men's Swimming

Team	Conf	Overall
Gettysburg	6-0	8-0
Franklin&Marshall	5-1	7-4
Dickinson	4-2	8-2
Washington	3-3	8-3
Swarthmore	2-4	3-6
Western Maryland	1-5	5-6
Ursinus	0-6	1-8

Schedule

Baseball
vs Villa Julie
March 7th
@2:30

@Lincoln
University
March 10th
@12:00

Women's Basketball

Name	Reb	A	Points	Avg
Ibex	175	35	365	15.9
Piccolomini	143	52	349	14.5
Russo	51	67	255	10.6
McIntire	88	80	159	6.6
Brenneman	110	12	150	6.5
McPherson	102	38	99	4.1

Wrestling

Team	Conf	Overall
Muhlenberg	5-0	17-6
Western Maryland	4-1	14-7
Ursinus	3-2	18-6
Washington&Lee	2-3	6-5-1
Gettysburg	1-4	7-9
Johns Hopkins	0-5	4-12

**Women's
Lacrosse**
St Mary's College
March 1st
@4:00 PM
Men's Lacrosse
@ Villa Julie
March 3rd
@2:00 PM

**GREEN
TERROR****Standings****Women's Basketball**

Team	Conf	Overall
Johns Hopkins	11-3	17-9
F&M	11-3	17-7
Gettysburg	9-5	18-6
Western Maryland	9-5	17-7
Dickinson	3-11	5-19

Cabrini College
March 6th
@2:00 PM

Men's Golf
Golden Isle

@Jekyll Island, GA
March 23-24

Women's Swimming

Team	Conf	Overall
Gettysburg	7-0	8-1
Washington	6-1	12-1
Franklin& Marshall	5-2	5-7
Swarthmore	4-3	7-3
Dickinson	3-4	7-4
Western Maryland	2-5	6-6
Bryn Mawr	1-6	1-8
Ursinus	0-7	1-9

Men's Basketball

Team	Conf	Overall
F&M	10-3	18-7
Gettysburg	10-3	17-9
Dickinson	9-4	14-10
Johns Hopkins	8-5	15-9
Western Maryland	3-10	7-17

Women's Golf

Dickinson
Invitational
March 28th

Spring Track
Washinton & Lee
Invitation
March 17th

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SPORTS INFORMATION

Coach Becky Martin directs her basketball squad during a recent game.

Spring Preview: Baseball squad prepared for championship run

GREG LEDERER

Assistant Sports Editor

As spring nears on the campus, it is clearly time for another season of Green Terror baseball on the hill. Coming off a strong 18 win season, manager Dave Seibert is expecting a great season from a team that has 22 returning letterman.

Coaching his 21th season at WMC, Seibert is expecting big contributions from his senior class

well last year with a tough 1.59 era and is looking to hold down the closer position for the team this season. Another great season is expected from Jenkins, the team's best offensive player in 2000.

The Elkridge, MD product tied for the team lead last year in batting average (.324), hits (34), home runs (4), RBI (29), and total bases (57).

Not just a weapon with the bat, Jenkins played spectacularly at first

The future looks bright this season and for the years to come as the team recruited 11 young freshmen.

"We have a nice group of freshmen, but none that I want to talk about yet," says Seibert. "I'm impressed with them so far." The coaching staff has been pleased with the early season practices.

We had a good fall program and so far we have very good team

We had a good fall program and so far we have very good team chemistry,"

-Coach Dave Seibert

in 2001.

Solid and consistent from the start, senior captain Mike Wolfe has started 89 of his 90 games at shortstop for the Green Terror. He was second on the team last year with ten walks and a sizzling .315 batting average.

Senior Dan Elbaz is supposed to lead the pitching staff this year and brings experience to the rotation. The co-captain returns as the top returning pitcher with five wins and a solid 3.86 era.

Seniors Paul Oakes, Drew Herschner and Kasey Jenkins are also poised to have very good seasons this year for the team.

Although sidelined by a bad ankle sprain last season, Oakes played well in limited action with a .333 average. With a healthy season in 2001, he can provide power and offensive punch to the Green Terror from the designated hitter position.

Another senior on a young pitching staff, Herscher's play is critical for a solid season this year.

Despite shoulder surgery in 1999, the 6'3 power pitcher played

base with only three errors in 2000.

The team is also looking for another strong season from junior outfielder Kevin Culbertson. He was among the team leaders last year with 23 runs scored and a .323 batting average. Combining speed and skill, Culbertson is one of the team's best defensive players in the outfield.

The Green Terror have are aggressive and very exciting team and are not so much of a power hitting club. The team last season hit for a smoking .311 average and this season should see more of the same. With the use of aluminum bats now, the power numbers have gone up over the past few years and should continue to rise this year.

Although the pitching staff lost four seniors from last year, including staff ace Brent Fuchs, Seibert is confident that the staff will be solid.

"We are young with only two seniors, but our young guys got a lot of experience last year," says Seibert. "I feel very comfortable about this year's staff cause we have quality pitchers."

chemistry," adds Seibert.

The team is also confident that they are going to have a very successful season. "I think we are young, but experienced and our seniors are incredible," says sophomore pitcher/second basemen Justin Raynor. "I think we can win it all this year."

The goal of winning the conference championship won't be an easy task with a difficult schedule. With games against the likes of conference champion Ursinus, Gettysburg, Johns Hopkins, and Muhlenberg, the Green Terror are ready for a tough, yet exciting season.

"I'm always cautiously optimistic, but we should be right up there in our league," says Seibert.

The Green Terror were right in the thick of the conference race last year until a late season loss to conference champion Ursinus. With a strong contingent of returning lettermen and a nice mix of young talent, it could be a championship season on the hill. The pursuit of this championship starts March 4th versus Barton College.

Women's Basketball narrowly misses conference playoffs

CRAIG P. JOHNSON

Assistant Sports Editor

Heartbreaking. That is the only word to describe the loss that officially eliminated the Western Maryland women's basketball team from Centennial Conference playoff contention.

And while the season may not have ended on the note that they had hoped for, the Green Terror can still look back on the 2000-01 campaign as a successful one, finish-

ing with a 17-7 (9-5) record.

WMC needed to win its final three regular season games, and receive some additional help in order to earn a playoff berth.

On February 10, Senior Day, the Terror did its part by blowing out conference rival Gettysburg 64-40.

Western Maryland jumped out to a 29-14 lead at intermission as the Bullets hit just 6-of-30 first half shots. WMC's 48-38 rebounding edge also contributed to this critical win.

Jill IbeX capped her home career with a game-high 17 points. Jen Piccolomini also chipped in 14 points, which included 4-of-6 shooting from behind the arc. And Senior Camey Brian led the Green Terror with 10 rebounds in her final appearance at Gill Center.

IbeX, one of just nine WMC players all-time to reach 1,000 career points, was rewarded for her outstanding play three days later as she was named Centennial Conference Player of the Week. The Westminster, Md. native averaged team highs in points (16.0 ppg) and rebounds (7.5 ppg) for the week while leading the Terror to two wins.

On February 14, Western Maryland kept its slim playoff hopes alive by routing Johns Hopkins on the road by a score of 68-48.

Hopkins opened the game with a 6-0 run and led 8-2 before the Green Terror went on a 5-0 run to pull within one at 8-7 with 15 minutes remaining in the opening half.

The play was back and forth until WMC went on an 8-0 run capped by a short bank shot from freshman guard Toby McIntire to lead the lead for good with 8:25

remaining in the first half.

Forward Jill IbeX led four WMC players in double figures with a game-high 19 points.

Joining her in double figures were senior guard Patty Russo and sophomore guard Jen Piccolomini with 14 points each, and junior forward Brooke Brennenham with 11.

In what WMC Head Coach Becky Martin described as the "longest and most nerve-racking game of my 20 year career," Washington College outlasted Western Maryland, 101-98, in triple overtime.

The Green Terror loss knocked the team out of a potential conference playoff berth on the last day of the regular season.

Washington pulled the upset with a 9-6 edge in the game's third overtime.

In all, the teams combined for 33 lead changes and 14 tie scores. A total of 151 field goals and 87 free throws were attempted.

WMC got an amazing 52-minute, 27-point performance from Patty Russo.

According to Martin, "she played the college game of her life." Russo carried the ball club, which was hampered by ailments to two key players: Jen Piccolomini (illness) and Jill IbeX (ankle sprain).

IbeX fought on the boards to lead all players with 13 rebounds.

Freshman point guard Toby McIntire registered a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. While the Centennial Conference playoffs eluded them, the Green Terror still have an outside shot of receiving a bid into the ECAC playoffs on February 26.

But with or without that bid, this was still a year replete with accomplishment for the Western Maryland women's basketball team. And hopefully, with what Martin says is "a strong nucleus of young players" returning, the 2001-02 season will be just as successful.

PHOENIX SPORTS TRIVIA

Which pro teams drafted Dave Winfield? (hint: he was drafted in three sports)

Last edition's answer: Because Baltimore is the closest franchise to Washington, DC, allowing the president to be present



SPORTS INFORMATION

Toby McIntire goes in for the lay-up



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Israel's Moshe Fox stresses the need for peace

JACKIE LEAZER
Staff Writer

The issue of peace in the Middle East was brought directly to WMC when Moshe Fox, Minister of Public Affairs at the Embassy of Israel, Washington, D.C., spoke at the 2nd Annual Resnick Lecture March 7 in McDaniel Lounge.

Speaking on the ongoing Middle East conflicts between Israel and Palestine, Fox conjured strong opinions within the crowd, sparking a host of controversial questions from the audience during the discussion period.

In a recent statement, according to Fox, President George W. Bush stated that the "US commitment to Israel is [rock solid]."

"It is a great comfort to have the United States on our side,"

Fox said, referring especially to current threats from Iraq toward Israel, Kuwait, and the US, "the US support for Israel is critical."

With Israel's new prime minister-elect, Ariel Sharon, even more movements have been made for peace, but Fox believes these efforts may prove to be futile. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has visited the US more than any foreign leader for peace talks but he has never made any effort toward improving the situation, Fox said.

Fox is also confident that the Israeli people made an impor-



BRAD WIDNER
Due to the new administration in Israel, Moshe Fox, the Israeli Minister of Public Affairs spoke in place of Israeli Ambassador David Ivry for the 2nd Annual Resnick Lecture at WMC.

tant choice and a step toward progress by electing Sharon.

"He was selected by ballots and

not by bullets," Fox said.

The discussion period held after Fox's speech started off slow, beginning with Phil Sayre, vice president of Student Affairs, asking to compare relations between Israel and the US during the Clinton administration and Bush's. Fox responded, saying that Israeli ambassadors do not want to continue with previous administration policies and are currently working on new guidelines, but so far Bush has said nothing but positive things regarding Israeli relations.

Questions soon became more controversial, as an audience member asked how Israel can attempt to make peace with the Palestinians, when Arafat has made no secrets of his hatred and ultimate goal of Israel's destruction.

"We are not in a position to choose our enemies, we should

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Faculty discuss an unwritten policy

MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

Unbeknownst to most of the faculty and student body of WMC, voice mails on campus phones and messages on campus e-mail are not private property for either students or faculty at WMC.

Since the system belongs to the school, any messages found on either are property of the college.

At the faculty meeting last Tuesday, Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance, explained that the school has the right to read campus e-mails and listen to phone mail messages.

Seidel was quick to point out that this is not a new policy, but something that was established, at least with the phones, close to 20 years ago.

Seidel said that since freedom of speech related issues are a sensitive subject he wanted to bring this policy to the attention of the faculty.

Since this policy does not appear in either the student or faculty handbook, many members of the faculty were surprised to learn of its existence.

While some insisted that the policy needed to be included in future handbooks, several faculty members spoke out against

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Doc Robin discusses rape and sexual assault

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News Editor

Survive—This seven-letter word is the only thing you have to do during a rape or attempted sexual attack.

This was only one of the messages that Robin Blake, a national lecturer on rape, drug and alcohol prevention, and self-esteem, discussed with the attendees of the her hour and half presentation on March 2 in Hill 108.

Sophomore Stephanie Knight, introduced the night's subject by reading a poem by Erin Bash that discussed the pain she felt as a result of sexual abuse.

"Doc Robin", as she prefers to be called, has not simply stud-

ied sexual abuse and rape, she has experienced it time after time beginning at a young age.

This was not one of those presentations where the lecturer stays at a podium and the audience is five feet away, but rather a presentation where "Doc Robin" walked around the room and was very much in one's face.

"It was a format that I liked. I thought it was engaging how she got people involved in a topic that is not regularly discussed each day," said senior Tom Macurek.

She introduced herself and explained how she had been an unwanted pregnancy; her mother had an affair with her husband's cousin. Her mother had tried to have an abortion but it was not successful. Doc Robin was born with Fel-

ty Alcohol Syndrome, no muscle control, deaf, blind in her right eye, and her parents were told that they would never be better—that they should just go ahead and institutionalize her.

She was institutionalized for a while, but released when doctors said that she did not need to be there, but would be better off at home.

But she was not; she was sexually abused at a very young age.

Growing up, she said, she had no self-esteem. "No one ever told me I was pretty...I had glasses, braces on my legs, and a hearing aid," she said.

Then, one day, she thought her

luck had changed. She was a junior in high school when another high school student asked her out on a date. But it was not a dinner and a movie sort of night.

Instead, he and two friends took her and sexually assaulted her for two hours and then drove back to the school parking lot. They pushed her out of the car and sped away.

Naturally, she thought it was her fault.

Years later, she was in Chicago when she saw a priest walking alongside the road. Thinking nothing would happen because he was a man of the church, she offered

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What was upsetting student's stomachs?

MATTHEW MCGOWAN
Staff Writer

In recent weeks, the WMC community has been suffering the effects of a stomach virus and not food poisoning as a rumor suggested.

Such a stomach virus leaves its victims with "intense abdominal pain, inability to hold down any food or liquid, including water, dizziness, and fatigue, probably from dehydration," according to Michael Baker, a Rouzer RA who fell ill around the February 25, on which date he became the first of a string

of WMC students to go to the Emergency Room at Carroll County General Hospital.

A handful of students found their way to the hospital that Saturday morning, amid confusion as to what was afflicting them.

For several days thereafter, students wondered whether the odd illness going around was the result of a stomach bug or poorly prepared food in the Pub.

Sodexo, the management of the Pub, declined to comment, however *The Medical Advisor*, a large easy-to-use home medical

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BRAD WIDNER
Senior Jeremiah Kelly, president of SERVE, enlists the help of a young participant, putting into effect the old saying that "Service knows no age" at the 4th Annual Reach Out WMC Auction. Page 3 has more details.

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SGA discusses many topics including enrollment, housing

KATHERINE STRONG
Staff Writer

The Student Government Assembly has spent the opening of the spring semester attempting to finish numerous legislative issues, including the Student Bill of Rights, safety problems on campus, and the proposed Admissions Cap.

Jeremiah Kelly, president of the Class of 2001, recalls the advent of the Student Bill of Rights during the 1998-1999 school year. Now, two years later, he is attempting to ensure that students know their rights, having been made aware of them in the *Student Guide and Date Book*.

Originally the Student Bill of Rights was a separate document that the SGA had proposed to be given to the students. However now they are looking to include it in the *Student Guide and Date Book* to ensure that students are given the information.

Perhaps the most important and controversial issue on the bill states that resident assistants are required to provide a student with a written "ticket" that clearly defines the violation that occurred.

However, at the Open Forum earlier this year some RA's expressed concerns, particularly that they did not have the power to do this as violations and punishments are decided by the Residence Life Coordinator.

Kelly expressed a feeling of readiness as he and other members of the SGA discussed their presentation of The Student Bill of Rights planned for Friday, March 9, 2001 in a round table discussion with President

Doc Robin offers the courage to take control and keep in mind that a sexual attack is not your fault

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Doc Robin offers the courage to take control, he invited her upstairs for a cup of coffee. He later raped her.

But this time, she was not going to let her attacker get away with the crime done to her body.

He is now in jail for rape because she had gotten the courage to tell.

"Doc Robin" went over some astounding statistics. She said that 550,000 women had reported being raped or sexually assaulted in 2000.

Also in the same year, 47,000 men had reported being raped or sexually assault. But this was not a world statistic; it was the figures of the U.S. alone.

There tends to be certain trends that go with most cases of sexual assault and rape. She said that most cases involve alcohol and also that most occur on payday.

Additionally, most cases of men being raped occur by other men during gang rapes, she said.

Senior Sam Gordon volunteered to be an attacker as "Doc Robin" demonstrated what to do and not to do during an attack.

She asked to audience what they had been taught in previous classes on self-defense. Sophomore Kate O'Neal said that she had been instructed to "hurt them with your legs, kick them in the groin, and scratch his shin with the heel [of your shoe]."

Others chimed in by suggesting scratching the attackers with your keys, pinching and biting, and hand butting them.

The only suggestion that "Doc Robin" said would most likely not make your attacker angrier and cause his adrenaline to rush would be to urinate, vomit, or have a bowel movement. Although she has heard that these three things have deterred an attack, she is unsure of the exact statistic or percentage.

When one hears the word rape, they tend

Coley and Sam Case, provost.

"I think that we know what questions [are going] to (be) asked, and we are prepared to answer them," said Kelly.

The Student Bill of Rights is one of the many topics that the SGA discussed at the Open Forum on Tuesday, March 13, 2001.

After what Steve Sharkey, president of the SGA, considered to be a successful forum in the fall, the members of the SGA looked forward to another chance to discuss some of the issues with the student body itself.

Another important issue on the agenda for the evening was the proposed Admissions Cap.

The admissions cap proposes that all facets of the campus, from administration to students, should be involved in a possible increase in enrollment.

The SGA has allowed students to express their views on this issue through writing down statements on a poster placed in Decker Center and polling students outside of Glar.

Sentiments included that students would like to keep Western Maryland College small, and the apparent overcrowding upsets them.

There is still widespread concern over the newly implemented plus/minus system. This was implemented last semester and put all WMC students on a 4.3 scale rather than the familiar 4.0.

One SGA member explained, that while the plus/minus system had been something the students voted on six years ago, the sys-

tem appears confusing, and was not "grandfathered" in, meaning that some student grades are split between the 4.0 and 4.3 scales, depending on their class standing.

The SGA is continuing to look into the new system so that it can provide students with answers, and a way to understand the new scale.

The SGA has also been attempting to make student life better by promoting safety around campus.

Plans for more lights on the road that runs behind the Pennsylvania Avenue houses and the water tower are being implemented, and Sharkey hopes that they will be in by the end of the semester. The exact timing for their installation is still unknown.

There are also plans for vending machines in Hill Hall, and reworking the SGA web site so that information about people, events, and contacts is more accessible.

Jamin Bartolomeo, president of the class of 2003, and the Public Relations Committee have been busy placing more Honor Code pledge statements in classrooms around campus.

Additionally Bartolomeo has formed a committee of other SGA members to partake in the planning of new housing options that will be built in the near future.

This committee is working with the Board of Trustee Building and Grounds Committee to determine what sort of housing WMC will benefit from.

A recent Phoenix article reported that they were leaning toward a mini village of small low-rise buildings in the vicinity of the wa-

ter tower.

Aside from more serious issues however, the SGA has also focused on campus entertainment.

Jen Flannery, president of the class of 2004, has been attempting to find a band to play on campus for later this spring. Georgia Avenue, whose members come from James Madison University and Bridgewater College.

The band describes it's sound as "...an acoustic rock band with an emphasis on having a good time."

The SGA meets Tuesdays at 8 pm in Decker Auditorium, and students are always welcomed to come and have their voice heard.

Newsflash:

Sophomore Erin Collins was appointed treasurer at the end of last semester.

Sophomore Staci George was recently appointed to a representative position of the Class of 2003.

Freshman Julie Ogrysko was appointed as a representative of the Class of 2004.

fortable to.

Not contained in the kit is one important message, "You must remember that this is not your fault," said "Doc Robin".

For more information on rape and "survival" after a sexual attack, the Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County, Inc is ready to be there for you.

The phone number is (410) 857-7322.



According to the U.S. Department of Justice, somewhere in America, every two minutes a woman is sexually assaulted. In that time, you could register for the 2001 Race for RAINN 5K and help to obtain a growing epidemic of violence in America.

RAINN is a non-profit organization funded entirely by private and corporate donations. RAINN provides a 24-hour, toll-free hotline for survivors of sexual assault. This organization also funds local rape crisis centers around the U.S.

Small annual affects hundreds of thousands of people each year. One in every two rape victims are under the age of 18, and one of every six is under 12. What can you do to help?

When: April 22, 2001
Where: Western MD College Westminister, MD
Timer: Registration starts at 8 AM Race begins at 9 AM
Registration: \$10 before April 15 \$15 after April 15 and on Race Day

All registered runners receive a t-shirt and other goodies! Food will be provided. For directions to the college, go to <http://www.wmcc.edu/about/wmcc/direct.html> or call (410) 876-2055. Walkers are welcome!

Awards will be given for the top three female and male overall finishers, as well as to the top two men and women in each of five age categories:
 18 and under 19-25 26-34 35-50 51 and over



50% of the proceeds will benefit the Westminister Rape Crisis Center and 50% will go directly to RAINN.



Registration Form

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SERVE raises \$2,500

JOAN FAULKNER
Asst. News Editor

A snow storm would usually hinder success of an event, but because of the snow storm on Feb. 22, the annual SERVE (Students Engaged in Rural Volunteer Experiences) Auction was able to raise more money than ever.

Instead of Thursday, Feb. 22, this welcomed blizzard of money, totally over \$2,500, took place on March 2.

According to senior Jeremiah Kelley, president of SERVE, the snow storm, was actually "a mixed blessing."

With an extra week to get the word out about the auction, Kelley said they were able to get more flyers out and go door to door. Because of all this publicity they have put into the auction both before and after the storm, Kelley says it has been "shaping up to be the best auction we've ever had."

Although this was the fourth year of the SERVE Auction, it was the "first year SERVE has done the

auction on its own," according to sophomore Kary Magee, vice president of SERVE.

In years past, SERVE has teamed with Circle K to do the auction.

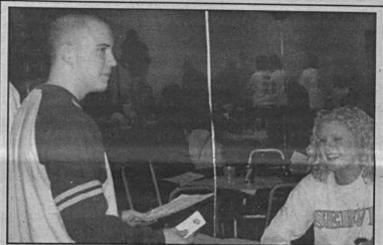
Because SERVE did the auction on its own this year, Kelley says it was "our responsibility to get all the stuff and public relations for it."

Due to their big push for publicity this year, Kelley said all the donations have contributed to the "best list we've put together."

The items that went for the most were the free text books in the fall for \$360, a weekend at Dean Sayre's cottage on the eastern shore in St. Michael's Clairborne for \$269, and a jacuzzi room for \$75, according to Magee.

According to Sayre, "it's a good job in providing service to people who are needy," in reference to the overall success of the SERVE auction.

All the proceeds made from the auction go to the club's trip to Dunnington, Virginia to refurbish houses.



Sophomore Merrybeth McKee pauses briefly after explaining how to bid on various prizes. Overall, SERVE raised more than \$2,500.

Several students hospitalized for a stomach bug, and not food poisoning

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reference, notes that food issues generally take 36-48 hours to manifest.

The most prevalent claim concerning food poisoning was that bad food had been served Saturday night, in which case the symptoms would not have manifested until at least a day later.

Reflecting back on the Sunday morning spent at the hospital, one infected student noted, "there was a line of WMC students in the emergency room."

The distinction, however, between food poisoning and a food borne illness, which the virus seems to be, is worth note, and unknown to many who suffered its effects.

Food-borne illnesses are generally viruses which do not originate with the food and are not affected by its preparation, according to *The Medical Advisor*.

On the other hand, the book said that food poisoning is caused by ill-prepared foods and foods which are used past any date of expiration which might apply. Food poisoning is generally caused by bacte-

ria.

Those students who went to the hospital were treated for a stomach virus, said Baker, who went on to tell of his experience, "they put me on a saline drip to rehydrate me, and they gave me anti-nausea medication."

Baker was there for approximately two and a half hours. Because he was the first WMC student to go to the hospital he had not heard anything about the virus's local effect while there.

The hospital, when contacted, was unable to comment.

The virus, once its symptoms manifest, seems to take about 12 hours to pass, said Baker. He continued, "I know of three others that went to the hospital, but I know of at least ten who showed the exact same symptoms."

The Pub, it then seems, is not serving food that is making people sick. And reports of the virus and its intense symptoms have slowed down over the past week.

"It was nasty," noted one student who managed not to catch the bug, "and I'm glad it's gone."

Campus Safety Blotter

The following incidents were reported by the Department of Campus Safety:

2/17/01 at 11:11 p.m. a student restricted from residence halls gained access in Blanche Ward Hall.

2/21/01 at 3:00 a.m. underage possession in clubroom party in Blanche.

2/21/01 at 9:08 p.m. chief complaint of chest pain and trouble breathing.

2/23/01 female students reported being victim of domestic abuse in Winslow Hall.

2/24/01 at 12:47 p.m. medical for food poisoning by Campus Safety Personnel.

2/24/01 at 11:00 p.m. underage possession of alcohol by a female student in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

2/25/01 underage possession of alcohol by female student at clubroom party in ANW.

2/25/01 at 1:12 a.m. non-student possessing alcohol underage in ANW.

2/25/01 at 12:20 a.m. underage possession of alcohol by female student in clubroom party in ANW.

2/25/01 at 2:27 a.m. three students possessing alcohol underage in Rouzer Hall.

2/25/01 at 2:30 a.m. underage possession of alcohol by two students in dry residence hall in Rouzer Hall.

2/25/01 at 3:00 a.m. RA reported vandalism in Rouzer Hall.

2/25/01 at 3:34 a.m. student pos

2/26/01 at 12:24 p.m. heart attack patient treated by Campus Safety personnel.

2/26/01 at 4:23 p.m. Renee Lauer Hit and run at Rouzer Hall.

2/28/01 at 6:59 p.m. non-student assaulted by another non-student at ANW.

2/28/01 at 8:00 p.m. student vomiting and dehydrated treated by Campus Safety personnel.

3/4/01 at 1:45 a.m. disorderly conduct by a student at ANW.

3/4/01 at 10:27 a.m. silicone or crazy glue sprayed into students' door lock in Rouzer Hall.

3/4/01 at 12:20 p.m. wind breaker pants stolen in Rouzer Hall.

3/4/01 at 12:23 a.m. student furnishing false information at Whiteford Hall.

3/4/01 at 2:15 p.m. throwing trash from room window in Blanche.

3/4/01 at 5:45 a.m. wallet turned in contained a counterfeit driver's license at Decker Student Center.

3/4/01 at 6:22 p.m. found some damage done to a gate and trailer in Gill Gym.

3/6/01 at 4:52 p.m. AV slide projector stolen out of the Gill Gym.



sessing alcohol underage in ANW.

2/25/01 at 4:00 a.m. student trespassing in Blanche Ward Hall.

2/26/01 at 12:05 p.m. allergic reaction treated by Campus Safety personnel.

2/26/01 at 12:05 p.m. stomach virus treated by Campus Safety personnel.

Faculty discusses that e-mails and voice mail messages are not private property, but can be accessed by the college

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the policy in general.

Simeon Scholssberg, assistant professor of education and head of the student/faculty relations committee, mentioned that the students had heard about this policy, and that they were not happy about it.

In fact, a few students had gathered outside of the entrance to the faculty meeting to display their displeasure with what they thought was a new policy.

Richard Dillman, assistant professor of communication, was one of the first faculty members to speak out. He did not have a problem with the system being used for checking up on teachers, but did not like the idea of it being used on students. "They're different. Students live here," Dillman said.

Seidel mentioned some of the benefits of having a system for checking on students phone mails. Among the benefits included protecting students against harassment.

Seidel insisted that this invasion of privacy would not be used frivolously. Also, the intent was not to search for any form of vulgarities or to infringe on any other form of privacy.

Its only use would be to protect the students, mostly from harassment and that these searches are something that happen very infrequently, he said.

Seidel went on to explain that that last year a member of the faculty had been fired for gross misuse of a computer. This violation would never have been found if the former member of the WMC community's computer had not been allowed to be examined.

President Coley also mentioned that this type of policy is not uncommon, and that other schools similar to WMC have similar policies. In fact, she said that WMC's was less stringent than many other schools.

Still, Bob Sapora, professor of English, was not happy.

He talked about a change in America's culture as a whole toward free speech, and how "Corporate America trumps first Amendment rights right out of the gate."

He eventually mentioned that he felt that standards needed to be written about when and where the school has the right to look at the e-mails and voice mail.

Herb Smith, chair and professor of the political science and international studies department, brought up an old slogan used by the school.

The slogan said "Think Dangerously."

Smith said that perhaps the slo-

"Corporate America trumps first Amendment rights right out of the gate."

- Bob Sapora

gan should be modified to "Think dangerously, but be careful what you say."

When it seemed that an immediate resolution was not going to be reached at the meeting, the faculty as a whole decided that a separate committee, which would include student government representation, would be needed to from new language and new standards for this controversial policy.

This ADHOC committee will meet and discuss the policy.

Who will be included in this group is unknown, but Schlossberg was asked to form the committee.

The Phoenix would like to know your opinion on this, in the form of a letter to the editor.

WMC deaf education department takes many new leaps

TAMMI SLATER
Staff Writer

At Western Maryland College the sounds of silence around campus represent a sign in the growth of a language which fascinates many, and continues to spread among students. The students are not communicating through verbal communication, but with their hands through sign language.

Sign language at WMC has undergone many significant changes within the last year, with the addition of the minor in Deaf Studies being the most influential.

Dr. Judith Coryell, associate professor and coordinator of deaf studies/deaf education explained that last February the minor was approved by the Curriculum Committee, where it had originally been proposed as a major.

Coryell believes that the minor is a great opportunity for "undergraduate students who come to WMC interested in deaf education to begin their studies early and develop a solid background in American Sign Language, developing the necessary fluency needed to enter the deaf education graduate program."

According to Sheila Deane, deaf programs manager, WMC is believed to have the largest Deaf Education program in world, so there is much to be said for this program and the individuals who make it all happen.

"The number of deaf graduates from WMC is increasing every year," said Coryell.

Deane, deaf programs manager for five years now, feels that, with the new \$1.5 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Education-Bilingual Pathways for Deaf, Minority and Minority-Deaf Students many opportunities will arise for students.

"We have so many doors open to hearing students as well as deaf students to interact and immerse themselves in the language and culture of deaf individuals," said Deane.

Through this grant the department will be able to support many more opportunities for learning on all levels, and for further extending students' knowledge and experience.

The deaf studies minor is also believed to be the start to bringing in more undergraduate students to a designed program that helps lead them to their future goal of a master's degree in deaf education or work with deaf people in other professional capacities.

This experience expands students sensitivity level to deaf people, and their cultural awareness to the deaf community, which is essential for teachers and deaf students.

Sophomore biology major Jennifer O'Hara, a recent transfer student, already feels confident in praising the deaf education department.

"I can tell that deaf ed is a very important part of WMC," she said. "People seem to have a good sense of its meaning, and I feel that it is a very positive thing for the college," O'Hara continued.

In addition to the minor, WMC has made several other improvements to the program such as new courses, the opportunity to spend a semester at Gallaudet University, and the ASL Immersion House on campus.

The Immersion House, starting in the fall, will provide an authentic language environment for students to live in, where they can develop fluency in ASL in an interactive way while learning about a new and different way of life through deaf graduate students and models.

There will be two deaf graduate students living in the house serving as house managers and language models, as well as nine stu-

dents. Janet Conley, Ph.D. assistant coordinator/student teacher of deaf education feels that "The college has been very supportive of our requests with the ASL Immersion House, so I expect that if there is increased demand, they will do what they can to respond."

Since last May when the deaf studies minor was approved, Coryell and Conley agree that the recent addition of Professor David Martin, teacher of ASL classes and coordinator of the ASL Lab, has been instrumental in the changes of the department.

Coryell credits Martin for all the positive changes he has brought to the department and for his dedication to improving the deaf studies minor.

"He has hired eight ASL mentors, brought many undergraduate students in, and is coordinating the week-long events for Deaf Awareness Week," Coryell said.

Deane also compliments Martin noting that "he has some dynamite ideas for Deaf Awareness Week this year, and his energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to the undergraduate students is evident not only in his teaching but in the ASL Lab and various events he is planning as well. We are so lucky to have him as a part of the program."

Although the department has undergone many positive changes within the last year, there are still many areas for improvement.

Coryell feels that within the department "there is always a need for more space, more people, and more technology."

Deane stresses that, "In our field, we do

not set up classrooms in the traditional way of row-by-row desks. We use semi-circles so everyone can see each other signing, and classrooms that are designed this way are critical to our learning environment. Technology is another big thing—since Deaf people rely heavily on visual aids, computers and e-mail, which are all fully accessible means, but we lack in this area. Not just in our program but the campus as a whole."

Despite the need for specific classroom and technological advances, members of the department feel confident that the recent changes are conducive for the study itself and for the college.

Deane feels that the additions are "helping in bridging the gap that we have had for so long. Anyone interested in deaf education is already aware of our outstanding graduate program. They come here looking for something that will automatically lead them into that program—the minor is a start."

Conley, who has been at WMC since 1978, said, "I have seen lots of changes. I've seen incredible growth in the staff and facilities on the campus. Within the deaf education program, I've seen significant changes as we refine courses to meet challenging standards and to maintain professional currency in adapting to philosophical changes."

Currently, the department is in the middle of implementing a large federal grant that was awarded last year to the deaf education department.

There are several programs that will be affected by the grant, including: the Literacy Specialist Program, the deaf studies minor,

community outreach, and the ASL Specialist Program.

Correspondingly, the department is striving to reach more high school students interested in deaf education. Therefore, a web page for high school students learning ASL is being started, as well as the addition of a first year seminar course that incoming freshmen interested in ASL can take.

In the future, deaf studies at WMC aim to produce more interest in students to become teachers for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, while extending their programs and services further.

Though the tasks will take time, the department has already set a standard for itself that it can continue to improve.

In the process of working to refine the department, members hope for enjoyment and gratification from a job which so many involved love greatly and have a huge sense of respect for.

While every job has its ups and downs, Conley feels that the best part of this job is "the students because we work with an incredibly gifted group of people who are enthusiastic and committed to improving the quality of the education of deaf and hard-of-hearing children."

Deane agrees saying that the positives for her are "seeing the enthusiasm and learning take place. The students give me energy so I love having them around."

Considering how far this program has come in the past several years, goals of more growth in the near future are reasonably set, she said.



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Panelists still trying to figure out what went on in election

JESSICA FITZGERALD
Staff Writer

Republicans and Democrats met in McDaniel Lounge to discuss the all-consuming topic of this past November—the 2000 Presidential Election in Florida on Wednesday, February 28.

In a panel discussion entitled, "That Was the Election That Was: Florida and the Future of Presidential Elections," Maryland Secretary of State John Willis, Republican campaign consultant Kevin Igoe, and Democratic attorney and political activist Charles Chester debated the cause of the confusion in Florida during last election.

For Chester, the cause of the confusion lay in the design of the ballots used.

As lead council in a butterfly-ballot case, he heard affidavits from voters who said that the chad on their ballot would not punch through simply because, over the years, chads had backed up inside

the machine and clogged it.

Chester spoke out against punch out ballots on the basis that they are inaccurate, machines will not count a vote made with a punch out ballot if the chad is not fully detached from the ballot.

Because of this, Chester advocated the hand recounts, citing a

Florida law that requires manual recounts if the number of rejected ballots is significant enough to make a difference in election results.

Igoe, on the other hand, was not as supportive of the manual recounts, even

though he had personally participated in them.

"You cannot take a system designed for automated voting, insert human beings, and recount 500,000 ballots," he said.

While participating in the recounts, Igoe said that he saw piles of ballots that were supposed to be solely Bush ballots, with Gore ballots mixed in.

Igoe said that this sort of mix-up was not fraud, but simply human error.

Willis came to the discussion armed with facts and data, showing a Power Point presentation entitled "The 2000 Presidential Election: The Classic American Divide Revisited."

In this presentation, Willis outlined the accuracy of different voting methods.

According to his data, 10% of Florida votes were no votes—that is, votes that machines simply did not count.

"To me, that's an outrage," Willis said.

Willis said that, in the 19 Maryland jurisdictions that use the optical scan ballots, ballots which are

counted similarly to the scan method used on tests such as the SATs—the percentage of "no votes" is much lower.

In fact, in 1996, Maryland had an overall no-vote of only 2.04, said Willis.

All the panelists agreed that new voting systems were needed, and that the punch card ballots were

fairly inaccurate, leading to much confusion in Florida.

The audience also raised questions about the treatment of black voters in Florida.

Chester said that, while he followed the arguments made by the NAACP on police blockades in front of voting sites, the majority of complaints he heard from African-Americans were about the design of the ballots.

"Anyone could have screwed it up," he said, saying that voting errors were made by blacks in Miami-Dade, Jewish people in Palm Beach, and many other voters of various ethnic and religious groups.

Igoe argued that it was unlikely that blacks were discriminated against because most of the blacks that testified in court on the basis of discrimination were from predominantly Democratic

jurisdictions.

Noting that African-Americans are statistically predominantly Democrats, Igoe said, "Why would Democrats want to disenfranchise blacks?"

Senior Alison Kleiner, a political science/history dual major, felt that the confusion surrounding the Florida election lay in the role of the media, specifically their ability to predict election winners.

"I don't think it should be called, in any way, by the media before the polls close," said.

"Anyone could have screwed it up."

- Charles Chester



Kevin Igoe

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Charles Chester

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John Willis

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Fox justifies the actions of his country and defends recent insinuations

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give [peace] a try, there is no other choice," Fox responded.

Christianna Nichols Leahy, associate professor of political science, also questioned Israel's intentions, as she read a report on allegations of Israelis torturing and killing innocent Palestinians.

"Those insinuations are completely false," Fox answered, "we are in a state of war and every war manual I know of doesn't suggest that you should wait for your enemy to come out and kill you."

More questions, pondering Israeli intentions were asked of Fox who continued to defend the Israeli

Defense Force and their objectives.

"What we are dealing with is terrible," he said "and we are ready to give 96% of our territory back to Palestine."

President Joan Develin Coley, who also introduced Moshe Fox, concluded the evening by thanking everyone for coming to talk about such sensitive issues.

Fox replied to one last question, and finally stating that the Israeli Defense Force is there "only to kill terrorists that have one purpose - to spread havoc and [the Israelis] are not going to have it."

Missed the show?... Here's some photos from Skid Row.



Seymour (Hendrik Lammers) and company join for a song on Skid Row. (l-r) Wino (Courtney Yates), Crystal (Kristin Lagana), a newsboy (Chris Assing), Chiffon (Brandi Crawford), Bag Lady (Mava Redjean), and Ronnette (Angela Chapman).



Seymour and Audrey Julie Keough share a tender moment as they imagine a new life.



Seymour and Mr. Mushnik (David Trader) share a dance after agreeing to become a father/son team. Meanwhile, ERIN OWEN Audrey 2 plans her conquest of the Skid Row and the world.

"What is that you said Audrey 2? More blood...?"

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Letter to the Editor: No pets allowed, none

Dear Editor,
 "SORRY, NO PETS!" is what the sign reads on the bulletin board in Rouzer Hall.

Yet the RLC, known simply as "Nicole" (if that is her real name), has a pet. The culprit pet is a cat.

The cat has been spotted eyeing those who enter Rouzer on the Decker College Center side. Why does this resident of Rouzer receive preferential treatment?

If the reason for her exemption is the mere fact that she is the esteemed RLC of a freshman dorm, than this could raise many questions.

If she is exempt from the "no-pet" rule, then is she exempt from the "no-alcohol" rule as well? She could be the only one

wet in a dry dorm. Likewise, is she allowed to possess halogen lamps or fireworks, explosive devices, or firearms?

Before we accuse this celebrated first-year student advisor of harboring an arsenal, lets analyze the problem.

No pets, other than non-carnivorous fish and pet rocks, are allowed in Rouzer Hall. I can understand that being the residence life coordinator has its perks, but those perks should not involve exemption of rules.

As you enter Rouzer Hall and walk up the steps, you can see the gateway to the dwelling of this feline beast.

It is a wooden portal with a black plate in the center (no number mind you), two locks: a dead bolt and handle lock (probably to con-

tain the beast), and an eye hole.

I don't mention the name of this dwelling because I am not sure that it is her office. She has also been seen working diligently in the room across from the 1st floor trash room. I can only surmise that this is her operations center so the RA's of this room can do her bidding.

Of course, I'm kidding. She does a fine job for being the only XX genotype in a dorm full of XY genotypes.

The cat does not pose a problem to Rouzer residents (except for the hairball or occasional allergy attack). But the fact stands: she is exempt from the rules.

-Anonymous

The blizzard that was never meant to be

I just couldn't believe it. Whatever happened to two feet or more? What happened to my possible day off? (Not that I don't love school, but who wouldn't want a day off?) It just never came. So what happened?

In the beginning of March, a snowstorm of epic proportions was supposed to smash into Maryland, dropping at least two feet in some areas, and paralyzing the area in one fell swoop. The storm, which was dubbed the "biggest and worst blizzard" since the late 1990s by forecasters, was set to be a huge nor'easter.

The television stations who were watching the storm develop had everything. They had graphics, footage of past blizzards, mighty predictions, and maps galore. But when they didn't have that right...a storm. The storm, which had even me excited, let me down. And so did the meteorologists.

When the storm zoomed across the Midwest, forecasters started predicting huge amounts of snowfall "possible" in the vicinity of Maryland. Then as the storm dropped out over the cold Atlantic waters and started moving up the coast, it turned into a very strong nor'easter.

From here on, the forecasters didn't seem to get anything right.

While the meteorologists were hyping "the storm of the century", they still didn't know the exact course of the storm. In fact, they had several models that were created by their super computers, but it seemed that



Edward K. Schultheis

the meteorologists predicted the worst situations in each instance.

"It is far better to inform people about what their maximum exposure could be because everything else is just a blessing," said WJZ news director Gail Bending in an interview with the Baltimore Sun.

I know that forecasting isn't an exact science, but why do the forecasters make it out to be?

What really gets me is how they said that it was just a possibility, but they then showed pictures and video of past blizzards, and showed images of what could be coming - including two feet of snow. These visualizations, which definitely outweighed the words of the meteorologists, surely helped cause the hype that the TV stations and newspapers claim they didn't cause.

Said Mary Beth Marsden, a WMAR anchor, in an interview with the Sun, "Do we feel the frenzy? Are we the reason people

freak out? You could make the argument both ways."

Indeed someone can make the argument both ways, but the fact remains that continuously the public is misled about storms. They were led into thinking that this storm was, not could be, but was going to hit Maryland and hit it hard.

There was WBAL's "Continuing Team Coverage" talking about possible school closing because of the impending snow storm, then when they predicted that it would start, it didn't. In fact, it never really dropped more than two or three inches, at least in Westminster.

I'm not saying that I don't like the coverage, all I am trying to say is that, TV stations especially, call for the worst based on long range computer models. They may say that this "could hit" or "may hit," but normally they freak everyone out by naming it the "storm of the century" and showing video of the storm and past blizzards.

According to the same Sun edition, people watch morning news more when there is a threat of snow, and the stations know this. They know the more they hype the storm, the higher the ratings go.

It is just too bad that we have to suffer by listening to there very frequently inaccurate forecasts. Maybe they should hold off on the predictions for a bit, and just give us the certainties.

-Edward K. Schultheis is a sophomore communication major.

Clinton: is it possible for us to let him go?

Amanda Nederkorn questions whether President Bush will ever steal the spotlight from Clinton.

After two tumultuous terms in office, William Jefferson Clinton is the 42nd President of the United States is still commanding the attention of the American public.

One would think the media would focus their attentions on our newly elected President, George W. Bush, but instead Clinton's various escapades have made the front cover of virtually every publication in the United States.

From his last-minute pardon of Marc Rich, the billionaire fugitive, to stealing furniture upon his departure of the White House, to his attempts to acquire an exorbitantly priced Manhattan office, the media has had a field day with Clinton.

Meanwhile President Bush has had the chance to find his footing enjoying a minuscule amount of coverage. One almost feels that even when Bush is in the media, it is merely procedural. Simply put, the Ameri-

can public is "Clinton hungry."

I can only shake my head in bewilderment as I reflect upon Clinton's antics—are they just a ploy for attention? Is he experiencing separation anxiety from the spotlight that came with being President of the United States? How does George W. Bush feel about such heavy coverage of Clinton? Many ques-

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tions, no answers.

If I were Bush, I would be royally irritated with someone else "stealing my thunder," maybe so mad I would do something like bomb Iraq!

In recent weeks Clinton's coverage has died down slightly, but one can only imagine what outrageous circumstances he will find himself in next. With Hillary in the Senate and the possibility of her run for the Presidency, Clinton might once again find him-

self in his beloved oval office sometime soon. That would be an interesting situation, and of course, they already have the furniture!

But by no means am I attempting to defile the reputation of the ex-President, because I do feel good things were accomplished during Clinton's administration. These are merely my observations based on a man with definite entertainment value.

I have often been accused of having misdirected priorities, but I would rather laugh at Clinton's shenanigans than watch depressing coverage of the latest high school shooting in suburbia.

The interest in the former President, though waning is still out there, and with continued interest from people like myself, the media will reciprocate with more coverage. So unfortunately President Bush, unless you do something really special, your day in the sun is yet to come.

-Amanda Nederkorn is a junior political science major.

Splurge of youth crimes leaves unanswered questions

"He said he's going to shoot me. He said he's going to make it a blood bath and throw me in a dumpster."

These are words of a 9-year-old girl, of Philadelphia, who was threatened by her 8-year-old classmate, according to an article in the March 7 issue of the *Carroll County Times*.

Similarly, in St. Paul, Minn., two 5-year-old girls were suspended from school because one of them brought a loaded pistol in her purse.

Seven students were arrested for plotting to bomb teachers and fellow classmates, and creating hit lists. San Diego, Santana High School student, Charles "Andy" Williams, opened fire in his school March 5. He killed two and wounded 13 others.

A college student, in Santa Barbara, maliciously plowed his car into five students, killing four, just a few weeks ago. The list goes on and on.

Is it my imagination, or are these sickening tragedies happening more and more lately?

The following factors they all have in common. The criminals are young, just children. Their actions are all hateful and violent. The fatalities are tragic. Anyone could have been the victim. Finally, they all might have been avoided.

Williams actually discussed his intentions with other classmates and adults the weekend before he

committed it. Why didn't anyone take him seriously?

He could have initially been trying to get attention. Then, when no one took him seriously, he decided to prove himself. It certainly was not a positive way to prove himself, but he has our attention now, doesn't he?

In no way, shape, or form am I trying to divert the blame from criminal to the witnesses. But, I have to wonder how someone can get in such a state of mind without one other person realizing it beforehand. Does it mean you or I might also be neglecting someone like Williams?

I would think that someone doesn't just decide to do something like that overnight.

Although I personally cannot even begin to contemplate doing anything like that, my instincts tell me that Williams, as well as other young criminals, think about their crimes for a while before committing them.

It could be days, weeks, or even months beforehand. Who knows? Maybe even since they saw what happened in Columbine.

In order to find a solution, we need to find a cause. So, who be-



BJ Shorb

sides the actual criminals can be held responsible? The parents, the media, society, who?

I believe the corruption of this country's youth lies in a hands of all three of the above.

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Parents. Children need attention. Parents need to be actively involved in their child's life. Everyone is busy, and I am sure parenting is not an easy task at all. But if you choose to bring a child into this world, you choose to care for that child until adulthood.

I cannot remember one day when neither of my parents asked me how I was. I certainly never had

access to a gun at 5-years-old. In fact, I still don't have access to a gun, and I really don't want one.

Media. They are calling this recent chain of school violence an epidemic. Does our sensationalized media coverage of such events give other young people the wrong ideas? Williams intended on "pulling a Columbine," according to the *Carroll County Times*.

I know that the whole violence on TV issue has been argued over and over again, but it is hard to ignore the fact that the events seem to happen in trends. It is like a snowball effect: one thing happens here, and then another there, and so on.

News is news, and crimes happen. When a crime is shown on TV, it isn't just news, but show after show anymore.

When are these shows on? Of course, when young people can watch them--in the evenings. Remember the cliché: "monkey see, monkey do?" There really is something in it.

Society. This is broad: I know. What I mean is that the overall cor-

ruption of morals and values displayed in the American Society is also to blame.

When children see certain abnormalities and immoral actions in the society around them frequently, they become immune, indifferent, or desensitized to such things.

For example, people who have lived in an area of crime all their lives will not be affected by a murder in the same manner as someone who has never been close to it.

Whether you live in it or not, we all see and hear about it. So, how long will it be before no one is affected by it? It is a disgusting thought, but it could happen.

If none of the above things: parents, media, and society are at fault, then I must ask what/who is?

I certainly don't remember ever being taught that if I didn't like my life, I could take someone else's. Who has that right? No one.

The victims of these crimes are dying in vain if we sit around waiting for them to happen again. Something needs to change. Unless, of course, we are just waiting until something happens to us?

Criminally, the locations of the crimes aren't all big cities. In fact, Santana High School has a population very close to our population here at WMC.

What makes us think it couldn't happen here?

~BJ Shorb is a junior communication major.

New bill introduced: should we reward for good driving records?

Senator Larry Haines has introduced a bill in the state of Maryland that he intends will reward good driving. His idea is to give positive driving points for safe drivers.

The bill will give one positive point for each year a driver does not get a traffic citation such as a speeding ticket, a ticket for failing to show license, or running a stop sign. The maximum number of positive points that one can receive will be five.

This bill is mostly intended to benefit the good driver who gets one or two tickets in his or her lifetime.

According to the February 27 issue of the *Carroll County Times*, Patrick Walters says Haines contends that the purpose of the bill is to prevent good drivers who get one ticket from having insurance premiums increase.

Well, I am insured by Nationwide. Nationwide doesn't increase insurance with each point you get. Insurance rates do not increase until you amass a high number of points, like 5. I have two points, and my insurance has not gone up yet.

The problem with this bill is

Amy Bittinger opposes the recently proposed idea of rewarding good drivers.

that it fails to meet its intent. For example, I have been pulled over four times in six years for speeding. I was going 87 in a 55, 52 in a 25, 65 in a 50, and 43 in a 25. As surprising as it may seem, I have sped more then only four times in my life.

In fact, I am almost always at least 7 to 10 miles over the speed

the positive point system would help me, unquestionably. I went my first three years driving without a ticket, so I would have had three positive points.

Then, I would have been knocked down to one point after the two speeding tickets I received. So, if I had one positive point on my record, guess what I would be doing: speeding. I wouldn't slow down to five miles over the limit. I would fearlessly go ten to fifteen over the limit.

We do not need a law to build in "breaks" for drivers. By the nature of the system they already exist. No one is ever pulled over every time they are speeding.

My bet would be that if you do drive the speed limit that someone like myself is behind you tailgating and getting really upset.

For those who are pulled over, you may get a reduction in court or have the ticket dropped completely. Passing the positive driving point law would only encourage people to be less safe. And I need every reason in the world to slow down.

~Amy Bittinger is a senior mathematics major.

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WHY "VIRTUAL DOCTOR" NEVER CAUGHT ON

Attention: WMC Community Students, Faculty, and Staff

Is there an experience or topic you would like to write about in the Commentary Section?

Please call BJ Shorb @410-756-2955 if you or someone you know might be interested.

An allegory full of irony

Dr. Robert Lemieux illustrates a symbolic, but ironic, recent occurrence in his life.

As part of a fund-raiser at a local elementary school, I was asked to provide an auction item. I decided on an ESPN Zone gift certificate. A good choice I was told.

The Saturday before the auction I decided to drive down to the Inner Harbor to pick up the certificate. Before departing, I stopped at the ATM to withdraw \$20 in pocket money, just in case I felt the need to eat a snack.

After doing business with an ATM, I have this bad habit of placing my card, the receipt, and the money on a little "shelf" in the dash that sits on the other side of the steering wheel, just below the speedometer and tachometer. Perhaps your car has the same shelf.

I do this because I hate struggling to put the card, receipt, and money away when I'm strapped into the front seat. I call it a bad habit because sometimes I forget to retrieve the items upon exiting the car.

That Saturday's ATM transaction was like most others, and I headed into Baltimore with my card, receipt, and money on the shelf. The ride into Baltimore went smoothly.

As I approached the traffic light at the intersection of the main road and the waterfront, I appeared to be a homeless man selling newspapers to the motorists stopped at the traffic light. Since my car sat five cars back from the light, I figured he would never reach me. However, the light was long and he was soon at my car window with his armful of Baltimore Sun newspapers.

I declined his newspaper offer, but consented to give him some change. I gave him all the coins in my change bucket, which was full of silver. He was very thankful, wished me a good day, and moved on to the next car.

As the light turned green, I glanced at the car's clock. In doing so, I noticed the \$20 bill, which I had completely forgotten about (hence the bad habit). I wondered if the man had seen the \$20 bill. If so, he probably desired it more than the coins. Further, I suddenly felt empathic and wished I were wealthy enough to hand out \$20 bills to those less fortunate.

Those thoughts hung with me as I looked for a metered parking spot, which I found directly across from ESPN Zone. What luck! As I exited the car (yes, I remembered the money), I realized I no longer had change for the meter.

Fortunately, there were 18 minutes left on the meter, and I hurried into ESPN Zone to purchase the gift certificate. Having never been inside ESPN Zone, I became intrigued and decided to wander around. Needless to say, I lost track of time.

Upon returning to my car, I was greeted with a parking ticket in the amount of twenty dollars. I chuckled at the irony. If I had given the man the \$20, I would have had change for the meter and never received the parking ticket. Instead, the City of Baltimore got my change, and the homeless man got the change.

-Dr. Robert Lemieux is an assistant professor and chair of the communication department.

Of course, the best award show goes to...

Oh boy the TV Guide Awards are on tonight!

I'm sure very few of you exclaimed this the night it was broadcast. Why?

Because most awards shows are downright dull and monotonous. They consist of celebrities congratulating each other again and again. The awards have little basis for actual quality.

Even when the biggest awards show, the Oscars, comes on March 25, I'm sure most of you really don't care one way or another. Most of you have probably never heard of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," or "Almost Famous." (P.S. they're movies, just in case you were wondering)

Or some of you might be annoyed that "Scary Movie" or "Road Trip" was left out of the running. I hope you all noticed that the ultra popular "Gladiator" was nominated for 12 Academy Awards.

But I'm here to tell you why you should watch the Oscars. Unlike most other awards, the Oscars still have some merit and, most of the time, pick the who really deserves to win.

Although a number of big Hollywood films were nominated for multiple Oscars, such as "Erin Brockovich," "Gladiator," and "Castaway", there were also some smaller independent films nominated, like "Traffic," "Chocolat" and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

I'm sure many of you pay very little attention to the Oscars, probably because they don't honor the films you watch. The last time you probably cared was when that huge box office ship known as the Titanic swept the Oscars three years ago.

But let me tell you why you should watch these awards.

Out of all the awards shows broadcast every year, there are very few that have any credibility, and the Oscars are one of the ones that does.

The others include the Grammy's, Emmy's, and Tony's. Don't even try to argue that the MTV Awards hold any merit.

I must admit, I've watched the Oscars every year since Whoopi Goldberg hosted them for the first time. It was the very same year that "Schindler's List" swept the

Joan Faulkner sheds some light on the Oscars - what makes them different and who will win?

awards. I've always thought the voters did a decent job of choosing the winners. They try to ignore whether a film brought in a lot of money, had big stars, or came from a big studio.

However, in recent years I've been upset that the Academy could look over some films that, in my mind, were far superior than those chosen for awards.

For example, in 1998, I could not believe that "The Truman Show" was not even nominated for best picture nor was Jim Carrey nominated for best actor.

This is one of my favorite films ever and it seemed beyond its time, which is maybe

I've always thought the voters did a decent job of choosing the winners. They try to ignore whether a film brought in a lot of money, had big stars, or came from a big studio.

why it was disregarded by the voters. Perhaps they could not comprehend it.

Over the years, many critics have claimed that studios now buy their Oscars off, and that the voters only look at how much stars in a movie has made and what stars are in it.

In the instance of the 1999 Oscars, some people charged Miramax with buying its wins for "Shakespeare in Love" for best picture, best actress, and best supporting actress. I loved the film, but giving voters lavish presents and private screening dinners, hardly seems fair.

However, Miramax is one of many small independent studios. I'm sure the big studios like Paramount and Columbia throw money at the Academy just like Miramax. Miramax might throw more money simply because it is a small studio trying to get its small films equally well-known.

Though the Academy Awards might seem to be way too serious for many, and they're really don't care what some old people think

about movies, just consider the fashion show of the Oscars. Some would argue that what the celebrities wear is even more important than what their achievements.

In one sense, this might hold up because dress styles of celebrities stay around for years, yet very few people remember what film won best screenplay three years ago.

Even if you watch the Oscars to check out the stylish fashions every year, see the added entertainment of new funny host Steve Martin, and see the occasional funny presenters (cross your fingers for Robin Williams), this often overly long ceremony can be fun.

So disregard your past displeasure for the so-called stuffy Oscars and throw in the towel for this year's.

Lastly, I will leave you my picks for this year in the top 6 categories:

Best picture = "Traffic." This realistic film does not hide the truth; instead, it displays the tragic drug issues in the world.

Best director = Steven Soderbergh. "Traffic." Aside from directing two of the best picture nominees, he agonized over every scene of "Traffic."

Best actor = Ed Harris. "Pollock." Acting in this film was a life long dream for him. He performed with more effort than his close competitors: Tom Hanks and Russell Crowe. (Harris also starred in "The Truman Show")

Best actress = Laura Linney. "You Can Count on Me." Her superior performance and emotional range reached far beyond the expectations in this film. (also starred in "The Truman Show")

Best supporting actress = Frances McDormand. "Almost Famous." Her experience far surpasses her, also nominated, inexperienced co-star competitor.

Best supporting actor = William Dafoe. "Shadow of a Vampire." His role within a role performance was exceptional and deserves nothing less than this award.

You don't have to agree with me, but watch the Oscars on March 25, to find out just how right or wrong I'll be.

-Joan Faulkner is a junior communication major.

Out with all the cars and in with the grass

Well, it happened. I have turned into my father, and I am only 19 years old.

Growing up, I never quite understood why my dad was so insistent that my friend's and I not riding our bikes on the lawn in front of my house.

Now, after living in Albert Norman Ward for a while, I am starting to see where he was coming from for all those years.

At first, I did not think too much of it. It only made sense that, on days when students are either moving in or out of their dorm rooms, that their would be some cars parked in the quad. It only makes sense: we are a generation of convenience, are we not?

After a while, though, I noticed that cars remained parked in the quad quite frequently, not really needing a special occasion.

Now, as any reader of *The Phoenix* knows, parking on this campus is often an "uphill" battle (yes, pun intended), but parking in the quad hardly seems to be an appropriate solution.

Interestingly enough, it is not even really the "parking" that causes the most problems, but rather what is left when the cars



Michael Wiles

are no longer parked. Most of the grass in the quad has been killed by all the automotive traffic, and, what more importantly, what grass has survived has been replaced by large, deep tire tracks.

This is not some "save the grass" campaign. It just really looks bad out there. Personally, I think that, for \$26,000, the students of WMC deserve a place to enjoy the weather and the company of their friends that does

not look like the home of a recent tractor pull.

With spring right around the corner, it is about time we start taking care of what open spaces are left in this world, or at least on this campus.

I am glad that our school is relaxed enough that students feel comfortable parking on, and driving through, campus, since that surely says good things about the atmosphere of WMC.

But, come on, let's all have a little respect for the school, and, for that matter, those that seek to enjoy what it has to offer.

Let's all stop driving our cars through the quad, and maybe the thing will heal itself in time, and become the campus gathering place I, among others, believe it should be.

Just something to think about. As I write this, there are some girls practicing field hockey out there, and, to me, that seems like a step in the right direction.

I just hope they do not dent my car while they are playing.

-Michael Wiles is a sophomore English major.

Student will receive pilot's license

PHILIP VOGT
Staff Writer

Time flies when you're, well, flying.

Just ask sophomore Jon Pearson, who is about a month away from receiving his pilot's license. Kind of makes your drivers license seem a lot less exciting, doesn't it?

Pearson, who began taking flying lessons at the Carroll County Regional Airport last year, currently has a student license and has logged nearly 50 hours in the cockpit, usually with an instructor, but also on approved solo flights.

"[People] never believe me when I tell them," Pearson says of the reaction he gets when others find out about it.

Case in point: Pearson, himself a member of the men's basketball team, recently flew to a town north of Philadelphia to attend a girl's road basketball game. The coaches, however, didn't believe he'd actually made the flight.

Fortunately, Pearson is not dis-

couraged by the disbelief of his peers. In fact, he would "definitely" recommend that anyone try it themselves, provided they have the time—and the money.

"The past two summers, all my money [from summer jobs] went into flying," Pearson admits, estimating that he's spent at least \$5000 so far on the lessons (roughly \$100 an hour with an instructor for 50 hours).

Additionally, the time constraint can be a bit restrictive. Pearson must juggle lessons with his classes as well as the basketball schedule.

Occasionally, he is forced to leave a class early in order to have a lesson. In those situations, he says he generally gets very strange looks from his professors, but that it's not a real problem.

The costs, both monetary and temporal, however, are well worth the feeling of flying. Pearson describes the feeling as "awesome," adding that his "first solo was amazing; sort of a rush. But now,

it's calm and quiet—sort of therapeutic."

In addition to the emotions, flying has other obvious benefits. After earning his license, for example, Pearson can rent a plane for roughly \$60 to \$90 per hour of engine use and fly to, say, Ocean City in about 45 minutes (again, that car of yours is looking pretty inadequate, isn't it?).

Pearson is now awaiting only the written test and the "check ride," similar to the driving test needed to get a regular driver's license. During this test run, Pearson will have to perform such ordinary tasks as holding a course and flying in pattern, as well as simulated engine failures and emergency landings.

His father, who had earned his pilot's license and would take him along on flights, introduced Pearson to flying as a child. Pearson hopes to take his license into the job market, however, perhaps in the field of law enforcement or as a commercial pilot.

Kathy and Mo bring laughter and critical issues to the WMC stage

On March 29 and 30, 2001 at 8:00pm in the evening, the Western Maryland College Theatre Department will present *The Kathy and Mo Show*, a series of twelve skits from the play originally titled "Parallel Lives: The Kathy and Mo Show."

The play, co-written by Mo Gaffney and "Veronica Closet"'s Kathy Najimy, is a delightfully amusing and brutally honest comedy about the lives of women and issues that relate to them, such as childbirth, menstruation, religion, dating, relationships, friendships, and sex, among many others.

The show is a two-character full-length play performed by two women who portray a plethora of characters, sometimes up to four each per skit. The comedy will be performed by seniors Erin Owen

and Martha Tudor, who have both graced the WMC stage many times in the shows "Little Shop of Horrors," "Lysistrata," "The Crucible," "Marat/Sade," and a multitude of others.

Both women are well known on the campus for their comedic personalities and excellent acting abilities, and their on-stage charisma and chemistry is evident throughout this show.

The show, though feminist in nature, is appealing to all age groups and genders, and may even shed some light on why women sometimes act and think the way they do.

From creating the world as if they were merely decorating a house to one discreetly requesting feminine protection from the other, they attack a multitude of tasks and

situations and always seem to get the job done...in their own special way.

"The Kathy and Mo Show" is sure to be a delightful play for adults (some language and material is not appropriate for a younger audience). Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at (410)857-2448, and the cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for WMC/students/seniors.

There will be two performances only, on March 29 and 30, 2001 at 8:00pm in the Alumni Hall Understage, so be sure to reserve your tickets early to see these two spectacular actresses shed some light on feminine issues and the wonderful (and often wacky) world of womanhood.

—Press Release by Brandi Crawford and the WMC Theatre Department.



COURTESY OF ERIN OWEN

Erin Owen (left) and Martha Tudor played "Kleonike" and "Lysistrata," respectively, in the Western Maryland College Theatre's production of "Lysistrata" last fall.

60 SECONDS

What is your dream Spring Break?

compiled by Brad Widner



"going scuba-diving in the Caribbean with Rico Suave."

Alicia Miller '03
Psychology

"Spending a week with friends drinking on the beach."



Kelly Norris '01
History



"Some place warm and relaxing, like Disney World."

Brooke Joseph '02
Social Work

"Going to Mexico to drink legally."



James Graham '04
Art



"Relaxing somewhere warm with the Cobras."

Courtney Jones '03
Exercise Science

"Going home to see family and friends and eat some Thai food."



Chi Sukosi '03
Music

AIDS Walk to raise money for local health department

KATE ESPOSITO
Senior Writer

Many new options have recently become available to improve the lives of people living with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), including new drug therapies and greater social acceptance. WMC students, however, are finding yet another way to fight the virus: with their feet.

On Sunday April 1, WMC will hold its first-ever AIDS walk through the streets of downtown Westminster. Beginning last fall, many small steps had to be taken to get the project up and running.

Senior Erin Owen came up with the idea for the walk in the spring of 2000 when she became the president of Aids Support Awareness and Prevention (ASAP), a group on campus that educates students and the community about being safe and protecting oneself from getting AIDS and other STDs. The group also works to break stereotypes and provide support for people living with the virus.

Owen decided that ASAP needed to do more in the way of support for people living with AIDS instead of focusing solely on prevention. She learned that over 300 people in Carroll County are currently infected with the disease.

So Owen contacted Bernice Culver of the Carroll County Health Department, who told her about the AIDS Fund of Carroll County (AFCC).

The AFCC is a division of the health department that provides support for people living with AIDS and HIV, including covering hospital stays, medication costs, and sometimes even rent, food, and clothing, if needed.

Thus, the idea for the walk was born. It

would be a good way to raise money for the AFCC and would also help educate the Carroll County community, bringing AIDS back into the forefront.

Owen, along with Mohindra Ramphal, treasurer of ASAP and co-coordinator of the event, began calling organizations in Maryland to find out what others had done to raise money to combat AIDS. "We called two [groups] who had done a walk before," Ramphal said.

From there they began looking through the yellow pages trying to find places to sponsor the event. Culver was invaluable during this process. "I really don't know the area or the kind of people that live in the area. I had no idea, but she helped me out," said Ramphal. At the beginning of the fall semester, the actual organization of the walk began. Owen, Ramphal, and other members of ASAP started contacting local businesses, asking for their support.

This was especially time consuming because, "in Carroll County you have to talk to the people [at businesses] personally; you can't just give them a call," said Ramphal. "You have to be a pretty good speaker to try to advocate what you're standing for or what you're trying to help the community understand and get involved in."

Around October of last year, another stu-

dent organization, Circle K, decided to get involved. Circle K is a community service organization affiliated with Kiwanis International.

"Since our membership has been low lately, we thought it would be good to help another organization out with something," said president Megan Martin. "The AIDS walk was also something we wanted to work on because AIDS research is in desperate need of funding."

So Circle K stepped in as co-sponsor of the walk and began sending mailings to potential sponsors and recruiting walkers.

Through the network of area Circle K clubs, Martin hopes to have a large turnout of members at the event.

"Circle K will be going out to other Circle K clubs in the area recruiting walkers and also asking for small donations," Martin said. "We will also be contacting our sponsoring Kiwanis Club and our local Key Club at Westminster High School for support."

Each person who walks will receive a shirt, along with food and entertainment provided after the walk itself. Some of the entertainment includes the band, Room 402, and a live DJ. The shirts, although not donated, were ordered at a discount and will only require \$3 of the \$20 registration fee.



Said Ramphal enthusiastically, "We don't really have to pay for anything except the shirts. If we can get about 500 walkers, that will be about six or seven thousand dollars for the AFCC."

Signing up walkers has now become the first priority, with the walk less than a month away.

Registration packets are being distributed throughout the community. These packets include a registration form, pledge form, and team registration form. Groups of six or more can walk at a discount; there is also a reduced rate of \$15 for students. They are looking to see a large turnout from the WMC community.

Although a lot of the expenses have been paid for through sponsorships, much of the proceeds will be raised through walkers' personal pledges. Along with the registration fee, they are asked to look for people to personally sponsor them, either through a certain dollar amount per mile or a general lump sum of as much as they can afford.

Ramphal noted the time commitment he has given to the walk over the last several months. "It's been a long process; it's like a full-time job you kind of pick up."

Martin confirmed Circle K's continued commitment. "We will be there on the day of the walk, setting up, cleaning up, and doing whatever needs to be done in between."

Although tired, Ramphal remains enthused and passionate about what he is doing. "It's a really good cause," he said. "Hopefully something good will come out of it."

For more information about the walk, such as specific times and how to register or volunteer, please contact Erin at x8235 or Mo at x8213.

Student will participate in Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day

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Features Editor

Everyone has a cause or two they believe in, and for one WMC student, the cause is the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day.

The Avon 3-Day is a 60-mile journey from Frederick, Maryland to Washington, DC and will span the weekend of May 4 through May 6, 2001, hence the name "3-Day."

Approximately 3000 people will be walking to raise money for the fight of breast cancer. The money raised will go towards non-profit breast health programs across the country as well as towards breast cancer medical research.

Breast cancer may not seem like such a big deal to some people, but it is a disease that affects over 180,000 new women and their families a year.

Over 40,000 of those infected women will die from the disease (American Cancer Society).

The student who believes in this cause and is doing everything she can: Mary-Kate Genova. Genova is a junior business-economics major from Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Genova was inspired to do this walk because it has touched her personally.

Both her mother and her father's mother have had the disease. Her grandmother died at the age of 41 (when Genova's father was only 16) and her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer this past September and has since undergone both surgery and chemotherapy.

She first heard about the walk when she was in her mother's hospital room after her surgery, and her aunt told her how she had



Mary-Kate Genova (left) and her mother, Meg, take a moment out of their busy training session to pose for the camera. In order to walk the 60 miles in May, the two have been training as much as possible.

done the Avon 3-Day in New York.

Genova researched the walk on the internet and registered almost immediately with the \$55 registration fee.

Genova found inspiration from more than just her family members.

"I have found that I am inspired daily by the generosity and kindness of both friends and complete strangers," she said.

She later added, "It is amazing to me to see how many lives have been affected by this awful disease. Their stories are my inspiration."

Several of Genova's family members will be joining her in the walk, and among them will be her mother.

To Genova, this is "just [another] reminder of her determination. She has handled this disease with more determina-

tion than I ever thought possible of a human being."

Genova is proud of her mother's courage and determination that she feels she will be well enough by May 4 to do the incredible walk of 60 miles.

Genova has promised herself to participate, by walking or volunteering, in one of the nine annual Avon 3-Days for as long as she is able to.

If it is not apparent already, Genova is highly serious and passionate about this cause. It is important to her for several reasons, and it shows.

Finding out her mother had been diagnosed with breast cancer made Genova realize how prevalent breast cancer is and she now wants to inform as many people about the disease as she can.

Also, her mother's diagnosis has "made [her] grateful for everything" that she has. She added that she has a "much greater appreciation for [her] friends and family."

"I never realized my mother's strength until recently. It was her courage that kept me from ever expecting anything but a positive outcome," said Genova.

Since she signed up, Genova has been busy raising money and training for this extraordinary event. Genova tries to walk between 15 and 25 miles a week in order to prepare for this walk.

About the training, Genova said it is "not at all difficult for me because I am doing it with a goal in mind."

She agreed to raise \$1,900 by the quickly approaching date of April 6th. So far, she has raised about \$500.

Without the help of friends and supporters, she would not have raised this money. But she is still a ways from her goal, so she still needs the help of generous people.

On campus, pledge forms can be found at the information desk. Also, Genova can be reached at 410-751-8253 for questions or form requests.

She asks that, because the deadline is so near, that donations be mailed directly to her, instead of to the address on the form.

The reason for this is that the money takes a while to show up in Genova's account with Avon, and if the \$1,900 goal is not met by day 1 of the walk, Genova must pay out of her own pocket.

However, she can take pledge money with her, and this is why she asks that donations be campus-mailed to her.

More information on breast cancer can be found at www.thebreastcancersite.com.

Unsung Hero: Dean Barb Horneff

TAMMI SLATER
Staff Writer

Her home and heart touches others in the same way the thirty-year old chair in her office does. Barbara Horneff, associate dean of the first-year program, brings her past and family tradition to her job in a way that it transforms those around her.

"The rocking chair is where I rocked my two sons and now where the students sit," she said. "I will begin to sit in it the day I retire from this job."

Horneff has been working at Western Maryland College for 18 years, first working as the Academic Dean for all students then switching to the position of first-year dean for the past six years. Glancing around her office one can easily see that her job goes beyond her office doors, which are smothered in greeting and thank you cards.

Autographed pictures, photographs of family and students, baskets overflowing with cards, and endless gifts from students speak volumes for the impact she has had on so many lives. "I am a person of meaning, of relationships, and of memories, therefore everything in my office is special to me," Horneff explained.

The recent publication of her cookbook, "Dinner Winners," reiterates the sacred personal reward her dinner invitations hold for an innumerable number of students. Awaiting an invitation to dinner is not an acknowledgment; it's simply something she does for the in-

dividual.

"There seems to be a certain sense of pleasure and community in sharing a meal that I have always taken great pride in," Horneff explains. This invitation holds a special meaning for her husband, Don, adjunct lecturer and brass ensemble director at WMC as well.

This hard-working educator



Dean Barbara Horneff was caught smiling that wonderfully familiar smile yet again.

BRAD WINNER

feels that she gains strength from students and learns from the obstacles they face. "Students at WMC are truly my extended family, and allowing them in my life is an invitation to soothe the soul," she said.

Horneff has been referred to often by students as their "second mom" or their "mom away from home."

Senior communication major Anne Butler agrees that Horneff fits this description all around campus. "She's raising everyone here in addition to her own two kids," Butler commented.

Sophomore transfer and bio-

ogy major Jennifer O'hara feels strongly that Horneff "really cares about the students, and how they are adjusting and getting along."

Horneff takes pride in being labeled "campus mom" for she feels it is a term of "endearment and respect."

However, she feels that she owes a great deal to her two sons, Eric and Grant, ages 30 and 29. "For allowing me to become this figure to others-to try it out on them first at home, and growing up, and then extend it to others."

Horneff thinks of herself as a role model, which she attributes to several special and key influential people in her life. However, she credits her mother for "modeling for me, what I do now."

She feels parenting and upbringing serve as a crucial element in character, and believes she was "born under a lucky star" in this regard. "I carry much of what I learned from my parents over to my students," Horneff said.

A picture hand sewn by her mom hangs directly above the thick, brown, wooden rocking chair complete with a padded seat cushion. It reads, "My day is complete, I saw a child laugh."

To this remarkable woman it is these little things - a mere laugh, or smile, which bring joy to the job she loves and feels forever grateful to hold.

However, students and faculty feel this is the smallest act of kindness and thanks they can give back to an individual who truly makes WMC a memorable, unified, and distinguished place to be.

Horoscopes for a fun and exciting break

LISA STANLEY
Staff Writer

Pisces (Feb 20- Mar 20) Hope you have that sunny pond reserved because there may not be any vacancies left when you get there. Your lucky break numbers: 3, 12, 16, and 24.

Aries (Mar 21- Apr 20) Take to the sky for your adventure, tempt fate and feel the adrenaline rush down your nerves. Your lucky break numbers: 4, 11, 16, and 24.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 21) The ocean may not be your thing, so don't forget the Poconos are right around the corner along with the Appalachian Trail. Your lucky break numbers: 5, 10, 16, and 24.

Gemini (May 22- June 21) Stick close to your twin this break and bonds beyond family ties will cement your relationship. But don't stick too close or an exciting opportunity will pass you by. Your lucky break numbers: 6, 9, 16, and 24.

Cancer (June 22- July 23) A week at the beach is what you deserve, but don't forget the sun-tan lotion so you won't get cooked just like a crab. Your lucky break numbers: 7, 13, 16, and 24.

Leo (July 24- Aug 23) Visit new territory this Spring Break, you'll enjoy the change in scenery. Your lucky break numbers: 8, 14, 16, and 24.

Virgo (Aug 24- Sep 23) Try to keep

your balance this Spring Break to stave off the feeling of vertigo. To do this reconnect with someone you feel bad about not being connected to anymore. Your lucky break numbers: 9, 15, 16, and 24.

Libra (Sep 24- Oct 23) Get in touch with your green thumb this Spring Break, so visit some gardens, feel the growing life and let it rejuvenate you. Your lucky break numbers: 8, 10, 16, and 24.

Scorpio (Oct 24- Nov 22) Watch your stinger this Spring Break. While you'll be having a lot of fun in an arid climate, be watchful that you don't inadvertently sting someone. Your lucky break numbers: 9, 11, 16, and 24.

Sagittarius (Nov 23- Dec 21) Warm weather is just what you need to get back on your feet again, or to get that stress out of your system. So this Spring Break just relax and enjoy all the time off. Your lucky break numbers: 2, 16, 17, and 24.

Capricorn (Dec 22- Jan 20) Try something new this break—something you've never done but always wanted to try. Remember that you are only this age once. Your lucky break numbers: 1, 16, 18, and 24.

Aquarius (Jan 21- Feb 19) Spring break has finally come, and it's time to get your collective groove on. So while your visiting an exotic lounge remember to bring your tempting humor with you. Your lucky numbers: 3, 7, 16, and 24.

Concert Review: A Perfect Circle

PHILIP VOGT
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American University's Bender Arena played host to "A Perfect Circle" March 3, the first headlining, major-venue stop in this area by the band best known, unfairly, as the side project of Maynard James Keenan, the front man of former heavy metal Grammy award winners "Tool."

The show, however, was another excellent step towards establishing the group, actually belonging to guitarist Billy Howerdel, as its own sovereign entity.

Following an earnest but largely under-appreciated set by opening act "Snake River Conspiracy" and an excruciatingly long set change, "A Perfect Circle" took the stage to a thunderous ovation from the nearly full house and proceeded to return a thunder of their own.

Playing a set that included all 12 tracks from their debut album, *Mer De Noms*, as well as a David Bowie cover and a somewhat controversial "Tape worm" track, Maynard and Co. put forth an irrefutable argument that "A Perfect Circle" should be judged on its own

merits, and that it's more than up to the challenge of proving that it is much more than "Tool" Jr.

In truth, the music differs considerably from that of "Tool," and the more melodic, emotional instruments provided an excellent backdrop for Keenan's dynamic, often extremely personal lyrics and vocal quality.

The performance was further enhanced by Keenan's sarcastic, between-song banter (much of which centered around his insistence that the show was merely an excuse to cover the true purpose: the recruitment of Amway distributors) and his creative costume change, which featured a pair of black hot-pants with multiple red and green flashing lights.

Musically, highlights included the band's first and heaviest single, "Judith," and the extended, remixed rendition of "Three Libras," clearly a crowd favorite.

Additionally, the previously mentioned "Tape worm" track drew an intrigued and appreciative response from much of the crowd.

The performance of the song, as yet unreleased track by a band consisting largely of current and

former members of "Nine Inch Nails" and featuring Keenan as a guest vocalist, had drawn a little flack from "NIN" front man Trent Reznor, who was upset that Keenan was performing the song in its unfinished state.

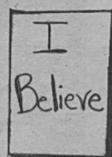
The show was flawed only in its brevity, as the set lasted only slightly over an hour and didn't feature an encore, leaving the audience a bit stumped and clearly craving more.

Additionally, the venue itself left much to be desired.

Located in the middle of the American University campus, which itself is located in the downtown D.C., the parking situation was an absolute embarrassment considering the size of the event.

Despite these few concerns, the show was phenomenally entertaining and musically well executed.

It was obvious in everything from the chemistry of the band to the smoothness of the songs that "A Perfect Circle" is not content to simply bank on the drawing power of Keenan and "Tool," but rather is capable of drawing and enthralling its own crowds on its own terms.



From Monday Night Football, to chewing tobacco - from true love, to the field hockey ball zipping into the top right corner of the cage, Western Maryland College students share what thrills them in this Phoenix column titled, "I Believe."

Each week learn more about your peers by reading what they believe in. Share what thrills you by sending in your own "I Believe" statement. Try to keep your statements to 100 words or less. Drop them off at the information desk in Decker and please put "For the Phoenix" across the top.

I believe in earning respect, 110% effort, chewing tobacco, the American flag, blood, sweat, and tears on a field, trash talking. I believe in fishing, hunting, Led Zeppelin, Hank Williams Jr. and Monday Night Football. I believe in the purity of the game, Ameri-

can muscle, Harley Davidson and in being true to yourself and others.

- Josh Yuosico

I believe in love, the kind that can only be felt when you have met that special someone. I believe in high fastballs, change-ups, and the perfect swing. I believe that everyone has a niche; they just have to find it. I believe that the Ford Mustang was the best American muscle car ever put through production. I believe in sex, speeding, pushing for that last rep, and never giving up. I believe the bench press is the best and most important lift in weightlifting. I believe in impressing people...striving for goals; and I believe that only good people truly succeed in life.

- Brad Porter

I believe in true love, happiness, God, and freedom of speech. I believe that the field hockey ball will go in that right top corner of the cage if I really want it to, and music keeps us sane. I believe in no regrets - only lessons, the soul, opinions, and the way you carry yourself. I believe in success.

- Kim Mathias

Ask Kitty: advice on important and pressing problems

CATHY KENDRICK
Staff Writer

There is no quick answer to any problem, but sometimes a question, problem, or situation might come up where you just have no idea what to do. Write a letter, send it to Kitty box 979, and maybe she can help you out. This may not professional counseling, but certainly a new way to look at your problems, and completely anonymous!

Hey Kitty,

I was reading the March issue of the *Phoenix* and saw the letter from Anonymous about her dilemma of coming out to her roommate. Been there, done that! I came out to my roommate in the fall - I had known her since freshman year.

It turned out, for me, to be the best thing I did.

I knew I wouldn't be able to explain girls calling me, or my alternative magazines, essentially I couldn't be the true me around her. She's been a huge help to me when it comes to crushes and parents and relationships - plus she is always there to listen.

I don't know the standing Anonymous has with her roommate, but I thought I'd offer this personal story with the personal advice of: If you say telling her (the roommate) won't make things get ugly, then go for it. But as Kitty mentioned, Allies is always open to new people - even if it is to send our ear about something!

Note from Kitty:

Thank you so much for sharing your story! So often I hear from people who feel so alone when dealing with a problem or a

situation.

I welcome anyone's comments or stories, it helps this column achieve the desired goal of presenting a safe forum for people who not only would like to look at their issues in a different way, but really need to know that there are people out there that can understand them. Thanks again!

Kitty,

I'm having problems with my friend. We've been close ever since we met three years ago, and we've never had major issues between us, little things maybe, but you know just like any other relationship.

Well, a couple months ago she started dating this guy and I was of course really glad for her. I mean it meant she had less time for us to hang out, but it was ok because she was really happy, you know.

Well, now it's getting really serious between them and that would be ok except now she has no other life but him. I think he's manipulating her because he seems to control when she can go out and how long. Every spare moment she needs to be with him or he needs her to be with him. I'm not jealous. I miss her, but I understand if she's in love.

The problem is she's losing all ties with the outside world and it would hurt me so much if some jerk is just messing with her head, which is what I really suspect. I have tried to talk to her about it a little, but I don't have the right words. I don't think they exist. She's an intelligent human being, but she's just blinded by this guy. What are my choices?

-At A Loss

Dear At A Loss,

There are some choices, but I don't know if you will like them or the results. One choice is to again try to talk to your friend and let her know you are worried about how serious she is getting with this guy.

I definitely wouldn't advise accusing this guy of "playing with her head," she may feel like you are attacking their relationship, and that may result in further alienating her from you.

Keep the lines of communication open, and let her know you are there to listen, help, support, etc. Another is telling her you miss her and would like to spend some alone time with her, she probably misses you too. I don't know exactly what you or she may be thinking, but she might think that you're the one who's busy, or maybe she has other things that are monopolizing her time. Like maybe she took up underwater basket weaving five days a week and forgot to tell you. (It could happen!)

Also you have to be prepared for the possibility that even after trying out any of these things, nothing may work out the way you want them too. Most importantly, just be there for her. If things get as bad as you seem to suspect they might, then she's really going to need a friend at the end of it.

Dear Kit-Cat,

I just moved on campus and my parents won't leave me alone. They call me all the time and always ask what I'm doing. Ok, so maybe I haven't always been the model student, but give me a **** in break, I'm in college right? Who knows maybe I've changed.

-Rebellious in the past

Dear Rebellious in the Past,

You do seem frustrated, but maybe you should give them a break too. Possibly they just worry about you or miss you. Don't assume they call you only because they don't trust you.

Why don't you talk to them and let them know how you feel? (In a nice way.) Remind them that you're in college now (and that you're an adult) and you need some more space.

If they don't understand, well, perhaps with time they'll get used to you not being home as much or needing more space.

And if you think your parents don't trust you, then show them how responsible you can be.

Use good judgment, be mature, and share the things you've learned with them, they may see that you have changed and respect that or at least the fact that you're making an effort.

Dear Kitty,

My idiot roommate snuck a pet on campus and keeps it under his bed. It's some sort of rodent and it stinks!

I told him to get rid of it or else. It is now February and the damn fur-ball is still living under my roommate's bed.

I'm debating whether to kill it, my roommate, or just turn him in. I guess I won't kill anything because I'm a pacifist, so that leaves turning him in.

Do you think I should do it?
-Stinky Room Hater

Dear Stinky Room Hater,
Yes.

Sharkey & Sorenson to bike cross-country

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Staff Writer

"Who doesn't know what I'm talking about? Who's never left home? Who's never struck out?" So begins the Dixie Chicks' hit song, "Wide Open Spaces," an anthem for following one's dreams. Two WMC students will be expressing the spirit of this song as they journey cross-country with nothing but bicycles and campgear.

The great outdoors. The unknown. The road less traveled. These will be home to juniors Steve Sharkey and Shelley Sorenson starting on or about May 20, when they will embark from Ocean City, Maryland on a fifty-day biking trip designed to provide new sights and faces for them, and a windfall for Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

"Steve and I like doing crazy adventure stuff," explained Sorenson, "especially when it's outside. So we were thinking what to do, and Steve actually suggested we ride cross-country, and it became a reality. We've been planning it since September."

Sharkey, who is currently president of the WMC Student Government Association, added, "Shelley's really done all the organizing and everything... I guess I got the idea, but mainly because I saw someone else doing it, and I thought, 'hey, that's cool.'"

To do more with their trip than simply log 3000 miles, the couple has decided to solicit sponsorship, to raise funding for JHCC. Said Sorenson, "we don't want this just to be us biking. We want this to be a community thing. So, we're getting donations, like sponsorships, from organizations ranging from small businesses to large corporations." Of the latter, she said, "we have about three who are interested in sponsor-

ing us."

The route will not, according to both Sharkey and Sorenson, include any particular destinations. The object of the trip, they say in almost exact duplication of each others' comments, is to "see what we see, and meet new, different people."

Added Sharkey, "it's about nature, and the excitement of doing something different, seeing cool different places, new people.... what-

will go towards research and improvement of the facility, she explained, "though we'd like to take some of the money before we handed it over and buy some new toys for the hospital for the kids to enjoy while they're there."

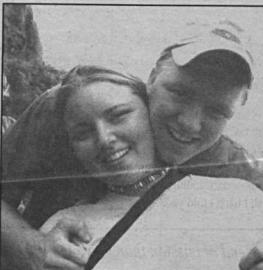
Sorenson noted that her relationship with Sharkey has been characterized by their mutual thrill-seeking. "Our backgrounds give us the urge to live every day - why not do the things you can while you can? And we really enjoy the outdoor, adventure-type stuff that makes people say 'wow, cool idea... I wish I could just up and do that.'"

One of the first things the couple ever did, in fact, was a complete surprise to Sorenson. "Steve told me to be ready at a certain time, with a bathing suit, a towel, shoes, [and a few other things], and to meet him here. He totally surprised me and we went cliff-diving." This would not be the last such adventure.

The one taking place this summer will be the most intense of any they've done, though, as both expressed. Sharkey and Sorenson will be biking by day, stopping mainly to eat along the way and sleep by night in tents they'll carry with them and set up in the parks they've determined to stop in.

"It'll be great," commented Sorenson exuberantly, "I want to see the beautiful sights, to see, talk to all types of people. And we'll get to, because we'll be traveling through all sorts of regions - the richest and the poorest. It'll be fascinating to see different regions," and all the more gratifying to do so for a great cause.

Both Sorenson and Sharkey encourage any members of the WMC community interested in getting involved with their Cross-Country trip to raise money for JHCC to please contact either of them.



COURTESY OF SHELLEY SORENSON
Shelley and Steve pose for the camera on one of their many outings together.

ever we come across is what I want to see." The charitable portion of the endeavor, once the rest was decided, fell naturally into place. "JHCC does a lot of good for kids," commented Sorenson of the institution's reputation. "It sucks to be in the hospital, especially when you're a kid. And we definitely wanted to do something for children. So we went there, and toured the hospital, and we were completely impressed."

The funds raised, mainly flat donations by those who choose to support the effort,

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108

Thursday, April 5
Physical Comedian
Harley Newman
9:00 pm, Forum

Wednesday, April 11
Movie: "Rules of
Engagement"
8:30 pm, Hill, Rm 108

Lamentations of a Maryland basketball fan

Craig Johnson discusses March Madness and the Terps' futility in the big dance.

It's that time of year again. The month of March. Lots of wind, St. Patrick's Day, and most importantly, March Madness.

For those not familiar with March Madness, it's the NCAA Division I men's college basketball tournament. 64 teams, virtual

They have the talent, they have the athleticism. What could possibly go wrong?

And every year they fall hopelessly, agonizingly short of those expectations.

I fill out my brackets for the basketball pool, and with a proud gleam in my eye, put Maryland as going deep into the tournament. And then they lose early. I throw things at the wall, and life goes on. It has become sort of an annual

ritual.

First it was the Joe Smith era. He was supposed to be the star to take the Terps to the promised land. But they never made it past the Sweet 16. Smith left college early, and that was that.

Then came the next big thing to hit College Park; Steve Francis.

A transfer with a game like he was from another planet. Surely he would be the answer to their prayers. Once again, the Terps

stars.

In the past, the livelihood of the Terps has depended upon a single individual.

One big name, and four other guys. But this squad is different. There is still no doubt an immense amount of talent there. Yet no one is stealing the headlines. Every game there are a number of players who can step up and lead the team to victory.

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around-the-clock coverage, and an awful lot of drama. To put it simply, it's the basketball equivalent of heaven.

This used to be one of my favorite times of the year. Wake up in the morning, there's basketball on TV.

Come home from school, more basketball.

Stay up late at night doing work while...you guessed it, watching basketball.

But then something happened to me. I was born in Maryland, and I have lived here all my life.

Both of my parents went to the University of Maryland. So,

whether I wanted it to happen or not, I did it. I became a devoted Terps fan.

Now this doesn't sound like that big of an issue. There's nothing wrong with rooting for the home team. What is the problem? Well, for anyone out there who has followed the Maryland basketball team at all, you know the source of my pain.

Every year, the expectations going into the tournament are huge. This is gonna be the year that they break through.

This is going to be the year they live up to the hype and make it to the Final Four.

bailed out in the round of 16. And once again, the star left for the pro career.

Well, you would think after all this heartbreak, all the wondering what could have been, I would have learned my lesson by now. But I'm not giving up.

The Terps are on a roll right now heading into the ACC tournament, and like so many poor fools in the past have said, "This is gonna be the year."

Now, I am probably setting myself up for yet another disappointment, but I have a funny feeling things are gonna take a turn for the better. The reason: there are no real

son of ups and downs for Maryland and their faithful fans. There was the 1-3 start. Then there was the devastating home loss to Duke in the final minute (which actually gave me nightmares).

But now, everything seems to be coming together at the right time. Recent wins over Duke and Virginia have expectations soaring once again.

So in a week or so, when I go to fill out my tournament brackets, I'll look down at that paper, and with that proud gleam in my eye, pencil Maryland into the Final Four. Just remember...pencils always have erasers.

GREEN TERROR

Schedule

Track and Field
Washington & Lee
Invitational
March 17th
@Lexington, Va

Twilight Relay Meet
March 27th
@WMC

Baseball
vs Dickinson
March 27th
3:00 PM

Women's Lacrosse
@Dickinson
March 27th
4:00 PM



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Ask the Question Marquis

Q: Dear Question Marquis: My sister's boyfriend broke up with her over a year ago. But his voice is still on her answering machine. Should I tell her how pathetic this is? - Stephen in Annapolis

A: My advice here is going like this: It is not a problem, it is an opportunity. There is no truer friend of passion than the vulnerable rejected lover. You must simply play your cards correctly. I recommend a subtle approach to win her trust. Perhaps you can tell her about Questia. About how much more free time she will have when she's writing research papers if she does the research online. Free time that the two of you could use to, je ne sais pas, get to know each other better? If you know what I...wait...you said your sister's boyfriend? This is a terrible misunderstanding. I have got to stop skimming these questions.

Q: Dear Question Marquis: I am very interested in Questia. Could you please give me some more information about its exciting features? - TW in Houston

A: Zut alors! I think my employer has slipped this one in. But just by chance this is not how the case is, I will answer it briefly. Questia will have an extensive scholarly collection, and the full text of each book and journal article is all online. You just enter your topic and then you can instantly search through my book...And many of the author's own sources are, how you say, "hyperlinked." So you can follow the writer's train of thought, if you like. Also, quotes, footnotes and bibliographies are all done automatically. And, in a few months, Questia can be used to more efficiently groom racehorses. Or such is my understanding. That may be confidential information; so don't go gossiping it about like a bunch of Montesquieu's concubines. Now I wish I hadn't told you.

*"There is no truer friend of passion than the vulnerable rejected lover.
You simply must play your cards correctly."*

Q: Dear Question Marquis: Well...why did you tell us? In both of your answers, you could have corrected your mistakes by using the delete key.

A: In life, there is no such thing as a delete key. Q.E.D., there is no delete key for writing my column. What's done is done, what's said is said. Vive moi! (Long live me!)

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Baseball 2001 preview: Who will be on top in the NL?

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Well, it is March, and that means that towns such as Clearwater, Vero Beach, Mesa, Tuscon, Bradenton, and Dunedin are the center of the baseball world right now. That's right, spring training is underway. After a busy winter of trading and free agency signings, who are this season's strong teams leading the pack in the National League?

In the NL East, I predict a changing of the guard with the Mets edging out the Braves for top honors.

The Mets come into the 2001 season boasting a strong offensive threat once again. Mike Piazza is the best offensive catcher in the game today (even though his defensive game is lacking).

Expect Piazza to see some time at first base in the near future, especially if something happens to Todd Zeile. Robin Ventura is a perennial Gold-Glove award winner at the hot corner, along with being a strong left-handed batter.

Meanwhile, in second baseman Edgardo Alfonzo, the Mets have one of the most complete players in the game today. Their stable of outfielders is a little suspect right now, however, there is a good chance that will add potent power hitter Gary Sheffield to the mix. Meanwhile, Jay Payton was promising last season, hitting .290 with 17 homers and 62 RBIs.

However, they need to find a better lead-off hitter than Benny Agbayani, who appears to be the number one candidate for this slot. The leadoff hitter is key in setting the table for the rest of the offense. Maybe some options will open up for them as the season goes on. The Braves have a strong bullpen from their minor league system, or maybe a trade with another team.

Their pitching staff has been knocked down a peg with the loss of Mike Hampton, but they still have Al Leiter, Rick Reed, and Glendon Rusch along with newcomers Kevin Appier and Steve Trachsel.

Backing them up, Bobby Valentine has the luxury of one of the best bullpens of the game.

In the NL Central, the best bet for first place are the Cardinals. The Cards boast a still potent offense with Mark McGwire as its centerpiece. Will McGwire be felled by back or other injuries as he was last season?

If he is, the Cardinals better think of a plan B as they did last year when they acquired Will Clark from the Orioles. He is

definitely vital for their chances.

If McGwire is healthy, and as long as left-handed hitting Jim Edmonds can continue the success he had last season, and JD Drew and Fernando Vina can provide some punch, the Cards should be successful offensively this season.

If things fall into place, St. Louis should not need much offense though. That is because their pitching rotation contains Ryl Kile, Andy Benes, Dustin Hermanson, Dick Ankiel, and Matt Morris.

Benes and Kile and Hermanson have been consistent performers for a number of years, while Ankiel has showed a great deal of promise while battling mechanical problems (while being a good hitter to boot). Morris has returned to full strength after having surgery in '99.

Beyond these pitchers, the Cards also possess 16 game winner Garrett Stephenson, who will be on the shelf with injuries for awhile, but could return later on, and Alan Benes, who is not quite full strength yet.

Nevertheless, while there are many teams in the NL Central, I do not foresee any of the other five teams being able to challenge the Cards. None of them are deep or confident enough.

If the Astros regain their composure after faltering in 2000, they might supply some pressure.

Out west, the leading team in 2001 should be the Rockies.

Over the past two seasons, they have greatly revamped their team from a slow, but powerful team built around the likes of Vinny Castilla and Dante Bichette, to a quick, good fielding, scrappy team with a surprising amount of power. At first base, they possess Todd Helton, a true all-around hitter. Last season his batting average was hovering around .400 until it finally dropped to an impressive .372. They also have stellar right fielder Larry Walker, who is returning from an injury riddled season, promising second baseman Todd Walker, and third baseman Jeff Cirillo.

In the off season, the Rockies have also upgraded their starting rotation by adding Mike Hampton and Denny Neagle.

It will be interesting to see how the two handle pitching half of their games in Coors Field. If they can survive and allow their offense to keep them in games they should be in good shape. It is also important that they do not let their high ERAs at Coors hurt

their confidence away from the Mile High City. It will be imperative that they pitch well when they visit their NL West opponents, where they will have to face off against the likes of Kevin Brown, Chan Ho Park, Randy Johnson, Curt Schilling, Livan Hernandez and Shawn Estes.

While these three teams are my choices to win their respective divisions, there is still a heated race for the wild card spot. Conceivably, I would say that there are 8 teams out there that could obtain the wild card berth, I would like to choose two best bets: the Atlanta Braves and the San Francisco Giants.

The Braves have been major players in every baseball season since they pulled out a worst-to-first pennant run in 1991. Throughout the '90s they have been able to put together a slew of championship caliber teams, and this season is no different. However, I sense that the Braves are on the downturn.

They still have a dominating pitching staff consisting of Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine. But what about the pitchers beyond them. Will John Smoltz be able to return to his previous form after Tommy John surgery?

Which Kevin Millwood will show this year, the one who had a 10-13 record with 4.66 ERA in 2000 or the pitcher that was 18-7 with a 2.68 ERA in 1999? If Millwood can return to this form, the Braves will cause major problems for the Mets. If he does not, the Braves better shop for another starter if they want the NL East crown.

Another problem is that the Braves have lost some of their offensive punch.

Their marquee hitter is the switch hitting Chipper Jones, who can be counted on to hit over .300 with 120 RBI and 30+ homers each season. They also have solid bats in Javy Lopez, Andrew Jones and Brian Jordan along with promising shortstop Rafael Furcal.

However, they are suspect at a number of other positions, namely first base. They lost Andres Galaraga to the Rangers in the off-season, and now have the trio of Rico Brogna, George Lombard and BJ Surhoff vying for the job.

Unless one of these three step up, the Braves will have a sore spot to deal with.

Furthermore, they will have to figure out what they will do at second base.

Right now, Mark DeRosa is their leading candidate after having an impressive winter league performance. Will he be able to fill this spot for the Braves?

Nevertheless, you can never count out the Braves in the postseason. The talent level of this team is easily good enough to make waves in the postseason, and wily manager Bobby Cox will certainly have them prepared to do so.

Out west, the Giants have a very balanced team, with power hitting, speed and solid pitching, both in the starting rotation and in the bullpen.

At the plate, their biggest threats include, Barry Bonds, Jeff Kent, JT Snow and Eric Davis all of whom are well rounded hitters. Beyond them, center fielder Marvin Bernard shows a great deal of speed from the leadoff slot and Rich Aurilia is a strong fielder with some offensive punch. The major problem with the Giants is that they are relying on some older offensive talent to carry the weight of their team.

While Barry Bonds was back to his MVP form last season, will he be able to keep going at that pace?

On the hill, the Giants have a strong bullpen consisting of closer Robb Nen, and setup men Felix Rodriguez, Alan Embree, Tim Worrell and John Johnston.

This is definitely a luxury for manager Dusty Baker, but he may not have to call on them often with the strong rotation of Livan Hernandez, Shawn Estes, Russ Ortiz, Kirk Reuter and Mark Gardner.

However, the Giants will have to prove themselves in the most difficult division in the NL, possibly even in Major League Baseball. Nevertheless, look for the Giants to be a main competitor for the wild card and NL West crown.

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Who holds the MLB single season grand slam record?

Answer: Don Mattingly with six

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The Sideline View: A lesson in trying new sports

Jeff Grever discusses his new found interest in hockey, along with the future of Mark McGwire

Hockey Sucks. Who wants to watch a bunch of barbarian jocks who are missing teeth skate around and try to score a goal for 60 minutes? Besides, who wants to watch a game for that long when it could end up in a tie? That is a complete waste of time.

This is what I thought when my friends first asked me to go to a Philadelphia Phantoms minor league hockey game last month. But I figured why not give it a chance because, like they say, "You should try everything once."

When we got to the game we asked one of the fans of the opposing team who the Phantoms, the Flyers' farm team, were playing. The Portland Pirates, who are the Capitals' farm team, were scheduled for that afternoon. So immediately I was pleased that a home team was being represented in the game, so we decided to root for them.

During the game I found myself really involved with what was going on in front of me. I was

pleasantly surprised with the amount of action and suspense involved in a hockey game. Everyone said that the fights are the best part of a game, but I enjoyed the game even though there weren't any fights at all.

To my surprise there was a great deal of strategy involved, of which I was not aware. Hockey players must be in incredible shape to remain competitive throughout the game, and they also must be very smart on the ice to produce scoring opportunities. Trying to complete a pass through the defense on the ice is much more difficult than it looks.

Just going to a hockey game didn't seem like enough to change my perspective on the sport; evidently, that was far from the truth.

Finding a favorite team...

So what have I learned about my newfound interest in hockey? I learned that in order for me to be a true hockey fan, I would have to pick a favorite team to support. I was able to narrow my search down to St. Louis and Pittsburgh. In looking for a team to follow, starting in St. Louis, the city of my favorite baseball team, seemed like

a good idea. The Blues are one point behind in the Central Division of the Western Conference, and finding a good team is a nice place to start.

But in deciding on a favorite team, the amazing statistics and

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story behind famous Mario Lemieux cannot be ignored. Lemieux started in the middle of the season and has managed to set a pace that would put him at the top of the leader board in many of offensive statistical categories had he begun at the start of the season. He has played in 31 games and has earned 55 points compared to his league leading teammate Jaromir Jagr's 68 games played and 100 points. He has been able to main-

tain a very high shot percentage at 21.7%, which is also higher than all of the league leaders. Keeping Lemieux's comeback from Hodgkin's Disease and his absence from the game for several years in mind, his immediate superstar impact is quite remarkable.

Although Lemieux is indeed a very impressive athlete, his team is not as impressive. And since the objective was to find a favorite team, the Penguins don't compare to the success of the Blues, who are 12 points ahead of Pittsburgh. Staying loyal to the city of St. Louis was also important in finding a team to follow on a regular basis. Go Blues!

While on St. Louis...

Should the Cardinals have signed McGwire to a \$30 million dollar contract extension when he is still having problems with his knee? I am not sure that he is worth the risk considering his penchant for injuries throughout the course of his career.

The single season home run champion received \$30 million for a two-year contract extension. It has been reported that McGwire is still having problems with the in-

jury that took him out of the majority of the second half of the 2000 season. During the earlier years of his career, he was frequently hampered by injuries that forced him to miss a substantial amount of playing time.

Even though he has spent much of the last few seasons in good health, excluding 2000, it seems as though he may be reacquiring himself with the disabled list. The Cardinals made it far into the playoffs without him, and they should use that money in a more efficient way. McGwire's contract should have been reevaluated when it was much closer to expiration.

When a team is one step away from the World Series they should probably look into improving their weak areas, which recently has seemed to be starting pitchers. Finding a replacement for former Cy Young award winner Pat Hentgen is a difficult task to accomplish.

The Cardinals organization has a positive outlook on McGwire's status for the 2001 baseball season, but he has yet to show that he is capable of returning to his record setting form.

Men's Lacrosse starts out of the gates fast with a 3-0 record

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Staff Writer

Early spring is always an exciting time for spring athletes. However, this spring is particularly enticing for both fans and players of the WMC Men's Lacrosse team. The squad is coming off of a school record-tying 11 win season. This comes after winning only ten games the two previous seasons combined.

The Terror's goals are set even higher this year. Head Coach Keith Reitenbach said, "The conference title is our number one goal." A goal that could see fruition this year for the first time in WMC history.

This season also marks a first for The Green Terror. After the players met a challenge of both

three games.

The Terror defeated Villa Julie 23-8, then rallied to beat Cabrini 17-11. This past weekend The Green Terror thumped Widener 15-6.

Based on the caliber of returning stars for The Terror, the 3-0 start is not a surprise.

Second Team All-Conference Joe Ellis, two time WMC scoring leader Tom Brown, and honorable mention All-American Brett Sweeney are the same attack unit that was 10th in the nation last year in scoring offense.

Midfielder Dave Riley returns as the teams only two year captain during Coach Reitenbach's tenure to lead a fairly solid midfield core. Junior Michael Coleman, sopho-

re is a returning starter. Senior Vince Hackler, Junior Steve Mason, and Junior Scott Armstrong do return with some playing experience from the previous season.

All of these players have contributed to the fast paced 3-0 start. The most recent of the three victories was a road win over Widener. The Terror had a bit of revenge on their mind going into this contest, because Widener has defeated WMC the past two seasons. Brown led the offensive attack with five goals, and Ellis posted three. Nottingham also recorded 15 saves and only gave up 6 goals. The Terror were scheduled to host Cabrini last Tuesday, but rain forced the game to be pushed back a day and be moved to a more weather

Baseball team heads to Florida for a busy spring break slate

GREG LEDERER
Assistant Sports Editor

As spring rolls around, it is time for another spring break for college students. Traditionally, thousands of college students flock to the beaches of Florida and Cancun for fun and parties over

"Going to Florida is great because it is nice to go somewhere warm for spring break."

-Dave Roberts

their vacation. For the Western Maryland College baseball team, it is just another day at the office.

Over the break, the Green Terror will travel down to Cocoa Beach, Florida for a time game slate to begin their season. "Going to Florida is great because it is nice to go somewhere warm for spring break," says sophomore pitcher Dave Roberts.

While many students party or take the break to rest from the college scene, the team is hard at work. "We have doubleheaders almost every day so we are very busy down there," says sophomore first baseman Todd Huber.

A typical day for the team begins with a 6:30 am wake up call, followed by a team breakfast. "The place is pretty crummy, the food is worse than Glam," jokes senior designated hitter Paul Oakes. The team then usually plays a doubleheader every day and find their nights are free day

other activities. "We sit in our rooms and play cards and stuff," says Roberts. Despite their busy schedule, the team does get one day off. "We get to go down to Cocoa Beach and just relax for a day," says Oakes. "It's a great experience for

the team."

Despite the distractions, the team is very focused to play well and start the season off on a good note. Hopefully, the team can build upon a hot start down south, in pursuit of a very successful 2001 campaign.

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"Lacrosse is sport where every team that has a great year has a great goalie..."

-Coach Reitenbach

good behavior and undefeated play during last year's spring break trip to Virginia Beach. The Green Terror are headed for a week in sunny Florida for this year's spring break.

On top of everything else that makes this particular season seem exciting, fans and opponents of WMC know that watching WMC play is always fun, no matter how good the team is. That is the way Reitenbach coaches. "We try and play the game the way it's meant to be played. Aggressive D(efense), ball movement on O(ffense), all players are a threat, to score." The excitement has carried over early in the season for the Terror, as they have won their first

more Alex Tolj, and freshmen Jeremy Freed and Pete Schaffer are all expected to help balance out the position.

Junior returning starter Brian Nottingham ensures high level play at the Goalie position. Being the team's only goalie last year, Nottingham played every game and providing plenty of experience. Reitenbach has faith in his goalie. "Lacrosse is sport where every year that has a great year has a great goalie [Nottingham] comes from a lacrosse background. The young defense will depend on him." The potential weakness of the team is the limited experience of the defense. Junior Jason Wiles

friendly turf field. The Team borrowed Loyola's field in Baltimore for their "home" game.

Ellis was the offensive leader this game with four goals and four assists. Brown added four goals and two assists.

Nottingham, who had 11 saves, spoke of the momentum of the team after this game. "We actually feel good. We're just getting better and better."

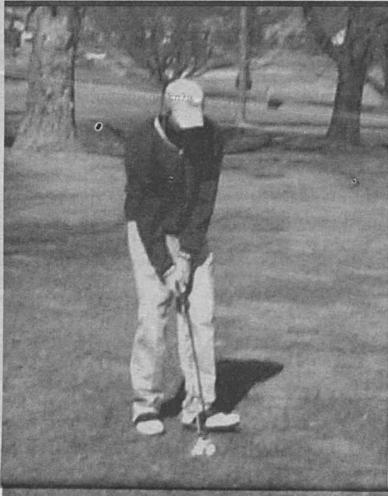
The opener for The Terror was a 23-8 whipping of Villa Julie. Sweeney was the man in this contest with eight goals and three assists. Ellis had seven goals, and midfielders Riley and Tolj each contributed a goal and an assist.

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MATT HURFF
Sophomore golfer Omar Patrick Pulliam works on his chip shot on the 1st green of the Western Maryland College Golf Course.

Golf building for championship

JEFF GREVER
Staff Writer

The men's and women's golf teams definitely have their work cut out for them.

Both of the golf teams face adversity entering the spring 2001 season.

Following a disappointing fall season, the men's team is looking to re-establish their reputation as one of the elite programs in Division III golf.

The Terror has made the tournament in five of the past ten years. Entering the spring season as an unranked team will make it difficult to repeat this success.

"Our main goal is to win the Centennial Conference championship," says head coach Scott Moyer, "since making the national tournament is unlikely."

According to Moyer, there is a crop of new talent coming in next year that hopefully will help the team reach the next level. His goal for this season, then, is to begin to improve the quality of play in order to make the national championship in 2002.

Missouri, the site of the Division III tournament this year, is the ultimate goal. But the road to get there begins with the Jekyll Island Tournament at Williams College in Georgia. Senior captain Matt Lender is one of the six players who will represent the team at this event.

"Even though we didn't play up to our capability in the fall, we [the

"Our main goal is to win the Centennial Conference Championship..."

-Coach Scott Moyer

players] believe we can get to Missouri," he says.

Lender is a strong believer in striving to achieve team success before individual success. Last season, the Terror demonstrated this unity by coming back from a nine-shot deficit in the first round to capture the Centennial Conference championship.

This victory earned the entire team a place in the Western Maryland Hall of Champions last spring. "It was an experience I'll never forget," said sophomore Patrick Pulliam.

For the women's team, there are no lofty expectations to live up to, since this is the first year the Centennial Conference has had women's golf recognized by the NCAA.

The women face an uphill battle due to inexperience and a lack of players.

Head Coach Michael Diehl feels that, "Our women will be as good as the men within a few years."

This expectation may be justified due to the fact that WMC has two highly regarded golf professionals directing their recruitment efforts.

The first challenge the women will face is the Dickinson Invitational on March 28th at the Mayapple Golf Links.

Senior Jill Ibeh, and sophomores Julia Richardson and Stacey Roach will be representing the women in Carlisle, PA.

Solid Winter Track season predicts big things for Spring

MARCUS HELTON
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland College Track team is preparing to begin its outdoor season, and they should be confident after their strong finish to the indoor season. At the Centennial Conference Championships, the Green Terror women took second, while the men took fifth. "We only took 13 men to the conference championship," Coach Doug Renner said, "and we were only ten points out of third, so it was a pretty good effort on the guys part. As for the women, we're getting closer and closer to winning this thing. I think we've got a real shot outdoors."

One of the women who will be attempting to move the Green Terror into first is senior sprinter Jamie Falcone.

Falcone set individual records in the 55 and 200 meters and was part of the 4X200 team (along with April Brown, Thea Bayly, and Melissa Merson) that set a conference record with a time of 1:46.24. Falcone automatically qualified for the NCAA Indoor Track Championships in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. "She'll probably be an All-American indoors," Renner said. In ad-

dition, Diana Pool and Jill Krebs finished second and third, respectively, in the 3,000 meters, and Sophomore Christine Johnson's jump of 16'5 3/4" won her a gold medal in the long jump.

"We're excited about the women's chances outdoors," Renner said. "We have strong sprinters, distance runners and good hurdlers, it's pretty much a complete team on the women's side, and we're getting there on the guy's side."

Helping the men to get there is junior shot putter David Hose, who has never lost a shot put competition. In three competitions since transferring from Hagerstown Community College, Hose has three gold medals. Sophomore Ifeanyi Ani won his second consecutive gold medal in the long jump with a jump of 21'11", and the men's 4x400 meter relay team won a bronze medal and set a school record of 3:31.64 despite having only one true 400 runner, Christian Hamilton. (Freshmen Calvin Woodward and David Maskeroni were moved down from the 800, with senior Jeff Groff, a decathlete, rounding out the squad). Groff also took bronze in

the 55 meters, with a time of 8.18.

Coach Renner believes the men have a chance to succeed in the upcoming season, although the competition will be formidable.

"If you look at the dynamics of the conference, a team like Haverford is so strong in the middle distance events, you have to beat up on them in the field events and sprints and hope someone else takes away some of their distance points. We'll be a much stronger team outdoors with more athletes joining the team. I think we'll do no worse than third outdoors, maybe even second." Renner added that he envisions the team having six men and eight to ten women qualifying for the National Championships.

The Green Terror will head into their first meet on March 17 at the Washington and Lee Invitational in Lexington, Virginia.

The first home meet will be March 27. The mission will be to improve on last year's outdoor finish, where the men took third and the women fourth.

And with the talent spread throughout this year's team, that mission may very likely be successful.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Pictured above is Terror Shortstop Mike Wolfe. Their first game against Lincoln University on March 10th was cancelled due to rain. Read page 15 to see what the teams plans are for Florida over spring break.



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A celebration of music on the hill in Levine

BRANDI CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

The day after the inauguration of new President Joan DeHaven Coley, Sunday, April 22, the Hill will still be alive with the sound of music. In honor of this memorable occasion, the music department will be lending a hand, and several voices, to welcome our new president and to dedicate our new music building, Levine Hall.

The celebration is on behalf of the new section of Levine Hall and all of the renovations in the older part of the building, as well as to celebrate the music department's growth, said Margaret Boudreaux, chair of the music department.

The celebration kicks off at 3 p.m. in Big Baker Memorial Chapel. Gracing the stage with their presence will be several WMC ensembles, including the Flute Choir, College Choir, and Gospel Choir.

Listeners will also be delighted by WMC faculty including Dr. David Kreider and Don Horneff if they amaze the crowd with their stunning piano duets, Eric Byrd's

skillful tickling of the ivories, and Ted Dix's accomplished organ playing.

Boudreaux said that at one point in the program, the College Choir and Gospel Choir will combine into one choral mass to raise their voices in the "Hallelujah Chorus," where alumni are encouraged to join them and sing along.

The College Choir will also be singing a piece commissioned solely for this event by Baltimore composer

Lorraine Whittlesby. Here the choir will premiere the piece "Sing a New Song," which is taken from the Book of Psalms in the Bible.

This should be very appropriate, considering the changes and new beginning that we are approaching with this upcoming weekend, noted Boudreaux.

For those who cannot wait until inauguration weekend, Whittlesby will be presenting a lecture and concert on Tuesday, April 17.)

This weekend is not only a celebration of the present, it is also the music department's celebration of the past, as well as the future, as the department has grown significantly in the last few years.

"Celebration of music on the hill is a recognition of the growth

and accomplishments that has taken place in the music department in the last decade. It's really great to sit back and watch our accomplishments and celebrate them," said Boudreaux.

Within the last eleven years, the music department has grown by leaps and bounds. Having only one major in 1989, the department now has over thirty students who major in music, music history, music theory and composition, and or music-theatre.

Boudreaux said that there are also now well over twenty performance ensembles, from the singing Madrigals to the Percussion Ensemble, compared to the four groups the college had in 1989.

Private lessons are available to students in 23 different instruments, and approximately a dozen classes are offered by the department each semester, teaching performance techniques, history, and theory, as well as current topics in music, such as Dr. Armstrong's upcoming class "Rap Music."

But, the music department does not only affect majors. Well over a

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT
Part of "old" Levine. This section was also renovated to accommodate its students.

Greek housing decisions not too popular

JACKIE LEAZER
Staff Writer

At least two fraternities were sanctioned for the next academic year by losing their campus housing privileges, while other Greek life organizations are unhappy with the housing assignments made by Residence Life.

The Alpha Gamma Tau and Phi Delta Theta fraternities, known more familiarly as the Bachelors and Phi Deltis, respectively, were both denied the privilege of occupying an entire floor of a residence

hall for the 2001-2002 school year.

Both organizations have appealed the decision by Residence Life and decisions will be announced this week.

The Alpha Nu Omega sorority, better known as the Omegas, were granted housing, but not on the floor they have occupied for almost 15 years. Rather than being assigned to the traditional first floor, back hall of Blanche Ward Hall, the Omegas are being relocated to the fourth floor in Blanche, while the Phi Alpha Mu sorority will replace

them on the first floor.

According to Elizabeth Towle, the assistant dean of Student Affairs, several factors went into assigning floors for Greek organizations. Some of the more important features of the decisions were how the organizations behaved during the current school year, how they dealt with Residence Life, the programming they have organized, and the total monetary fees charged for damages on the currently occupied floors.

In the case of the Phi Deltis, who

have not lost housing privileges for as long as administration can recall, ensued damages were the deciding factor for Residence Life to take away housing.

Amanda Rose, resident life coordinator for Greek organizations, said there is a \$300 limit of common damage allotted and the Phi Deltis have accumulated over \$400. While the fine was higher, individual members have taken personal responsibility to help lower the group's cost. However due

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LaFayette discusses peace & nonviolence

STACI L. GEORGE
News Editor

A friend of the late Martin Luther King Jr., a participant of the Civil Rights Movement, a former Freedom Rider, a co-founder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and an international figure.

Bernard LaFayette Jr., a life-long advocate of nonviolence, came to speak on Thursday, March 29 in McDaniel Lounge for the Annual Honors Program Lecture.

Around 7:30 p.m., President Joan Coley introduced sophomore Rob Caswell, who gave a brief speech about the many accomplishments

of LaFayette.

As he concluded his speech, Caswell praised LaFayette as an unsung hero who "has breathed the message of nonviolence. He stands as a hero and mentor to anyone who serious about justice, about love, and about freedom."

LaFayette went to the podium and announced that musical group "Sangmele" would perform a song called "Precious Lord" before he began his presentation. "Sangmele" consists of Walt Michael, Henry Reiff, and Lea Gilmore.

LaFayette is no stranger to the WMC community. Last semester, he gave a presentation on the his-

tory of the Civil Rights Movement for the senior seminar of Patrick Reed, associate professor of history, and Walt Michael, artist in residence and executive director of Common Ground on the Hill.

He also made presentation, as LaFayette discussed current issues of an impact on a tour led by Charlie Collyer and Pamela Zappardino, both professors at University of Rhode Island, who led a tour for their WMC Jan-term "Nonviolence



PAMELA ZAPPARDINO
There was no rush to exit McDaniel Lounge after the presentation, as LaFayette discussed current issues.

in Literature: Idealism and Practicality" class. LaFayette was other strong ties to the college.

Kevin Dayhoff, a non-traditional

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220 meal plan still a hot topic

JESSICA FITZGERALD
Staff Writer

WMC's 220 meal plan has led to some dissatisfaction among students.

At the last SGA Open Forum, Jeremy Keil, a junior physics major, voiced complaints about the system that forces students living in a residence hall to buy 220 meals per semester.

According to Dining Services, the average student uses between 170 and 180 meals per semester.

Keil feels that students who have to pay for 220 meals but are only using about 175 are breaking even. If a student uses less than 175 meals, he or she is therefore subsidizing the meals of those students who eat more meals than 175.

According to Keil's calculations, a student who uses about half of their meal plan would have spent about an hour and a half working for a minimum wage job to pay for one of those wasted meals.

"They're forcing cash-starved students to work and extra 10 hours a week," Keil said.

Keil has worked to inform the college population of the issues surrounding the meal plan by creating his own campus wide mail list, or what he calls "renegade phone mail." Using the distribution lists on his and a friends phone, he has been able to reach about two-thirds of the campus without going through

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LaFayette and the importance of nonviolence past, present and future

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tional student and Westminster City Council member, has met LaFayette before and is another "soldier in the cause of nonviolence" and firmly believes that, "as a community leader, we need to look at creative problem-solving—thinking out of the box."

Like Martin Luther King Jr. and Gandhi, LaFayette believes that "turning the other cheek is not a sign of weakness" and that "nonviolence is at its best when violence is at its worst."

LaFayette believes in "Making your adversary your ally" by "winning them over, not beating them down."

He also referred to nonviolence as an "impossible dream," when he told a story about a trip to South America to have a meeting about designing a nonviolence program in Columbia. During this meeting, a cellular phone rang and the voice on the other

end said that a Columbia advisor had been kidnapped. Another advisor told a story about how he was changing a flat tire when an attempted shooting took place, and the only thing that saved his life was a bullet-proof car.

Later LaFayette reflected on the recent abundance of school shootings. He said that the assumed mentality of "I would have never believed it would have happened here" is an assumption that is quite frankly "Dumb, dumb, dumb!"

"We have to slow down and get some common sense," continued LaFayette. He suggested it, prescribe a solution, and adhere to it!"

LaFayette then compared the significance of learning nonviolence to that of learning mathematics.

"Learning nonviolence is as important as learning mathematics. You can teach them all the calculus, trigonometry, geometry, and mathematical formulas you want, but if you don't teach them about nonviolence, you've just subtracted a great deal," he said.

LaFayette also encouraged people to change their nature. If it is the nature of people to be violent, "let's change nature!" he said.

"I don't have time to be angry, I have things to accomplish," LaFayette said ending his speech and encouraging everyone to do the same.

LaFayette will be back on campus during this year's Common Ground on the Hill festival held July 1-14 to give a presentation for the workshop "Nonviolence Now," confirmed Walt Michael. For more information, contact Michael at extension 771.

Inauguration weekend alive with the sound of music of Levine Hall

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hundred non-music majors are involved in classes, private lessons, and performance ensembles, making the department one of the most utilized on the campus, as well as one of the most active.

They are inviting the campus and the public to come share in this event through and open tour given following the concert in Big Baker. The Music Honor Society, Beta Alpha Chi, will also be sponsoring a reception to enhance the festivities, said Boudreaux.

All are invited to attend and welcome the new season, new president, and new building in this spectacular event, which is the biggest concert and festival the music department has seen in a long time.

See page 10 for the schedule of events for inauguration weekend, April 20-22.

Loren and McDermott receive honors

In addition to the inauguration of Coley and the dedication of Levine Hall, the WMC community will also join to applaud two honorary degree recipients.

Alice McDermott will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature. She is a two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist and winner of the 1998 National Book Award.

Loren Pope will also receive the Doctor of Literature honorary award. He is the former education editor of the *New York Times* and author of "Colleges that Change Lives."

Both will receive their honorary degree on Saturday, April 21.

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"The D.A.R.E. Generation Speaks Out: THE WAR ON DRUGS HAS GONE TOO FAR!"

A presentation by Shawn Heller, executive director for Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

Wednesday, April 11th
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Meet the 2001-02
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World-recognized
Guy Davies
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Free to campus

Students and administration look for an alternative to the 220 meal plan

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Telecommunications.

Keil says that these phone mail messages are more likely to reach students, as many students delete the phone mail sent to them by Telecommunication through the night.

Ernie Ogle, manager of telecommunications says that this is not a violation of WMC policy, and that he, in fact, sees it as a form of practicing freedom of speech.

Besides his phone mail messages, Keil has tried to instigate change in the meal plan by involving the SGA, Steve Sharkey, SGA president, says that the SGA is trying to set up a meeting with Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance, to discuss options about the 220 meal plan.

Dining Services is not concerned about the number of meals available to students. They have, however tried very hard to get

students to use all of their meals, so as to not waste student money. By having extended hours in Glar, offering 4th meals in the Pub, and advocating meal exchanges for bagged lunches, Dining Services has tried to be as open to student needs as possible, they explained.

However, if these options still do not serve the needs of the students, Seidel says that the issue may be addressed next year, when trying to formulate a budget for the 2002-2003 school year.

Seidel says that, as the meal plan policy has been altered about four years ago, it would not be impossible to make alterations again.

"Whenever you do any of these things, it's an experiment, and you just keep improving," Seidel said.

Plans to alter the meal plan policy would require steps, the first being to make sure everyone is comfortable with having less meals. According to Seidel, the administration at WMC has been rather paternalistic in the past in their attempts to assure that all students have enough meals to eat.

However, the second step, balancing the school's budget with more meal plan options will be much more difficult. The price of board has not changed in eight years, and Administration and Finance would have to make sure that more meal plan options would not throw the budget off kilter.

"It might take a while," said Seidel. "We might even have to phase into it."

But, looking back on past changes in the meal plan, Seidel is hopeful that some resolution could be reached. "We definitely did it before," he concluded.

Seven newly formed clubs means more fun

TAMMI SLATER
Staff Writer

Looking for a new interest, more involvement on campus, or a chance to meet some new people? One of the many new clubs that has begun this spring may be the perfect opportunity.

WMC has seven new clubs that have gotten off to an impressive start this semester. The clubs have had successful starts because of their student involvement and initiative.

The Photography Club, which was previously inactive, has around twenty-five students currently involved and meets every Wednesday night at 10:00 p.m. in Gold Room B of Decker Center.

The club is run by freshman Courtney Federoff and sophomore Alisha Miller. The club has many upcoming events planned such as a field trip to Harper's Ferry and Annapolis to take pictures, and a guest speaker is planned in the near future as well.

According to Miller, the club members hope to display some of their best photographs at an exhibit in Ensor Lounge at the end of April.

Another new club formed by sophomore political science major Shelly Sorenson is Hero's Helping Hopkins.

The club is brand new, and not yet official, but will bring meetings once a week starting next semester.

The club will do trips twice a month to the children's center at John's Hopkins University where they raise money for sick children, said Sorenson.

Some of the children in the center are

fighting cancer, others have heart disease, cystic fibrosis, and psychiatric needs and the money being raised is put towards making

the children's time in the hospital more enjoyable.

Sorenson says that, "the money raised will be put towards research and keeping up the organization."

Sorenson said *A few of the Acabellas perform at the AIDS Walk*, that the club looks forward to next semester to take some of the money they raise and take the kids to an Oriole's or Raven's game, plus continue to contribute money to research and organization.

Sorenson is still looking for additional members; however, there is a limit on the amount of students due to the bus trips and available space.

Finally, the club is conducting a bike trip on Sunday, May 20 as a fund-raiser event.

Another popular new club on campus is the Ultimate Frisbee team.

The team is led by its president Todd Peters, secretary Sean Carroll, Ted Stephens, and Andy Ewing.

The team is very excited about the turn out they have had, and are happy to have student interest on campus, according to Peters.

Last fall was the first attempt to get the group started, however, this spring is when

things began after receiving some money to get the team started.

Carroll, a sophomore biology major says,



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competed in a Pennsylvania State Tournament, as well as playing Towson University and UMBC.

The team meets four times a week to practice, and hopes to go to sectionals in the future, held at Salisbury State University, where teams get ranked against other schools.

The fourth group is interested in starting up a new fraternity, however this is a three to four year process to develop.

Additionally, a power-lifting club led by Scott Yard and Jason Hartman just began this semester, as well as Step Sistas led by Tia Lawrence, and Acabellas run by Julie Keough.

Mitch Alexander, director of college activities, feels that the addition of so many new clubs is a very positive thing for the students and the college. "I think it's a good thing to start new groups. As long as they keep it going, I'm very excited about adding new groups," Alexander stated.

Residence Life and Greek representatives try to compromise

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largely in part to garbage removal fees, the fines still exist over \$300.

"The Phi Deltas were on thin ice coming into this academic year due to extreme damages and behavior issues last spring, they knew they had to be careful," Rose said.

According to the Phi Delta Theta president, Chris Kinda, their behavior has calmed down immensely this year and it seems unfair to lose housing over a garbage issue.

"To eliminate a group of people for mostly trash and not physical damages seems ridiculous," agrees Phi Delta Theta member Dan Belove.

With the loss of housing, it is going to be "a lot tougher to recruit new members because they are not going to see us as a whole, but as individuals. We are our strongest as a whole," Kinda said.

The Phi Deltas have appealed the decision by Residence Life and met with Towle to argue their case. Decision is pending by Residence Life.

Furthermore, when WMC and Phi Delt alum Gunnar Burd heard about the Phi Deltas losing housing, he said he will "no longer donate any money to Western Maryland because of the school's attempt to control student life."

Any donations he plans to make in the future will be directly toward individual fraternities and sororities, he said.

In the Omegas' case, the original housing assignment was the third floor of McDaniel where there is no resident assistant. According to Towle, Residence Life believed that the Omegas' history of behavior proved that they were responsible enough to live without constant supervision. The Omegas appealed this decision though, arguing to have their traditional floor back.

"We've lived on that floor for 15 years, it is our home," argued Alpha Nu Omega member Katie Campitelli.

Residence Life heard the appeal case and reconsidered their decision, but still not to the satisfaction of the Omegas, as the final decision puts them on the fourth floor of Blanche.

"Students feel a sense of ownership of their floors, which is great, but the challenge is people see how things are done in the past and think it will stay that way. It is tough when change happens," Towle said.

Rose agreed, "we can't always think of tradition, we have to use our space effectively."

And it was ultimately the factor of space that put the Omegas on the fourth floor. As a constantly growing group, occupying an entire floor will allow the organization to offer housing to new members, where in McDaniel there would have been only enough room for current members. However, according to the Omegas, this advantage does not outweigh the dis-

advantages of the move.

"We feel like we are being punished, and we didn't do anything wrong," Campitelli said.

The Bachelors have also lost housing for this coming school year. Unlike the other groups though, this is their second consecutive year facing high physical damages and behavior problems resulting in loss of housing.

Last year, the Bachelors were also not granted housing and appealed the decision to Residence Life.

According to Amanda Rose, after losing the appeal they appealed again, this time to acting President Joan Coley. Coley heard their case and granted only seniors housing on the fourth floor of Blanche.

This year, they are following the same path. After receiving word that they were not given housing, they have appealed and met with Residence Life. Decisions for the appeals case are pending.

The last Greek organization to not receive a definite decision on housing is Gamma Beta Chi, or the more known as the Bates.

According to Liz Towle, the Bates have general problems including the struggle to find a new advisor or advisor after their former advisor, Keith Reitenbach, resigned.

"The Bates have general problems including lack of community service; they will decide their fate," Towle said.

According to the Damien Turton, president of Gamma Beta Chi, they have already started doing some of the community service that they are lacking and have made plans to finish the requirements. If all goes as planned, they should be able to receive a floor in McDaniel.

With so many organizations losing or having their housing changed, the attitude of many Greeks is verging on hopelessness.

Kelly Ward, a member of Alpha Nu Omega, says that she has "noticed a huge difference in the whole morale of the Greeks" as changes like this keep happening. In fact, many feel that the school is trying to eliminate Greek life on campus, said Ward.

Laura McKenna, a member of Alpha Nu Omega, feels that by putting so many Greek organizations into Blanche, "it is a prime example of the school trying to get Greeks kicked off campus."

"They are splitting us up little by little, it is unfair," said Phi Delt Chris Kinda.

Amanda Rose denies such allegations reminding that "it's a privilege to live together, it is not a given."

"Losing housing poses a challenge, but there are all kinds of organizations on campus that don't live together. Living together is not always a guarantee for success. Challenging groups to grow is important," agrees Towle.

Campus Safety Blotter

The Department of Campus Safety reported the following cases which include:

3/8/01 at 12:00 p.m. complainant reported that someone had keyed the passenger side of her vehicle from the passenger side front quarter panel to the back passenger door. This incident is logged as a suspicious condition.

3/9/01 at 4:24 p.m. digital camera and id card stolen from professor's office.

3/9/01 at 8 p.m. driver's side window broken on faculty's POV.

3/10/01 at 2 a.m. controlled dangerous substance involving five students in McDaniel Hall. All arrested and transported from campus.

3/11/01 at 1 a.m. former housekeeper trespassing when seen exiting clubroom party. Stopped and I.D. confirmed.

3/11/01 at 1:31 a.m. subject was observed walking towards his vehicle with an alcoholic beverage in his hand. He attempted to conceal the beer and was stopped and questioned about violations near Rouzer Hall.

3/11/01 at 5:30 a.m. student gained access to the fire escape area in McDaniel Hall.

3/12/01 at 3:37 a.m. students yelling lewd remarks out their window and not complying with campus safety in Rouzer Hall.

3/12/01 at 9:22 a.m. harassment/prank in Whiteford Hall.

kicked and damaged the boarding to his desk in ANW.

3/16/01 at 1:45 a.m. alcohol consumption in public area in Blanche.

3/16/01 at 1:45 a.m. room/noise violation in Blanche.

3/25/01 at 1:20 p.m. three suspects rolled a golf cart on the golf course.

3/25/01 at 6:20 p.m. two non-students found in alumni hall were escorted out by theater personnel.

3/28/01 at 1 a.m. male student punches glass window with fist, damaging both at Blanche.

3/29/01 at 10 p.m. found door kicked in to the Allies Clubroom in Blanche.

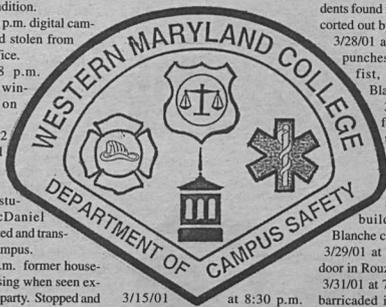
3/29/01 at 10:32 p.m. two students restricted from the buildings, were in the Blanche clubroom area.

3/29/01 at 8:19 p.m. graffiti on door in Rouzer-nu suspects.

3/31/01 at 7:30 p.m. student was barricaded in his room by three other students in Blanche.

4/1/01 at 10:34 p.m. estranged boyfriend making threats to female student in Whiteford.

4/1/01 at 3:12 a.m. marijuana was being smoked in the room while three students and one non-student were present in Blanche.



3/15/01 at 8:30 p.m.

two unidentified subjects enter the fourth floor of Rouzer Hall impersonating Carroll County Sheriff Deputies looking for a student.

3/15/01 at 9:05 a.m. complainant reported damage to his desk in his room. He believes that it may be one of his roommate's friends that

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Campus Safety encourages everyone to please buckle up

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You are driving down the road and in the mini van traveling ahead you see a middle aged woman driving. Sitting behind her you see three small children in the back rooming about the interior of the van, unrestrained by any seat belts or car seats. Suddenly, the van is struck from the side by a car traveling from a side street. The next thing that you see is something that you will never forget--three small children thrown from the van.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) there is a motor vehicle accident every three seconds. There is an injury every sixteen seconds and there is a fatality every 13

minutes in the United States. One of the ways that we as citizens can help make these statistics lower is to start wearing our seat belts.

In the 1940s and '50s, seatbelts were not thought of as a necessary device in many automobiles. As a matter of fact, they were optional equipment for most car manufacturers.

But, due to the many changes in today's

society and the auto market, the seatbelt has become an essential part of the automobile.

The state government has even passed a law that says you must wear a seatbelt when you are in the front seat, whether you are the driver or the passenger of an automobile.

Even though it is a law, some people do not wear this lifesaving device. (A driver can be pulled over for not wearing their seatbelt, even if there is no other reason to be pulled over, such as speeding. The violation results in a \$25.00 fine, but does not add points to one's driving record.)

At times you see adults who know better, not wearing their seatbelts. The state of Maryland had 1.2 adult fatalities for every 100 million miles traveled in 1999.

Last year's seatbelt survey showed that 85% of people wore their seatbelt, but 25% of people who wore a seatbelt only

A study done by NHTSA showed that wearing a seatbelt reduces the risk of a fatal injury by 45%, and it also reduced the risk of a serious injury by 50%.

In the state of Maryland in 1999, there were 303 children under the age of 11 seriously injured in motor vehicle accidents, and seven children under the age of 11 were

killed; all because their parents did not make sure they were wearing their seatbelts or were secured in a car/booster seat.

Another study done by NHTSA showed that child safety seats, when installed properly, reduced the risk of a fatal injury by 71% for infants up to one year old, and 54% for toddlers up to 4-years-old.

During the months of April and May, the Maryland Highway Safety Office is sponsoring the Maryland Chief of Police Challenge.

In this two-month time period the law enforcement agencies of Maryland will be conducting surveys to find out what seatbelt use rates are. The current use rate is 85%.

The Maryland Highway Safety Office is looking to expand that number to 87%. Maryland drivers can help by buckling up any time they drive or ride in a vehicle. Law enforcement agencies will also be conduct-

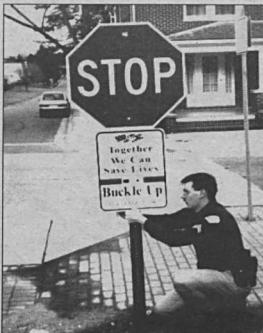
ing seatbelt and child safety seat informational checkpoints throughout the state.

Additionally, they will also be conducting Child Safety Seat Days in the two-month period to educate parents on the safest way to secure children in vehicles.

This year the Department of Campus Safety has joined the Maryland Highway Safety Office and other Maryland law enforcement agencies in an effort to improve the safety of those in our campus community.

Members of the department will be conducting surveys documenting seatbelt usage and will be engaging in an informational campaign demonstrating the proper use of seatbelts and child safety seats.

The Department of Campus Safety hopes you will join in what we call "working together for a safer campus" by remembering to buckle up!



DEPARTMENT OF CAMPUS SAFETY

Matt Warehime attaches a sign at the intersection of PA Avenue to remind drivers to always buckle up.

Welcoming guest speaker Gene Cassidy to campus

On Monday April 23, 2001 at 6:00 pm the Department of Campus Safety, the Department of Sociology, and the College Activities Office will be sponsoring a lecture by Gene Cassidy, where he will discuss surviving traumatic incidents. This will take place in the Decker Student Center's Forum.

Cassidy was working for the Baltimore City Police Department patrolling a neighborhood in the western district, when he was involved in a shooting

leaving him blind in both eyes. Since then he has gone back to school and earned his degree in education.

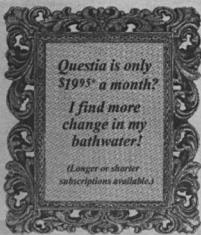
Cassidy has been reassigned to work for the Baltimore City Police Department as an academy instructor and also travels around speaking on the topic at different schools and institutions, including the FBI Academy.

Cassidy is a dynamic speaker who has a valuable message for everyone facing difficulties in his or her life.



The Question Marquis

Ask the Question Marquis in a sporadically produced advice column, because proper living takes time. It is to be read with a sly French accent. The views of the Question Marquis are his alone and are in no way to be construed as representative of his sponsor, *Questia*, your American pig.



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Ask the Question Marquis

Q: Dear Question Marquis: I'm a two-timer. My boyfriend doesn't know that I've been cheating on him. Anyway, yesterday he told me he's hired a lawyer to help him legally change his name to...get this...the name of the guy I'm cheating on him with! That's very screwed up.
 - Christina in NY

A: Um...you don't...perhaps...in that case...no. You must CHALLENGE...yourself-to a duel. Yes.

Q: Dear Question Marquis: Just the other day, I was at the library using the computer catalog thing, and this total stranger stops and he acts all concerned and offers to help me. But I didn't need any help! I'm sick of people treating me like an idiot just because I'm beautiful.
 - Kara in D.C.

A: First of all, thank you for being beautiful. It takes courage. Now, I once overheard Descartes saying that it is not so much that men think beautiful women are stupid, as that beautiful women make men stupid, and then they just try to talk to them on their own level. But René would say anything to the girls at those singles salons, so you can say if it is true. I know nothing of such things myself. In honesty, I have never been able to get past a beautiful woman's...euh...beautiffulness...to even notice her intellect. But I will try to answer your question.

To begin with, anyone who insults your intelligence you must challenge to a duel. That goes without saying. But I must ask, was this stranger an American? If so, that makes no sense for him to consider you stupid--it is as the pot calling the other pot a kettle, or however that goes.

"Maybe this library is not the best place for you to meet people. My boudoir, on the other hand, is a wonderful place to meet interesting people. People like...me."

But my real advice is this: Maybe this library is not the best place for you to meet people. My boudoir, on the other hand, is a wonderful place to meet interesting people. People like...me. And while you're here, I can show you how to use Questia to write a much more impressive research paper. And much more quickly--but please, do not feel the need to rush while you are here. You, me, Questia, a bottle of Château d'Alembert. Sounds enticing, no? All those books and journal articles online, no need to skim the text or write your bibliography...oh, I cannot bear it! Please, come over.

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Quirks: messages of Battle Royale

Anne Butler compares the film's extreme violence to issues in the US.

Forty-two young people are exiled to an island. After a few brief instructions and a video they are let loose. Several students band together but ultimately all alliances will fall. There can be only one left standing.

So what is this? A description of the next season of Survivor? Fox's new "reality" TV show? Actually it's a description of one of the most popular movies in Japan, Battle Royale.

The film is set in a world very like our own, where society has broken down. As a final resort to the problem of school violence, the government holds a lottery to choose one junior high class in the country. They and their teacher are then flown onto an island. Each student is outfitted

with a collar. If they leave the island or attempt to remove the collar it explodes. The students are given a wide variety of weapons and told to kill each other. The sole survivor is then given a government pension and is set for life.

Sound farfetched? It's only a slightly more extreme version of the cutthroat politics that occurs every week on Survivor. It's just a variation of Temptation Island that focuses on violence instead of sex. With slight modification, the description above could have applied to either of these shows.

However, the film isn't designed as criticism of these types

of shows. In fact, the movie is based on a novel written in 1996, before any of these shows appeared in the US. The film is instead intended to be a critique of Japanese society, and how it's letting down children and forcing them to violence.

Because of its incredibly high gore factor, the film has been hotly debated by Japan's movie industry and government. It doesn't help that Japan has had a series of shocking youth crimes in the past few years.

The director of Battle Royale, Kinji Fukasaku, intended the movie to be shown to children. He feels that kids need to be taught just how ugly violence is. For that reason he refused to cut any of the more

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gory scenes out. For that reason it was rated R-15 (no one under 15 can see the movie, it's similar to our "R" rating). Fukasaku encouraged children to see the movie anyway.

A special showing of the movie was held for the politicians who wanted to ban it. After the film, most of the politicians were no longer so opposed to it. Several were even ashamed. "This was not a fiction, but a real situation Japan had been undergoing ever since its bubble economy burst. Now the tables were turned. The audience was being blamed by the movie," writes Tomo Machiyama in an edi-

torial for the April 2001 edition of Pulp magazine.

Despite the fact that it's a Japanese movie it still applies to our own culture. We've had our own series of shocking youth crimes lately. Columbine, Santana.... each of us could probably rattle off three or more schools where mass shootings have occurred.

Politicians around the US are now blaming the media for these shootings and are pushing legislation to censor these types of shows. If these politicians knew about Battle Royale they'd probably puke. Then they'd ban it six ways to Sunday.

At least most of the politicians in Japan had the decency to listen to the film's message. I don't think the same thing would happen here. The film would be blasted and criticized by near every person in Congress. Congress wishes to stop youth violence the aim of the director is the same.

I happen to agree with Battle Royale's dual messages. We should stop school violence, and we should do that by looking at the problems of society, not by blaming the media.

Survivor is consistently one of the top rated shows in the country. What does that say about us as a people? Shows like Survivor stay on the air because people watch it, and I have a sneaking suspicion that politicians do so.

-Anne Butler is a senior communication major.

A new meaning to "quiet hours"

As an amateur insomniac aggressively seeking professional status, I do not put too much stock in sleep. Sure, it is nice when you have it, but, in my opinion, it is strictly a "sometimes" kind of thing.

Being a college student means getting to live this lifestyle, either out of necessity or choice, and very few, I believe, would offer an objection. It just so happens that many of my friends are among that very few.

With final exams and term papers hanging in the distance, many students find that a good night's sleep is as beneficial to academic success as actually attending class. In fact, some even choose to substitute sleep for class, which, to me, as a good testament to its importance as anything.

Because of this fact, students living in McDaniel Hall have not been pleased with the current renovation of Old Lewis Hall. Not that they are against progress, but rather they have issues with the manner in which the building is being restored.

Many people have reported that construction begins as early as 6 in the morning, and that this is not, obviously, a quiet occurrence.

Now, this poses an interesting



Michael Wiles

question. I am sure that many students would agree that, while the renovation is overall in the student body's best interest, the noise it creates, and the sleep it prevents, clearly is not. As tough a problem as this is, it is certainly one that needs to be addressed.

Look at this way, if you will. Being as close to McDaniel Hall as it is, the renovation of Old Lewis would understandably have an impact on the lives of the students who in the residence hall.

As a result of this, those in charge of the renovation must be informed that, as new members of this "residence community," they have to respect the same rules as the rest of us.

This means, among other

things, observing "quiet hours." Drilling and demolishing at 6 o'clock in the morning is clearly not acceptable behavior under the rules set forth by Residence Life, and the fact that students are having their sleep interrupted is, for sure, a problem Residence Life should look into.

I mean, my band members and I have been reprimanded for practicing during quiet hours many times, and none of us play the Jackhammer. If Residence Life is truly concerned with the health and comfort of the students, they should seek a solution to this problem quickly.

As with most things in life, there is no direct "fault" involved here. It is yet another situation that we must approach as a campus and work together to find an acceptable compromise for all parties.

I have no doubt that, upon looking into this problem, Residence Life could make the lives of many students a lot easier.

If all else fails, they could always just buy the residents of McDaniel Hall earplugs. I mean, where does that \$200 deposit go, anyway?

-Michael Wiles is a sophomore English major.

Life after college: a faculty perspective

Professor Richard Dillman enlightens all students via an experience.

When I agreed to do this writing assignment, I wasn't sure what the subject ought to be. So, I asked my COM3371 class for advice. "Tell a story from your life," some of them said. "Tell us what life is really like after graduation," said others. That sounded good to me; so here goes....

In the summer of 1976 I had just been hired as a computer programmer-analyst for a small consulting company located near Washington, D.C. On this particular Tuesday, I was helping the president of the company prepare a software package that we were writing for an important client.

The client would be coming in on Wednesday morning to see a demonstration and to approve funding for the next stage of development. Our problem was that the software did not yet work.

The president, who would be giving the demonstration, was trying to make enough of the program work well enough that he could satisfy

our customer where we were competent to continue the project.

As the newest employee of the company, I was mostly watching him work. Once he was satisfied that I was ready, I would be given my own piece of the project to work on.

We had started at about 2 P.M., and by 10 P.M. the program was able to handle most of the situations that the client expected to see, and the president was satisfied that he could explain the absence of the parts that didn't work.

As we were talking about this and deciding to stop for the day, he pushed a wrong key and accidentally erased the program.

Luckily, we had been keeping a backup on a separate disk. I handed him the backup, and he proceeded to erase that, too. We had a third backup, of course, but it was from yesterday and didn't include the changes that we had come up with over the last 8 hours.

After a few well chosen words expressing his self-disgust, the president looked at me and said, "Well, I guess that's that. Let's go home. I'll figure out what to say to them tomorrow to get them to give us another chance."

"I'll go in a minute," I said. "I want to load the backup and see if I can put back some of our changes."

"OK," he said, walking for the door. "See you in the morning." I had been assisting on the project for about three weeks, so I had read all of the documentation and knew exactly what the client expected the program to do.

On the other hand, I had never

written a "real word" production program before.

And, the president, who was a self-taught programmer, had a very idiosyncratic programming style—his programs worked, but they were very hard to understand.

Instinctively, then, rather than spend time trying to figure out how his code worked, I isolated two or three key functions and began to rewrite them, replacing his code with mine. This worked really well, so I kept going, eventually re-inventing most of the program.

At 7 a.m., on Wednesday the president walked in, saw me sitting there, and said, "I thought I told you to go home."

"You did," I said, "but first take a look at this."

He sat down and ran the first demonstration problem. It worked. As did the second and third and fourth. He glanced up at me. "You look terrible," he said, "go home and get some sleep." So, I did.

When I came in to work on Thursday, the secretary told me that the president wanted to see me in his office. "The demo went off without a hitch," he said. And then

he smiled and said, "And we've decided to promote you to senior analyst."

At that point I jumped two levels in the company's hierarchy, received a large salary boost, and became a functional member of the project team. By the end of the year, I was the company's chief

Now, as a reader, you might be tempted to imagine that this story merely brags about my skill as a programmer. But that's not the point. If I hadn't decided to stay in the office that night, it wouldn't have mattered how talented I was, because no one would have seen my work. I moved up in the company because I saw a chance to get something done and took it.

This is pretty much what "life after college" is all about. In college lots of work is available to you all the time, and your best strategy is to find a way to avoid it.

After college there is always too little work available, and your best strategy is to seek it out and grab it.

This, by the way, is why good grades matter—not because of the facts and theories that you memorize, but because of the effort you have to put out in order to complete tasks that are difficult and, to be honest, not really a lot of fun.

So here's wishing "good luck" to the class of 2001, and with that goes a wish that there will always be plenty of work in front of you in the years to come.

-Professor Richard Dillman is an associate professor in the communication department. This is his last semester teaching at WMC.

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Eligible juniors deprived of opportunity.

Jeremy Keil explains how not all juniors eligible for Omicron Delta Kappa received applications.

On Monday, March 12 applications for Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society, were sent out to the top 35 percent of the junior class.

Unfortunately, they were not sent to the juniors by when they are graduating, but by accumulation of credit. This means that more sophomores, who are not eligible, received applications than juniors, who are eligible.

I alerted Dr. Seidel to this since he is the faculty secretary of ODK.

Friday, March 16, the day before spring break, Dr. Seidel's secretary called me and said the problem was that when someone asks the registrar for a list by class they go by credits accumulated and not by graduation date.

She also said that the registrar was going to generate a new list and those who did not receive applications would over spring break.

When I returned from spring break I did not have an application in my mailbox. On Tuesday, March 27, I called Dr. Seidel's secretary again.

She called me back the next day and said she had put an application in my mailbox. She also gave one or two other students who had previously complained about not receiving one.

This angered me, because instead of fixing the problem, the administration decided to give applications only to those who had complained, and not to any other juniors who had been overlooked.

On Thursday, March 29, I submitted a request to the registrar to see if it is indeed possible to get a list of the top 35 percent of juniors by graduation and not by credit.

The following day, Dr. Seidel's office received the list and more applications were sent out.

On Monday, April 3, the registrar's list was sent to me. However, the problem was not solved as I was led to believe. The list I have shows that 85 juniors out of 137 in the top 35 percent of the class did not receive

the application the first time.
 So far I have spoken to 11 (13 percent) of those 85 students. Not one received the application that was supposedly sent out Friday, March 30.

Those students include RA's, members of SGA, club presidents, sorority presidents, members of Honors and Circle K and an All-American athlete. These are the people who should be in ODK and they have yet to receive applications.

This matter has yet to be resolved and inductions are coming up at the end of April. It's not like it is hard to get the information required to send out the applications either, since I am holding it in my hands right now.

If you are a junior in the top 35 percent of your class and have not yet received an ODK application, I suggest you call Dr. Seidel's office at extension 200 to complain.

According to the registrar's list this is 85 students. Perhaps if more people affected by this complained the people who need the applications will finally get them.

-Jeremy Keil is a junior Physics major.

Spring break reflection: long live the beads

Chris Taugher reveals the history of beads, and how they enhanced his spring break this year.

It's hard to believe that spring break has already come and gone.

Even though my tan has started to fade, I would like to reflect on my spring break this year. I'm not going to talk about long car rides, overcrowded beaches or hangovers. Instead, I'm going to discuss a newer spring break tradition. Beads.

You gotta love beads, especially if you are a guy. Beads can be the difference between an average spring break and a great spring break. Beads are the currency of spring break.

In case you've been living in a cave for the last five years, girls, and guys too I guess, go crazy for beads. People are willing to do all kinds of crazy acts to get beads.

The better the color and more exotic the beads, the more outrageous the stunt has to be to get them.

My new-found love for beads got me thinking, "Hey, where did this great American tradition come from?" After many hours of research, I found the answer. It all started in New Orleans.

As you know, The Big Easy is known for its annual Mardi Gras celebration. The real Mardi Gras is a festive family affair

filled with fabulous foods, fantastic food, crazy costumes, music, picnics and parades. People sing and dance in the streets and the whole town really comes together to put on a great show.

There is an overwhelming generosity that surrounds Mardi Gras. People riding the floats throw stuffed animals, toys and beads to the children in the crowd. The children's faces light up and everyone enjoys themselves.

However, not all of Mardi Gras has a PG rating. A section of New Orleans called the French Quarter gets a little rowdy after all of the parades have gone through. About 10 years ago, college students began flocking to Mardi Gras (especially the French Quarter) in great numbers. Many of them would get drunk on Bourbon Street and lose their inhibitions.

Since this would happen at night there would be no children around to throw beads to. The college students then felt like they had to compete to get the attention of the people who threw beads from the balconies. This is where the whole idea of flashing for beads started.

I think I speak for us all when I say, "God bless Mardi Gras!" Because of this original French celebration, which translates into Fat Tuesdays, we now have a lot of phat Tuesdays, or any days of the week that matter.

Letter to the Editor: students' alcohol use

Dear Editor,

Am I being naive or what? Did I come to college to learn or to get drunk? Well when I first came here, it was all about the drinking. It was a new experience being able to drink and party the weekends away. I am proud to say that I no longer party and only drink about once a month. Now that I am older and wiser, haha, I realize that college isn't about the drunken orgies or about the beer pong parties until 3 o'clock in the morning. It's about much more than that.

But the problem is that people haven't caught onto that yet. I still see the drunkards walking down the halls at 2 a.m. on a Tuesday night and it disturbs me. Don't these folks have better things to do? Don't they have classes in the morning? I guess they don't have anything that is as important as hitting the Jack Daniels or Bud Ice. Worst case scenario is that they aren't drink-

ing, but rather lighting up.

I am proud to say I have yet to do anything that dumb.

I hear about the "Thursdays Night O' Fun," I hear about the drunken sex, I hear about the marijuana parties, and I am ashamed. Ashamed to hear a guy talking about having sex with a girl after getting her so drunk she didn't know what was going on.

That is pitiful, and so is that guy. But I am sure he will not think of it that way after getting high fives from his friends that act like 2-year-olds.

You know who you are, the same ones who probably got bad grades, an incomplete, or something like that last semester because they "partied the year away." Well you know what? That is your fault. I'm not saying that all people who did bad were drunk 70 percent of the week, or the ones who were drunk

Flashing for beads, or just flashing for fun, has spread to spring breaks everywhere, from Cancun to Daytona Beach, from California to the New York Isles, from the Redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters.

When I was down in Daytona this year, everyone had beads, everyone was selling beads and everyone wanted beads. You could even get beads for filling out a credit card application. Beads are the perfect excuse to talk to a girl, or guy.

While in the clubs, girls would always be asking what they had to do for beads. Some would flash, some would give you a kiss, and some would even kiss each other. In my personal opinion the girl kissing another girl is not as exciting as it used to be. It's almost becoming as common as a handshake. Call me old fashion, but I'd rather get flashed.

I don't know what they put in those beads, but I like it. So guys do your part and keep giving those beads away. And girls, keep up the good work. Earn those beads and wear them proudly. I'm just glad I got to continue a college tradition.

If it weren't for times like spring break, life would just flash by...sorry, pass by in an instant.

-Chris Taugher is a junior communication major.

seven days a week did bad, I am just making a generalization of what I have seen.

It's called responsibility. Learn it. Because once we all leave college and have to make it in the real world, I bet you will be in for a rude awakening when you can't drink five nights a week and still hold down a job, when some people can't even make it to class at noon because they are still sleeping off a hangover after their night of fun.

I'm not truly condemning alcohol use, I am just making the point that a good majority of the people who use it on the campus aren't the people who have a beer after a hard week of classes. No, these are the people who have to have a case of beer after a hard day of doing nothing.

So guys especially, keep your little drunken conquests, i.e. lies, to yourself, because I am tired about hearing about them. Get a clue, and be a little responsible.

Online registration: a process WMC needs and deserves.

Meeting with advisors. Talking to professors. Reviewing course descriptions. Double-checking requirements fulfilled. What do these actions all have in common?

They all signify that registration time is just around the corner. While some might be looking forward to registering for courses, perhaps others are dreading the whole registration process. Why? Unfortunately, there are numerous disadvantages and inconveniences with the current registration process.

Students comes to WMC, a private liberal arts college, expecting to be able to get into the courses of their choice to fulfill their graduation requirements. These are not minimal requirements I am talking about. When a student has double/dual majors and/or double minors, it is essential to take certain course at certain times.

At WMC, they would expect to have much fewer dilemmas than had they chosen to attend a larger public college.

The current process fails to meet that expectation by falling short in three main areas: assignment of appointments, long lines, and wait-lists.

Assignment of appointments-Registration times are supposedly determined by a student's earned-credits. In the same manner, every student is assigned a time that does not conflict with a class. Achieving both of these goals is impossible.

What happens when a student's earned-credits causes his/her assigned time to fall during class? Is that student moved to a later time once his/her class is over, with the possibility that another student with less earned-credits will register first?

Or, is that student moved up to an earlier time before his/her class begins, with the possibility that he/she will register before other students who have earned more credits?

Long Lines- Although the 15-minute are 'divided evenly,' there exist times when the forum is much more crowded than others. After performing a survey, I found that the average longest wait is 38 minutes, and the average wait is 20 minutes. It could be worse, but it could also be better.

Wait-lists- In theory, the idea of Wait-lists has much potential. Ideally, it would allow a student to have a chance at getting into a



BJ Shorb

closed course. In practice, however, the way that Wait-lists are used at this time is not ideal.

Upon being wait-listed, it is crucial for the student to know whether he/she is first, third, or sixteenth on the list. Ask any student; there is a very big difference! Unfortunately, that information is not available to the student in the current registration process.

I would like to propose a new registration process that will eliminate the problems explained above. What I am proposing is online registration. How would this new process work?

Whether a student is at school, work, or home, he/she will be able to register at any computer with online capabilities.

There will be a registration period of one week. Each student will be assigned a time, much like the current system, according to the number of credits he/she has earned.

It will not be necessary to work around class conflict when assigning these times because the time actually spent registering will be much shorter. I feel that it should be left to the student's discretion whether or not to leave class for a few minutes to register. The times will be spaced every 15 minutes throughout each day. A student may register online anytime on or after that appointed time.

What are the costs? The initial set up of the websites will be the largest portion of the costs.

Once the initial websites are set up, someone will be responsible for maintaining the system. That will include updating students and courses before registration week each semester. So, maintenance should be the only cost after the initiation of the process.

Online registration benefits a wide range of people. The registrar's office will not be wasting as much paper. The office would not have to close down and transport computers, printers, etc.

back a forth to and from the forum during registration week. The offices staff will have less overall work to do during that week.

This new process will be allow students to know their wait-list-position immediately upon registering for a course. Registering will be quick and convenient. Students will not have to stand in long lines. They will be able to register at a time that is based solely on earned-credits.

WMC will join the schools, like Penn State, Montgomery College, and the University of Maryland, who currently have online registration for their students.

Most importantly, WMC will meet current as well as prospective students' expectations with the registration process.

Given the various problems and disadvantages associated with the current registration process, the costs do not even compare to the enormous benefits of online registration.

Like I said, everyone benefits: staff, faculty, and lastly the students who keep the college successful and prosperous.

-BJ Shorb is a junior communication major.

On environmental-friendly policy, Bush strikes out

Matt McGowan discusses President Bush's recent environmental policy.

Shortly after President George W. Bush took office, he stayed an executive order issued late in the Clinton administration which would have protected almost 60 million acres of our National Forests from deforestation by the logging and mining industries.

That policy, which would have taken effect a few weeks ago, was, from the beginning, ambitious and well-intended. The Logging and Mining Industries, which last year poured a combined total of over 250 million dollars into political campaigns, had their lobbyists start barking at the White House.

Grass roots organizations also took notice, among them the Sierra Club, whose fundamental mission is to preserve the national preserves - parks and forests - first created about a hundred years ago.

Classic tale: Big Business vs. the common folk. And this is what it was, as Logging and Mining interests poured money into the beltway, and the Sierra Club beat the street.

It became clear early on that Clinton would sign something, but the question remained concerning how much land he would protect, and specifically whether he would set aside the Tongass in Alaska - North America's last remaining unprotected virgin deciduous rainforest.

Industry, backed by millions of dollars in political support, said no. Sierra and other Environmental organizations, on August 1, delivered to the Forest Service their

names of over 1 million Americans who said yes. Business vs. the people.

Clinton chose the people, and when Bush postponed the protections, he negated over a year of effort by his predecessor's administration, as well as the wishes of those million+ who supported Sierra with names and funds.

He postponed the biggest preservation effort we've had since President Theodore Roosevelt created the National Park/Forest System - the chance to preserve a full 1/3 of our tax-bought National Forests - as

roadless wildernesses to be enjoyed for generations hence. Our effort has been sacrificed to the interest of Big Business.

That was just strike one.

Now, Bush is beginning to reveal why he undid Clinton's progress.

Reuters News service reported on Friday that he has also decided to open US-held areas in the Gulf of Mexico for offshore oil drilling, despite vehement opposition from his own brother, Governor Jeb Bush of Florida, who is supported by the vast majority of his state's denizens. President Bush is also looking at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, as well as portions of the Tongass.

Bush wants to stabilize American Energy options, and make the country less dependent on imported energy sources, specifically oil. Especially given the energy crisis

in California, Bush's concerns are understandable.

However, he is sacrificing long-term environmental stability for short-term energy relief. The oil he expects to be able to drill from the tracts of Rocky Mountain land which the Clinton plan would have set aside will supply us for less than a year. Extracting the oil available from the Arctic Wildlife Refuge would mean the end of that facility.

Bush has said, "We will not do anything that harms our economy." So he has cut back on many envi-

emissions into the waterways on which we depend for drinking water.

He cut a testing program which focuses on protecting from salmonella beef which is served in the nation's schools. This reversal of a Clinton policy took by surprise Bush's Agriculture Secretary, Ann M. Veneman, who learned of the backtracking not from her boss, but from the press and consumer advocacy groups.

On the campaign trail, Bush promised to cut carbon dioxide emissions. But now, he has not only

failed to reduce the amount of the harmful gas in our atmosphere, he has declared that he will renege on the United

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States' agreement to the 1997 Kyoto Global Warming Treaty, which called for reduced emissions.

Arsenic in the water, bad beef in our schools, and exorbitant amounts of carbon dioxide in our air point to one final sacrifice. Bush is sacrificing our health to the Big Businesses that helped elect him and the precious economy which they want to preserve.

Strike three. Clinton worked for eight years to develop a sound economic policy, and his administration managed to do that at the same time as it gave us the best economy in decades (and despite some setbacks, we still have that).

Bush is ignoring the environmental ramifications of his ardent support of Big Business, and he is doing so at the expense of those Americans who want clean drinking water, who want coastlines unmarred by offshore drilling, and who want to enjoy the roadless forests which were set aside for their enjoyment.

Bush has failed, thus far, to take into consideration the problems inherent in ignoring the environment, and his EPA has remained virtually silent.

The president needs to wake up to the importance of environmentally-friendly policy. There needs to be balance. The answer to energy problems is conservation, not exploitation of resources better left alone.

The answer to a sagging economy is not destruction of our air, land and water; a saturated market is helped only little and temporarily by cheaper, less regulated resources.

Unfortunately, Bush has sworn allegiance to Big Business from the beginning, and his environmental inadequacy is no major surprise. He has good intentions.

But President Bush needs to be less shortsighted on policies which help business at the expense of the environment which so many Americans have fought so hard for so long to protect.

-Matt McGowan is a freshman undecided major.

Editor's note: The writer is currently planning an on-campus Environmental Action group, and urges any interested students or fac-

Pro-Con: should the US continue to support Macedonia?

Matt Hurff discusses the importance of designating support for Macedonia.

Imagine being in a place where sniper shots and mortar explosions could kill the closest people to you at any moment. What environment would you expect these happening to occur in?

Certainly not in neighborhoods where families live and try to create a happy lives for their children; however, that is just the situation that has been occurring for the past decade in the Balkans.

At this time, nations that were once part of Yugoslavia have been battling over religious and territorial reasons that have been festering since the time of the Ottoman Empire. We have seen ethnic cleansing courtesy of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and the Yugoslavs along with chaos in the towns and cities of this region of the world.

Now that the somewhat stable former portion of Yugoslavia, Macedonia is now experiencing the same Slav versus ethnic Albanian problems that their neighbors have, the United States has decided to pull out its support.

In fact, the Bush administration has decided to withdraw 750 peacekeepers from Bosnia, even after the Secretary-General of NATO asked for more support, especially for Macedonia.

The problems in Macedonia are rooted in the newly formed National Liberation Army, which consists of ethnic Albanians. This group feels that it does not have equal rights as the Slavs in Macedonia.

These problems stem from the fact that, "both [sides] project open-mindedness, yet scratch beneath the surface of declared respect for the other group and each contains a well of suspicion," according to Peter Finn of the Washington Post, who reported on the issues brewing in the war torn region on

April 4, 2001.

Other people he interviewed throughout this article, both Slavs and ethnic Albanians, seemed somewhat optimistic about Macedonia's future. They also thought that some change needed to happen before things could be resolved. Someone needs to step in and ensure that this will happen.

I am not saying that the US should be working to resolve the problems in the Balkans alone. However, I do not think that anything will be accomplished without some initiative by the US, whether in comes in the form of peacekeepers in the region, or whether it involves merely bringing the leaders of the disputing factions together for peace talks.

By pulling peacekeepers out of the region, this resolution will not happen. Bush has decided to shift to other issues such as China and Taiwan, along with the problems in Korea because they are more significant in the "big picture."

However, I feel that Macedonia should be part of the "big picture." The problems there could easily escalate into something more damaging if allowed to intensify.

While Milosevic was busy with his ethnic cleansing, Macedonia was a large help to the European Union and NATO in trying to solve the problem. Now, when Macedonia needs assistance, can we really turn our heads and ignore?

Some people say we should not involve troops at all in this issue, and they might be right to a point. However, we must do something, whether that means sending diplomats to the region or, having peace talks. If this does not pan out and innocent people continue to be harmed maybe sending troops would be the next step.

I just feel as though it would be a shame to let democracy fail in a place that genuinely seems to want democracy to work.

-Matt Hurff is a sophomore English major.

Brad Widner expresses how he feels the US should discontinue to support Macedonia.

The recent crisis in Macedonia has sparked my interest. I know there are a lot of you out there who probably do not care about politics nor do you care about America's foreign policy.

But, I am one of those 12 percent of young people that do take an active interest in politics. Our country has reached the point where most Americans especially young people do not care about politics.

The United Nations decided to send peacekeeping troops to this area. Many of these troops just happened to be American soldiers.

I feel that President Bush made the right executive decision withdrawing American troops out of this hostile area. Why should we spend our American tax dollars to finance military action where America has no jurisdiction?

America is not the world's baby-sitter and doesn't have to try to settle every little dispute that pops out all over the world.

Someone could say that there have been problems in this area of the world before the Ottoman Empire, if this is true then how can

we expect America to step in and magically solve these deep-rooted problems. What makes us think that we have an answer to solve a problem that has existed so long?

Hey let's face it. America isn't perfect. I believe that we should first solve the problems in America before we start solving these international problems that don't concern our country too much. Look around... America has a great deal of concerns right here within our borders. There are people living homeless in the streets, people dying of horrible diseases, and children being gunned down in our schools. The problems may be entirely different in nature, but nonetheless they exist and we should try to use some of the money we spend on foreign affairs to solve these problems first.

Don't take me too seriously here. I'm not trying to come off as a conservative or ethnocentric jerk here, I just believe that our military and tax dollars should stay out of foreign affairs and focus more on domestic issues.

I don't feel that we should become an isolationist country; just take an active role in foreign affairs that are absolutely necessary to our country's well being.

Such issues would include saving the lives of our airmen being held captive in China, or preventing our US Embassies from being bombed by rogue terrorists. Well that's all I have to say about that.

-Brad Widner is a sophomore history major.

Is there a topic you would like to see debated about in the Phoenix?

If you would like to write or submit a topic call BJ Shorb @410-756-2955 for more info.

Is anyone listening?

Jeremy Keil tells encourages all students to voice their opinions in order to get someone to listen.

During my three years on this campus the issue which seems to pop up most in the pages of the *Phoenix* is food service on this campus. So many people seem to dislike the situation, yet nothing seems to get done.

There are only a handful of people, including myself, who raise this issue, however. I think if a few more people complained about this issue something might get done. In fact, I think if a few more people complain about any issue, something about that issue may get done.

I have had over two dozen people come up to me and tell me they agree with my articles. They think it is ridiculous that the college is forcing us to pay for meals we don't use. Yet when I ask them if they are going to complain they say, "no, my opinion doesn't matter."

If only half of those people would actually pick up the phone and complain, I think something would get changed.

So stop complaining to your friends. Stop grumbling to yourself. Start writing napkin notes. Start writing suggestions in the box outside of Academic Affairs. Start a renovated campus-wide phone list.

Start calling Dr. Seidel (200). Start calling Dean Sayre (244) or President Coley (220). Start showing up at SGA meetings (Tuesdays 8:00 in Hill).

Start taking charge of this campus and let the administration know what you think should be done on this campus, because until we get more than the same 3 or 4 people complaining no one is going to listen to us.

ADD as a result of a competitive nature.

Amy Bittinger expresses why she feels individuals possess characteristics of ADD.

In a recent issue of U.S. News and World Report the editors wrote a one-page commentary asking the question: "Does America have ADD?"

The commentary suggests that due to the information overload that individuals are more prone to ADD-like characteristics.

Well, I think that expectations and the need to be competitive have led to people being constantly preoccupied.

I may not have gotten into Western Maryland College if I wasn't a good high school student, while playing two to three sports a year, working a job, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities.

It was no longer good enough to be a good student. I had to be a good student while participating in numerous activities.

Nothing changed in college. I quickly filled up my resume hoping that one of the items on it would make my resume stand out from a pile of resumes. More importantly than what was on the resume may have been how much was on the resume.

Being on the lacrosse team, working two jobs at a time, tutoring, being an executive member of several organizations shows that I can handle an active, and busy lifestyle. Because I was maintaining my academic

level, I was handling the stress well.

In order to compete for admission into college, or for a job in the work force, you have to show that you are better than the competition. So many people have outstanding transcripts, making it difficult for colleges and employers to evaluate based on that. So, colleges and employers will look at specific skills and experiences. Because one may not know what a college or employer is seeking, some people try everything that they can.

A friend of mine, a student at James Madison University, had a coach for her club lacrosse team who is a volunteer. The posi-

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tion was an opportunity for the person who fills it to get something to put on his or her resume.

In the case of this person, he was working on his Masters degree in Business Administration and said that the coaching would fulfill a need of management experience. He knew nothing of women's lacrosse but helped the team out with administrative tasks like scheduling and fund raising.

When I was in high school, I participated in most of the activities because my friends did. I was lucky that my friends were interested in having after school meetings, so I

had to more to put on my college application. But, I didn't care much about the purposes of the organizations.

In college, I participated in so much because I wanted the various experiences. I am glad I did for the most part, because I learned a great deal. I learned, most importantly, that I could handle a lot. However, I do contribute part of that to professors and fellow classmates for being so helpful and flexible. I will slow down, eventually, when I think that I am satisfied with where I am.

Once I got a job for after graduation, senioritis kicked in. Now, I only do what I want. I have stopped participating in most of my activities. I am taking only three courses. I am not even working right now. It is a great feeling.

But when I start working, I know that I will be in graduate school to move up the ladder at work. I will be participating in other activities to satisfy my interests such as keeping statistics for local sports teams and taking music lessons.

So, as long as my peers continue to be preoccupied and heavily involved with activities, so will I. When I feel comfortable with where I stand, I will slow down.

I am enjoying my slowing down now, but I know that come midsummer, I will be picking it up again.

-Amy Bittinger is a senior mathematics major.

Upcoming Events

Brought to you by CAPBoard:

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April 16, 8 p.m., Pub- Movie: Green Mile
(co-sponsored by ACLLU)

April 17, 8 p.m., Pub- Movie: Dead Man Walking
(co-sponsored by ACLLU)

April 19, 9 p.m., Pub- Comedian: Francis DeLorenzo

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April 24- Concert: Matchbox 20 & Everclear
TBA - Tickets on sale starting April 11

April 25, 9 p.m., Forum- Hilby the German Juggler Boy

April 26, 7-11 p.m., Pub- Karaoke Night

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Monday April 16—7 p.m.—McDaniel Lounge

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Cecelia Bowens: An Unsung Hero

NIKOLE TYSON

Staff Writer

"She has worked here for over 35 years, and in the ten years that I have been here, she has never missed a day," comments Brenda Davidson, general manager of Engler Dining Hall.

"The main thing for me is that she is very dependable," remarks Davidson.

Who is this person? Born in Frederick and raised in Westminster, she is Cecelia Bowens, the line supervisor of Glar, also known to many students as Ms. Cecelia or Ms. Ceil.

While many are still snuggled up in bed at 5:30 in the morning, Bowens is raising the gate to Glar to get ready for the WMC community.

Her day usually ends at 2 p.m. or later depending on what help is needed.

Although the dining hall gets short-staffed at times, Bowens handles the additional jobs that are assigned to her without missing a step.

While it is apparent that she is physically tired, she is always pleasant, has a positive attitude, and greets stressed students with a warm and genuine smile.

Bowens is quick to point out that students are the most enjoyable part of her job.

Commenting on how stressed and tired the students look as they enter Glar, she says, "I feel that if I say something funny, joke, or cut up with you guys, it will make you all's day a little brighter."

One student, Maya Redfearn, a junior communication/theater major, can attest to Bowens' caring personality.

She comments, "I honestly believe it is the students' smiles that keep Ms. Ceil coming back to Glar every day and vice versa."

In fact, Redfearn considers Bowens to be her "fifth mother." Laughing, she adds, "I have so many, but seriously, she is always giving advice, lending a smile, and sharing her caring and strong spirit with those who may need a soul uplift at times."

Bowens is the line supervisor at the dining hall, the "important

person" as Davidson puts it. "She oversees everything. And, I can trust her to come to me about any problems," she said.

Davidson also describes Bowens as very customer service-oriented and a lot of fun to be around.

Bowens describes herself by saying, "I am a good, lovable person. I am also kind of shy but I can hide it really [well]."

So what more is there to know about her? Bowens believes most people on campus know what she does while at work but, "I don't know if you guys have ever realized that I sing while I'm on the line."

Most of the time she is singing gospel songs and other times "I just be acting silly," she says with a wide grin.

So how do the students treat Bowens? "I can say that most students are respectful," she explains, adding that if students do something she doesn't like, "I'll pull the student aside, sing to them, talk to them, and they will usually apologize."

Students are fairly respectful when dealing with her. In fact, Davidson says, "I have to say she deals with the students better than anyone I have ever seen."

Hussein Samater, a junior political science/history major, says he would characterize Bowens as hard-working.

"At least when I see her, although she may seem tired back in the line serving food with all the steam, she accomplishes her job 100 percent," he says.

Samater also finds her famous words, "How are you, baby?" to be "very refreshing, making you feel at home in a certain way."

Although Bowens is content with her salary, Samater also believes that she should get a raise.

With a mischievous smile, Bowens described that she was "shy" in her youth.

Grinning, she adds, "I used to go to cabarets where you would dress up in gowns and all that junk. That was way back in the day. I used to go to concerts - Rick James concerts. And girl, I used to throw down on some clothes."

In her early-to-late-'20's, Bowens went to cabarets at Martins West in Westminster, and a club called Frocks, which was also located in Westminster.

She adds, "I used to be a fancy dresser. I love to dress. Music was a love of mine. I would dance to a love and everything; it just didn't matter then. I honey, I was young. Oh yes, I could dance out of this world. I used to win dance contests and I bet today I can win some."

Some of the dances that she used to "shake" to were called the "honey west," "the limbo," "the jerk," and "the electric slide."

But, these days Bowens says that after work she likes to lay back and "just relax baby."

Her motto is just to take life one day at a time. "That is the only thing you can do. Sometimes it's hard but I do it with God," she says.

If you ask Bowens if she has any children, her response is, "WMC students are my children and that's enough."

Karamae McCauley, secretary of the dining hall, remarks, "She loves all the students like her children."

McCauley says that former students have come back to visit Bowens, giving thanks to her for everything she did while they were in school.

She adds, "[Bowens] is a mom away from home, students bring her gifts, cards," and she emphasizes, "students will actually come back just to see Cecelia."

Reminiscing on all the students that have come in and out of her life, Bowens says, "It's so good to see my kids graduating; I know it's hard."

She advises WMC students approaching adulthood to, "keep on keeping on, to go with the flow, and to take one day at a time."

Not only is she an important part of the dining hall staff, she is also very important to the college community.

Bowens provides support and reassurance to many students while she works.

She sees her job is so satisfying because of her link to students that she often wonders, "Who could ask for more?"

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Annual Race for RAINN to be held April 22 at WMC

MATT MCGOWAN
Staff Writer

In 1994, singer/songwriter Tori Amos founded the Rape Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), which operates America's first and only national hotline for victims of sexual assault.

From anywhere in the country, the hotline offers free counseling and support twenty-four hours a day.

In 2000, a WMC Honors student, then-freshman Stephanie Knight, founded the Race for RAINN, annual, 5k run to raise money for RAINN, an organization which Knight had supported for some time. Commented Knight, "Some of my friends were sexually abused as children, so it's an issue close to me."

This year, the Race for RAINN will once again take place on the WMC campus, starting on the track on the morning of April 22, 2001.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m., and the race itself will begin at 9, with participants divided into six age groups.

Knight, a dual-major in Biology and Spanish with a minor in Chemistry, came to WMC from Glen Burnie. As a high school

student, she organized two 5K runs benefiting those who suffer from diabetes.

"When I got here, to the honors program," she said, "I felt that it was really lacking a group service project that everyone could get behind and be involved with."

So, with help from both the SGA and College Activities, Knight organized the race, which last year raised \$1300 for distribution between RAINN and more local support facilities for victims of rape, incest, and abuse.

The 2000 race received about 120 registrations, though snow on the day of the race, according to Knight, cut the number of participants down by almost half.

"This year, the race will occur slightly later in the season," said Knight, "so the weather won't be as much of a problem. The race is on the same day this year as the March

of Dimes, though, so I expect we'll lose some people to that."

The Race for RAINN collects money from registration fees.

Registration, depending upon when an entrant registers, costs either ten or fifteen dollars.

Participants get free T-shirts, which SGA allocations allowed the group to purchase.

The money raised, which Knight estimates to be around \$1500 this year, will be divided evenly, with half going to RAINN and half going to the Westminster Crisis

Center. "These issues are often so easy to look past," Knight said, because they are very personal issues. "But this needs to be acknowledged, and awareness needs to be raised. I don't care if we make no money, if

the hundred participants have learned something, gone home more aware than they came, then it was worth it."

The participants are mostly from the community surrounding WMC, a trend which Knight would like to see reversed in coming years.

Many recent studies by polling agencies have shown that rape is in some ways a bigger issue on college campuses than it is in the world beyond.

Studies have shown that more than one in four college women will be sexually assaulted before finishing her undergraduate education.

In RAINN's first six years of operation, the number of rapes reported annually rose by 50,000 and the hotline received over 275,000 calls.

The issue has been pressed increasingly on college campuses, by administrations desperate to stem the tide of increasing sexual assault statistics.

"I really wish more women, especially, get involved. I know nobody likes to get up early on the weekends," commented Knight. "But it's just one Sunday, and for a cause that really needs more support."



Pictured here is the Race for RAINN's logo

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Weekend Events:

Friday, April 20, 2001

* hosted by WMC Trustees; (by invitation only) 6:30 p.m. cocktails, dinner at 7 p.m. in Englar Dining Room.

See Ad on page 3 for Saturday Events

Sunday, April 22, 2001

* Gala Inaugural Concert; performances by WMC choirs, musical ensembles, and faculty musicians; 3 p.m. in Baker Memorial Chapel. * Reception; 4:15 p.m. in plaza outside of Lewis Science Center; followed by open house and tours at new Levine Music Hall. (Rain location: McDaniel Lounge).

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What type of things do you believe in?

Note: From the smell of rain, to watching sunsets - from beat boxing and breaking, to old school hip hop before it was rap, Western Maryland College students share what thrills them in this Phoenix column titled, "I Believe."

Each week learn more about your peers by reading what they believe in. Share what thrills you by sending in your own "I Believe" statement.

Try to keep your statements to 100 words or less. Drop them off at the information desk in Decker and please put "For the Phoenix" across the top.

I believe laughing makes everything better. I believe my parents are proud of me. I believe you really can smell the rain coming.

I believe in sleep. I believe the grass may sometimes be greener on the other side, but I'll be just fine

right here. I believe happiness comes to all those who wait.

I believe I will be worth looking up to.

-ANGELA KELLY

I believe in friends, love, scenic drives, crisp air, the sun, and watching sunsets. I believe in keeping in touch - talking, writing, listening, reminiscing, crying.

I believe in working hard, vacations, watching the news, and watching the clouds. I believe in reading to children, following dreams, reaching goals and setting more.

I believe in painting toenails, wearing funky socks and comfortable PJs. I believe in stuffed animals, phone calls, rented movies, and Chik-Fil-A.

-STEPHANIE GULBIN

I believe in turntables, uncommercialized hip-hop, baggy jeans, and Timberland boots. I believe in street basketball in 90 degree heat, a good stroke and a swish from the 3-point line, and an old smelly gym.

I believe in passion - not just any passion, but crazy, violent (but harmless) passion.

I believe in free styling, beat boxing, breaking, graffiti art, and old school hip hop before it was rap. I believe that there is no better word than unity.

I believe in supporting others - one love, one heart, and feeling all right.

I believe in knowledge and knowing that only a Philadelphia fan can make a true Philly cheese steak and an Italian hoagie.

-ADAM CARTER

Courtesy of Lisa Breslin.

First AIDS Walk was a success



JOAN FAULKNER

To the left, Erin Owen, president of ASAP (AIDS Support, Awareness and Prevention), supervises one of the many volunteers as he hangs the sign for the Ty Bear Babies raffle. The Ty bear Ariel was raffled off in order to raise more money. The bear was chosen because the design on its chest was drawn by a girl named Ariel who died of AIDS. The walk was held at the Carroll County Farm Museum, and walkers trekked from the museum, through WMC's campus, and back to the museum.

To the right, Ilaria Brun del Re (right) and Lisa Van Auken prepare a sign for the registration table for Sunday morning's AIDS Walk. Teamwork was very important to insure smooth runnings for ASAP, Circle K, and the many other volunteers.



JOAN FAULKNER



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To the left, Mohindra Ramphal (right) is busier than ever with his work on the AIDS Walk. Mo is the treasurer for ASAP and he wants to make sure all funds are handled correctly. Matt Winner stands out of the way while he waits patiently for another assignment in the setting up for the first annual AIDS Walk of Carroll County.

Rat's Web: A look at weird websites

ANNE BUTLER
Staff Writer

Sometimes you come across a site on the Web that forces you to ask yourself questions about its creator. Questions like "How?" "Why?" "What is this person on?" and "How can I get some?" This column is dedicated to these questionable sites.

Crazy Drunk Guy

<http://qqqjoynk.com/cdg/>

Apparently Jeff's been getting random incoherent messages. What's worse is that he has gotten several of them. He's digitalized the messages and put them up on this website in all their glory. Now you can enjoy the ramblings of a drunk person even when you're surfin the internet! This site requires RealAudio.

Caution: Don't visit this site just before bed or the picture at the top might give you nightmares.

Work Well with Others

<http://www.email.net/work-well-thiser.html>

This site includes directions for... I can't describe it. It's too incomprehensible. Go visit.

Caution: Site involves cryogenics and matches.

Jesus Dance

<http://www.jesudance.com>

Get down with the Messiah himself! Watch the savior dance the night away to incredibly odd music. Or if you swing toward the darker side, try:

The Satan Dance

<http://home.fuse.net/online-aquarium/satandance.htm>

The Prince of Darkness can boogie too. Who can dance better? The fate of the universe hangs on the balance!

Caution: *The Phoenix* does not endorse any particular religion.

The Inflatable Reindeer Puzzle Page

<http://www.xydexx.com/inflatable/reindeer.htm>

Kids, during the holidays drinking and inflatable reindeer do not mix. Remember, don't drink and blow. Need more proof? Then visit.

Caution: *The Phoenix* is not responsible for any giggling caused as a result of using the phrase "blowing reindeer."

Shirt Ninja

<http://www.medazzaland.com/shirtninja/>

A secret clan of cotton-coated

marial artists have arisen. But are their intentions good or bad?

Caution: Real shirt ninjas only use cotton.

The Really Big Button that Doesn't do Anything

<http://www.pixelscapes.com/spatulacity/button.htm>

One of the first and most popular questionable sites, it is still one of the most useless unless you're into Zen riddles. Actually, I've met the creator of this site. It didn't solve any of my questions though...

Caution: If a button doesn't do anything, how many fools will still push it?

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<http://www.alcyone.com/oo/>
Your guess is as good as mine. **Caution:** Orange cones can be made to imitate life.

Incredibly Useful Site of the Issue: Safety Alerts

<http://www.safetyalerts.com>

This site lists product recalls as they occur. It's a must for parents and a great idea for others to out this site. One of the few sites that may actually save your life. I'm seriously not kidding.

Madrigal Singers to present annual concert



COURTESY OF BRANDI CRAWFORD

The Western Maryland College Madrigal Singers will present their annual concert on Tuesday May 1 at 7 p.m. The concert will take place in Little Baker Chapel, and the fourteen-member ensemble will present a variety of pieces including traditional Renaissance Madrigals, World Music, 20th Century Music, and two pieces by the group Sweet Honey

in the Rock. The concert will be done entirely acapella (without music), with the help of some percussion instruments for interest and effect. This event is free and open to the public, and is sure to be a spectacular evening of delightful harmonies and stirring music that penetrates the heart, soul, and mind.

Courtesy of Brandi Crawford.

Time for Spring . . . again

KATE ESPOSITO
Co-Features Editor

Ahh springtime, time for long days, cool nights, and . . . rain. Lots of it. April showers . . . well you know the rest.

As all Maryland residents well know, we should be prepared a few weeks of the wet stuff followed shortly by the only worse time of the year to be on campus than finals week: manure season.

You would have to agree with me that both of these occurrences are excellent reasons to spend some time inside, especially the second. For those of you anxious to get out in the rain-and the stench to follow, good luck to you.

For the rest of us it is going to be a long few weeks-unless we find ways to spend that time constructively. Always looking to improve society in some small way, of course I have some ideas.

The most common sense plan would be to sit down at your desk and figure out a plan for world peace, a cure for cancer, or a way to block Ernie Ogle messages from your phone; you know, a great service to humanity.

But since most of us have no idea how to go about any of these things, try sending out those resumes that have been rotting in their

envelopes for a month now waiting to be mailed. Remember, the quicker you get some of these petty tasks done, the sooner you can begin procrastinating about something new.

Look around your room, take a sniff if you dare. Unless you are Ann Landers or Martha Stewart, there is probably something that needs to be cleaned, be it your carpet, your windows, a pet, or a roommate.

Grab a vacuum and some cleaning products and take care of this! You won't have to clean again 'til move-out day if you're careful. And while your at it, do the dishes and take out the garbage.

Okay, how about something less work-like? There's always the typical stuff like watching TV, playing video games, or renting a video. But who wants to be conventional? How about watching the laundry spin in the dryer? This can provide hours...okay seconds of fun!

When you are done with that, do something else.

Alright after all this, you will probably do anything to be outside and end up going outside anyway. My advice to you: grab a jacket and sunglasses and pretend it is sunny and beautiful.

Don't forget to hold your nose.

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COURTESY OF ERIN OWEN

Martha Tudor (left) and Erin Owen performed in the two-person play, "The Kathy and Mo Show." Both played a variety of parts, including these two old ladies. The show ran for two nights, and had the audience roaring with laughter.

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Choirs combine for concert

BRANDI CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

For the first time in history, the Western Maryland College Choir and the Children's Choir of Carroll County will be combining to present an original piece by a local composer.

Sunday April 29 will bring the College Choir's annual spring concert, but this year there will be special guests present to lend their voices.

This massive 150 voice choir will be presenting the piece "The Gift of Song," which was composed just for our choir by Baltimore composer Lorraine Whittlesby.

The Children's Choir of Carroll County, under the direction of Ms. Joyce Hongsmeier, will be joining our choir to create a unique sound of younger and more mature voices joined together in unity as well as harmony.

"We all believe that it's really important for people to continue singing their entire lives," said College Choir director and mu-

sic department chair Dr. Margaret Boudreaux.

For this reason she hopes that the two choirs will be able to do more performances together in the future.

As choir concerts usually have a theme, this year's concert will feature a wide variety of folk songs done in many different settings. The concert will also be the premiere of the WMC music department's own Garth Baxter's original Appalachian folk song entitled "Wild Mountain Thyme."

In addition, the choir will be singing a setting of the Irish folk song "Danny Boy" as well as many others.

As with all College Choir concerts, there will be a sing-along throughout the performance to allow for audience participation, and several instrumentalists will lend their skills throughout the evening to present a diverse and interesting sound.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. on Sunday April 29, in Baker Memorial Chapel. The event is free of charge and is open to all.

60 SECONDS

What do you want to see at Western Maryland College?

compiled by Brad Widner



"Satan. Or More student bands."

-Nick Valentine '01
Philosophy, Psychology



"More Vegetarian entrees in Glar"

-Fallon Bauer '03
Biology



"I wanna see a varsity polo team."

-Matt Michael '03
Math (Secondary Ed)



"More of a family type atmosphere"

-Sam Gordon '01
French

The American League Preview: Is there a sure thing?

EDWARD K. SCHULTHEIS
Co Editor-In-Chief

Even though baseball season has just started, it is not too late to predict the winners of the American League.

This season looks to be very exciting, with Alex Rodriguez going to the Texas Rangers in a blockbuster deal worth over \$250 million, Carlos Delgado looking to become the first Toronto Blue Jay to win the Triple Crown, and Mike Mussina donning a pin-striped jersey in New York.

Are things going to be any different from last year? Will the Chicago White Sox win the AL Central title again or will the Cleveland Indians regain their place? Will Texas overtake Oakland and Seattle in the race for the West? Only time will tell.

In the AL East, the Yankees are once again the front-runners, with the Boston Red Sox and the Blue Jays close behind them. The Yankees have three number 1 starters in Roger Clemens, Mike Mussina, and Andy Pettitte and that will be good enough to lead them to yet another division title. Their offense is average with David Justice and Tino Martinez, and they will not win too many slugests with it. Jorge Posada had a career year last year and the Yankees are hoping that he will increase his hitting numbers this season while still handling most of the catching duties. Clearly, they are relying on their rotation and bullpen to keep the team out of the gopher-hall contests though.

Boston has the most dominant pitcher of the generation, Pedro Martinez. However, the rest of the rotation is iffy and their best bet is Frank Castillo or Hideo Nomo, who threw a no-hitter against the Orioles, to get the most wins after Martinez. Their offense has been revamped with Manny Ramirez who was signed from the Cleveland Indians, however, thus far he has been suffering with an injury.

Nomar Garciaparra was set to be the centerpiece of the Red Sox, but he is out for at least a month or so after surgery was done

on his wrist. If Garciaparra returns soon, and all of the pieces fall into place, they hope to finally overtake the Yankees for AL East supremacy.

The Blue Jays, under new skipper Buck Martinez, will again be relying on their immense power (seven players with 20+ homers in 2000) to overshadow their lack of pitching.

After trading away 20 game winner David Wells and losing Mike Sirota to injury, the team looks to be a team with no pitching. Carlos Delgado, Tony Batista and Brad Fullmer had career power numbers last year, and Esteban Loaiza, who is at best a number 2 starter, did have a couple good outings to start this season, but the rest of the pitching staff is a bunch of question marks.

Billy Koch is a great closer, however, he is the one bright spot in an average bullpen. Despite their great power they are not going to win all their games, and certainly not the one-run variety.

In the AL Central, the Indians are hoping to make a run at once again becoming the team to beat in the division. They have a decent offense headed by new acquisition Jim Gonzalez and anchored by veteran Jim Thome.

In addition, Russell Branyan is looking to have a career power year after playing in limited time last year. The question, like with many clubs, is whether the pitching will hold up.

They are led by Bartolo Colon and the team was impressed by C.C. Sabathia during spring training. So impressed that they awarded him the number 5 slot. They will look to hold back the White Sox from repeating in the Central.

The White Sox are a team that dealt away their ace, with a serious injury, to pick up a proven postseason pitcher in David Wells. They also picked up Sandy Alomar Jr. and Royce Clayton to help their potent offense consisting of Magglio Ordonez and Frank Thomas who returned to form last season and

having a few off-seasons. The rest of the staff is solid, but not spectacular, and after surprisingly winning 95 games last year, they are looking for a repeat in the Central race. Keith Foulke is a solid closer, but he seemed to tire down the stretch.

It will be interesting to see how he deals with fatigue this year. Hopefully, with Wells' pitching and a solid offense, they can make a run for the playoffs.

The AL West is going to be one of the closest races in the league. The Oakland Athletics won the race last season while winning a total of 91 games and they also sport last year's MVP in Jason Giambi. They are going to be even better this year after acquiring Johnny Damon. Their rotation is phenomenal and led by 20 game winner Tim Lincecum with Barry Zito and Mark Mulder following suit. Jason Iringhausen is a decent closer, but he has a tendency to allow quite a few runs, which could hurt the A's in some close games. Look for the A's to try to repeat in the West.

Without A-Rod, the Seattle Mariners will be looking to their pitching staff to carry the team into October.

They are led by starters Freddy Garcia, Aaron Sele, and Jamie Moyer and closer Kazuhiro Sasaki, who was last year's Rookie of the Year. Edgar Martinez and John Olerud, who drove in 145 runs and 103 runs respectively, lead the offense. However, without the huge power threat of years past, look for the team to be involved in quite a few one and two run games. Despite their lack of power, the team should be able to win a good majority of those games with their above average pitching, especially with all of their home games at the pitcher-friendly Safeco Field.

I just do not see the Texas Rangers' pitching holding up for the whole season. They may make it, but they may also stumble across the finishing line, even while bolstering a potent offense led by Alex Rodriguez, Andres Galarraga, and Rafael Palmeiro.

The starting rotation is sub-par, and the team held the second-worst ERA in the league last season. The bullpen is even worse and none of the relievers are proven closers. The team made some big acquisitions during the winter, and it may help the team win a few more games, but in the end, a major overhaul of the pitching staff would help even more.

I predict the New York Yankees, Cleveland Indians and Oakland A's winning their respective divisions - but not without a fight from some other contenders like Boston, Chicago and Seattle.

The AL Wild Card will be a highly competitive race this year. It is filled with questions such as will the Blue Jays launch 240+ homers again this year? Will the Red Sox rely on Pedro to carry the team to October? Will the Mariners still make a postseason run without A-Rod?

When it comes down to it, I do not think that the Red Sox will be able to rely on just Pedro to make it to the postseason. Their staff is questionable, much like many staffs in the AL, but I think that because Nomar is going to be out for a bit, it may hurt the Sox in the long run.

I see the Mariners being serious contenders, but I think that their lack of run production will hurt their team's chances of winning the Wild Card.

I could be wrong, but because of other teams' reliance on runs and not pitching, they will come up short.

The teams I see with the biggest chances of winning the Wild Card are the Toronto Blue Jays and the Chicago White Sox.

Both have tons of power, and if their pitching staffs hold up, it could be huge season for either team, including possibly winning their division.

Either way, I don't see that many teams competing with the Yankees due to their tremendous pitching staff. Whether you like the Yankees or not, the team with the pitching wins the big games.

Sideline View: Happenings is the world of sports

Jeff Grever and Matt Hurff look at some of the unnoticed things in the world of sports

Could there be a greater time in your life? The weather is becoming much nicer, the days are becoming longer and ah yes...Major League Baseball is back, and the NHL and NBA are hitting the playoffs.

There are so many things going on in the sports world, not to mention our busy academic schedules that I would like to go through a few of the highlights that college students may have missed in the sports world (sorry, I cannot help you out with those Biology notes you may have missed though).

So here are a few of my top events (in no particular order) that some might have omitted to notice in the blur of it all.

1. Many may have noticed the no-hitter pitched by the Boston Red Sox's Hideo Nomo this past week, in which he fanned 11 Orioles en route to the first Red Sox no-hitter since 1965 (especially because free tickets were given out for this game on the Western Maryland campus). This feat was impressive in itself because now Nomo has a no-hitter in both leagues, and it also ended the no-hitter drought that has existed since Eric Milton's in September of 1999.

However, underlying this gem is the fact that the strike zone was much bigger than it has been in past years. Will this new, larger strike zone make baseball a little less offen-

sive throughout the season? All I can say is hopefully this will happen, because ever since expansion in 1993, sluggers have had full reign and some fans (like myself) do enjoy a well pitched ballgame.

2. While on the topic of sluggers, one cannot forget to mention Giants left fielder Barry Bonds. Bonds is on the verge of joining the elite 500 career home run club. The 36-year-old slugger now stands at 495 and counting. Keep your eye on this because he should be able to break 500 within the next week or two.

3. The NHL playoff picture is a huge mess, but while many people are wondering whether Boston can clinch the last Eastern Conference berth, there are some interesting things going on out west. The 8th seed, Vancouver could lose their berth, or they could move up to the 6th or 5th seed. This is a huge question mark for the Canucks. To do so, they must beat Los Angeles, a team who was 12 points back in the standing a month ago. Now they are tied with them with 90 points.

4. Another impressive things about this

season is that the Penguin's Mario Lemieux and the Devil's Petr Sykora have both tallied 35 goals this season. You may ask, what is so impressive about 35 goals? Well, nothing is very impressive about that particular number of goals. However, what is impressive is that it only took Lemieux 43 games

to do so. Meanwhile, it took Sykora 73 games to do so. At that pace, Lemieux would have scored 66 goals, 7 more than league leader Pavel Bure.

5. In the world of NCAA Division I hockey, the "Frozen Four" (hockey's equivalent to basketball's Final Four) took place this past weekend. In the championship game, Boston College defeated defending champ North Dakota.

This was Boston College's first championship in any sport in 52 years.

6. Right here on the Hill are a few things that may have been overlooked due to the national sports scene, namely the play of the Terror softball team. They are currently on a 15-3 tear after their 5-0 and 5-2 double

header wins over Lebanon Valley. Meanwhile, Pitcher Kim Camponelli was named co-pitcher Centennial Conference pitcher of the week.

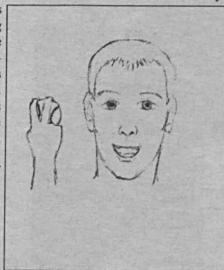
7. On the links, golfer John Wheeler placed 2nd in the Elizabethtown Blue Jay Classic, shooting a 77.

So now that you've been updated on all of those things, you can go back to your academics, or whatever else consumes your time.

PHOENIX SPORTS TRIVIA:

Which current Seattle Mariner started playing in the major league straight out of college and has never played a single game in the minor leagues over his 10 year career?

Answer: John Olerud



Jeff Grever

Softball team in pursuit of 6th straight 20-win season

CRAIG JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

When most people think of the month of April, one of the first things that comes to mind is April showers. However, there has been no rain on the parade of the Terror softball team as they are a perfect 6-0 for the month, bringing their overall record to 17-3, 6-0 in conference.

Most recently, WMC swept a double-header at home against Washington College by scores of 6-2 and 5-0.

Senior Courtney Wunderlich had a pair of doubles and drove in two runs in game one, while Lauren Cramer hit her fourth home run of the season and drove in two runs while scoring twice herself.

Samantha Abrams went the distance in game one, allowing only two unearned runs while striking out nine. This four-hit performance improved her season record to 12-3.

In game two, freshman Kim Camponelli improved to 4-0 on the season with a dominant two-hit showing. She struck out four without allowing a walk. At the plate, Lauren Henry went 2-for-4 with a two-run double. Kristen Barriack added two hits and a stolen base.

On April 5th, the Green Terror travelled to Lebanon Valley College and once again came away with two wins.

In game one, a 5-0 WMC victory, Samantha Abrams threw a one-hit shutout, while striking out eight. Candice Kuligowski's two-run homerun, combined with Lauren Henry's two hits and two RBI, fueled the Terror offense.

The second game saw Camponelli scatter five hits en route to a 5-2 win. Lauren Cramer belted her third home run of the season while Henry provided three more RBI. Selena Smart, who doubled twice, led the club with three hits.

On April 2nd, the Green Terror earned two home victories over conference rival Franklin & Marshall.

WMC scored six runs in the first inning of the opener, and tacked on one more in the third to win by a count of 7-0. In the second game, the Terror once again looked dominant in a 5-1 victory.

Abrams allowed five hits in the opening shutout, striking out seven and walking four. At the plate, Cindy Livesay (double), Kuligowski (double), and Katie Swierkos (triple) each posted three RBI.

Camponelli fired a three-hitter in the nightcap, allowing one earned run while striking out seven. Hot hitting Lauren Cramer struck her second home run of the season, a two-run shot in the third inning. Abrams went 4-for-4 from the plate in the second game, with two doubles and two RBI.

WMC returns to action on April 11th against York College, seeking to move within one win of their sixth straight 20-win season.

At the blistering pace at which they're been winning games recently, the Terror seem poised and ready to reach this milestone.

I kid you not, the Iron Sheik won a 20 man "Gimmick Battle Royal" which featured 20 retired superstars battling in a match made simply for fun and a little laugh toward the end of the show.

The show finished with two incredible matches. The first of these was The Undertaker defeating Triple H. The two stars brawled across the entire arena. A highlight featured The Undertaker choke slamming Triple H off of a technical structure some 15 feet to the

Dolan and Price show the importance of transfer athletes

JON RENAUD
Staff Writer

The 1-6 WMC Women's Lacrosse team is off to a rough start. They have struggled to create chances on offense, and are allowed over ten goals a game on defense. But there are bright spots on the team.

Among them are two transfers, attacker Amy Price and defender Erin Dolan.

The tandem are the first transfers to the WMC Women's Lacrosse team in the past few seasons.

Price is a sophomore exercise science major who transferred to WMC from Harford Community College this spring.

At HCC, she played one year of club lacrosse, and one year on the varsity team. On the varsity team, she played midfield and scored 39 goals earning All-Conference honors.

Dolan is a sophomore business administration major from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was a member of the team there for a year, a Division I program, but did not play because of an injury. She was medically eligible for only two games.

Coach Mindy Manolovich is glad to have these two on her team. Although she does not think that a transfer will necessarily "come in to a program with more of a discipline over a freshman", she does think that transfers do bring something that is different than what a new freshman might bring.

"Transfers... from community college provide an enthusiasm, commitment, and maturity to the team since they have already been in college for two years and are excited about being a part of a four year college program," Manolovich said.

The finish came when Triple H mounted the Undertaker while he was in the corner, and Taker crushed him with the last ride.

That match was great, but the main event outperformed even that incredible contest. Former WWF champion The Rock lost to new WWF champion Stone Cold Steve Austin in a 40 minute war.

Austin was only able to achieve the victory when Vince McMahon

Price echoed this by explaining that at HCC the team "Struggled to get enough bodies at practice." Price likes that at WMC "Everyone will be there [at practice]." Price further explained that

This is exemplified by her being a leader in caused turn overs.

Both players have a different perspective on what it means to be a part of a college team than an incoming freshman might have.

At HCC, Price noted that the team traveled a lot more than WMC. "The skill level is not a lot different [at WMC], but the coaches are more demanding... of our level of dedication to the sport," she said.

Dolan, coming from a Division I, where her team was "either playing or conditioning or conditioning from September to May," as well as having "a conditioning program for all breaks," is enjoying the Division III schedule, which does not start until the end of January. Dolan also likes being able to participate in other activities while playing lacrosse, something that she could not do at Duquesne.

Both players undoubtedly have an edge over freshman because they have been in college for a little while, and are more experienced when it comes to balancing academics and athletics.

"Transfers have already adjusted to... the new challenges of college," Manolovich said. They have had more time to adjust to things such as "being at a new place" or being homesick.

With only two starting seniors, the women's lacrosse team can certainly use all the experience it can get.

The team hopes that the experience the transfers provide them with a boost in the wins column.

To see Dolan, Price and the rest of Terror in action stop by Gill Field on Thursday, April 12 at 4 p.m., where they will take on the College of Notre Dame.

cried when their hero joined "the man."

Now that Austin has joined both Vince McMahon and new Intercontinental champion Triple H as the top evil doers, the WWF has really opened itself up.

The Rock is taking a temporary leave to shoot a new movie. The Undertaker remains as the only top level face left to battle the powerful Stone Cold/Trip H/McMahon trifecta.



Defender Erin Dolan breaks away with ball against Washington College



Attacker Amy Price #5 (left), a transfer from Harford Community College doubleteams a Washington College player along with Thomas #8.

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Inside the WWF: Has Stone Cold Steve Austin turned heel?

Michael Jenkinson looks at the issues facing the post Wrestmania WWF

Wrestlemania X-7 (seventeen) is in the books. Where it will be placed among the greatest wrestlemania's is yet to be determined. The fantastic show featured Victories by Chris Jericho, Kane, Eddie Guerrero, the APA with Tazz, Chyna, Team Ec, Kurt Angle, Shane McMahon, and The Iron Sheik.

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Men's Lax battles two nationally ranked foes

MICHAEL JENKINSON,
Staff Writer

The Green Terror Men's Lacrosse Team split a pair of matchups with nationally ranked teams this past week. They were successful against the Washington College Shormen 15-14 last Wednesday, but were defeated by the Gettysburg Bullets 14-10 on Saturday.

Last Wednesday, the Terror defeated Washington College, who went into the game ranked 13th in the country. The win was huge for the team, as was echoed by both players and coaches. Senior Attack and Co-Captain Brett Sweeney said "it's the biggest win in my career, ever. Definitely our biggest win."

Head Coach Keith Reitenbach took it a step further. "They're a national power. This is a huge win for the program, the team, and myself." The Terror didn't exactly cruise to this victory. The Shoremen scored the first four goals, and kept the lead the entire first half. But the momentum switched in the 3rd quarter. Down 9-4, the Terror mounted a comeback. To say the least. They rallied to score seven unanswered goals, and took the lead 11-9.

One key factor in the rally was the second half face-off performance of Senior Midfielder/Co-Captain Dave Riley. This was the first game of the season that Riley was taking the majority of the face-offs. "I took a couple against Swarthmore. I did it Freshmen year, too. Today I just found my groove."

But the Shoremen weren't going down without a fight. The entire fourth quarter saw several ties, and go-aheads by the Terror. But Sophomore attack Joe Ellis scored a goal that put the Terror up by two, 15-13, with about two minutes left

in the game.

Washington did score again, but it wasn't enough as the Terror held Washington off for the victory.

This win was big on all accounts, but especially for Head Coach Keith Reitenbach. "No question. It's my biggest win here. I coached there (Washington) back in 83-84. They are the only team that has always finished ahead of us in the conference."

Junior Attack Tom Brown scored five goals and had three assists, and Sweeney had two goals and five assists.

This game marked the first win for The Green Terror over Washington College since 1932.

This past Saturday the Terror were defeated by Gettysburg, who were ranked second in the country.

The Terror were able to hang tough with Gettysburg in the first half, and actually held the lead by one goal at the break. But things fell apart in the second half. The Terror were outscored 3-8 in the second half.

Ellis did score five goals, and Sweeney added two goals and an assist. Hopefully the Terror will get to play Gettysburg again this year. For the first time ever, the Centennial Conference Champion will be decided in a 4 team playoff this year. Despite the bad second half, the Terror have learned that they can play with Gettysburg.

Hopefully the Terror will garner some national recognition from their performances last week. A win over a national power and a fairly close game against the number two team in the nation will probably draw some more attention toward The Hill. Sweeney feels that their performance will be recognized. "We've been getting votes. Washington is a good team. We should be ranked."



SPORTS INFORMATION

Tom Brown (5), Attacker, and Dave Riley (20), Senior Midfielder, look on as the Marlins swarm the Terror.

Track off to dominant '01 start

MARCUS HELTON

Staff Writer

The Western Maryland Outdoor Track team began this season with hopes of improving on last year's finish. If their performance through the first four meets of the year is any indication, they are well on their way of achieving that goal.

The Green Terror has had a very successful season so far. WMC athletes have set several school and meet records.

At the most recent home meet, the Twilight meet on April 5, the men and women each took first place for the second time this season.

WMC athletes set an incredible eight meet records, including six by the women's team. Among them were Jill Krebs' time of 18:15.50 in the 5,000 meters, Melissa Merson's 16:34 in the 100 meter hurdles, Thea Bayly's time of 1:08.40 in the 400 meter hurdles, and Jill Kurzejewski's high jump of 5' feet. The women's 4x100-meter relay team of Jamie Falcone, April Brown, Merson, and Bayly also set a meet record with a time of 49.41.

On the men's side, Ifeanyi Ani set a meet record in the triple jump with a jump of 44 ft. 50 in.

The Terror dominated the field events. Nicole Horn set a meet record in the shot put with a throw of 35 ft 6 3/4 in.

On the men's side, Mark Gable's javelin throw of 136 feet

set a meet record, and the Terror swept the shot put. David Hose was first with a throw of 44 ft. John Rydzewski threw 43 1/4 in., and Jeff Groff threw 38 9/16 in. to place third.

The previous Saturday, the team traveled to Harrisonburg, VA for the Bridgewater Invitational. Although team scores were not kept, the team had a very successful meet. Diana Pool set a meet record in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:55.73, and teammate Jill Krebs finished second.

The women's 4x100-meter relay team took first with a time of 49.76. A member of the 4x100 team, Melissa Merson, also won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.24.

The 4x400-meter team won with a time of 4:15.36. Rounding out the day for the Green Terror women was Jill Kurzejewski, who won the high jump with a jump of 5' feet.

The men were also successful. Ifeanyi Ani won the triple jump with a leap of 44 ft., 10 in., and finished second in the long jump. David Hose won the shot put competition with a throw of 48 ft., 11 in., and set a school record in the hammer throw with a throw of 114 ft. 1 inch. The team's first home meet was also a success.

At the Twilight meet on March 27, the men and women both finished first, and each team won convincingly.

The women finished with 148 points while Goucher came in a

distant second with 52 points, and the men's 146 total points easily beat out second place Bowie State's 44.

The women's 4x800-meter relay team, comprised of Diana Pool, Jane Karalow, Jill Krebs, and Erin Shockley, set a meet record with a time of 10:32.

The women's 4x200-meter team of Brown, Stephanie McPherson, Merson, and Falcone set a school record with their time of 47.90.

The Terror opened their season on March 17 at the Washington and Lee Invitational in Lexington, VA. The men took seventh place while the women took second.

Jamie Falcone received the meet's Outstanding Performer award for her part in setting three meet records (12.32 in the 100 meter dash, 25.79 in the 200, and 49.56 as part of the 4x100 meter relay team).

David Hose placed second in the shot put with a throw of 47 ft. 5 inches.

The men's 4x400-meter team's time of 3:29.58 earned them third place. The men's 4x100-meter team of John Riley, Rob Wingfield, Teron Powell, and Jeff Groff set a meet record of 44.50.

The team will be in action at home with Twilight meets on April 11 and 18, followed by the Terror Track Classic on April 28.

The Twilight meets begin at 4:00, and the Terror Track Classic starts at 11 a.m.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Sophomore Attacker Joe Ellis (8), a Columbia, Maryland product, weaves through the Marlins defense.



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Joan Coley inaugurated as WMC president

JACKIE LEAZER
Staff Writer

WMC trustees, alumni, faculty and staff, students, and the surrounding community gathered the weekend of April 20-22 to celebrate the inauguration of its eighth president, Joan Develin Coley.

President Coley, the first faculty member to rise through the administrative ranks to the college's top office was unanimously elected in October by the WMC Board of Trustees. She had served as Interim President since April 2000, after the resignation of President Robert Chambers who came to WMC in 1984.

The celebration on Saturday, April 21, began with an academic procession of professors and delegates. All dressed in their academic regalia, they represented colleges and universities throughout the United States that they are alumni of, as well as learned societies with membership among WMC faculty, staff members and

students. The marchers made their way across campus from Baker Memorial Chapel to Gill Learning Center.

The official inauguration took place in Gill, after welcomes and greetings by representatives from each facet of the college and community.

Each speaker addressed both professional accomplishments and personal experiences that left strong impressions by President Coley. Coley pauses as she announces Alice McDermott's (r) award.

During her speech, Amanda Cline, vice president of the Student Government Assembly, praised the enthusiastic involvement of President Coley with the student body and said, "She is a leader who is approachable, dedicated and sincere."

Representing the WMC staff in her speech, Barbara Ward of Residence Life said, "She is a strong



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refers to telescopes, which are light-gathering instruments, and to the College's motto, "I Call You Out of Darkness Into Light..." according to the Public Information office. As President Coley accepted the presidency of Western Maryland College, she expressed in her inaugural speech the her commitment to the entire community as she stated her most important goal for the college, "That within this decade Western Maryland College will be recognized as one of the finest small, private liberal arts colleges in the country."

"And if you think we can't reach that goal in this decade, you are wrong," she exclaimed. "We are tired of being a hidden gem."

President Coley went on to outline the four areas that will be addressed immediately to achieve her

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Unsupervised kids cause problem on campus

MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

Already crowded due to increased enrollment, the availability of student facilities is facing a new challenge—an increase in use by unsupervised children from the surrounding community.

Concern over the increase in unattended children was raised by a student at the recent SGA Open Forum held on March 13. The majority of the students at the forum agreed that the kids were an inconvenience, but that a solution for the problem was not easy to come by.

Freshman Stephanie Gulbin explained an incident she had with

one of the children. Gulbin recalls she was walking to up the steps that lead from Whiteford to Decker College Center when a young boy approached her and asked her if she wanted to watch his friend ride down the steps on his bicycle.

Gulbin said, "I never felt threatened, but it was an inconvenience."

Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety says that there have not been any recent incidents, and mentioned that they have looked into the matter. He was under the impression that the children were under the supervision of members of group Students Teaching America's Youth (STAY).

Sophomore Erin Collins, a member of STAY, said that the students who are seen loitering on a daily basis are not here with STAY, nor do they have any affiliation with the student-run mentoring program.

However, she said that STAY brings students on campus once a month for a Friday night event.

"To come, they have to have a signed parental permission slip. We have a party for two hours on one Friday night a month at which time they are under our complete supervision," Collins said.

The unsupervised children do not just bother the college students, but also faculty and staff.

Kyle Meloche, manager of the WMC Barnes & Noble College Bookstore, has had a few problems

with the kids as well.

"Horseplay is the main problem. Sometimes they pocket petty candy," said Meloche.

Meloche also said that, "They're rude, [and] they don't listen."

When the children do enter the bookstore and cause a problem, Meloche usually escorts them out. He has called Campus Safety in the past when the problem persists.

The administration has looked into solutions to handling problems concerning the children.

According to Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance, "The school has contacted the local YMCA about the possibility of starting some form of after-school daycare service for the

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It's all fun and games...



MICHAEL JENKINSON

Along with warm, sunny weather comes lots of play time on the Hill—and lots of injuries (or "boo-boos," as some might say). The Phoenix was at the scene when a shock trauma helicopter landed on the field adjacent to the gym to airlift an injured student on Monday, April 23. See page five for the latest information.

WMCR goes online

JOAN FAULKNER
Asst. News Editor

While many WMC students have been slaving away doing paper after paper and test after test, WMCR (AM 1620) has been working equally hard on getting the college radio station online by Friday, April 27.

Though previous web-master, Matt LoBianco, set up the website two years ago and did all the preliminary work, sophomore Sarah Colgan, the station manager and current web-master, has coordi-

nated all the online "stuff," as she calls it, and made a new web page, www.wmcr.org, for the past six months.

Some of the "stuff" Colgan had to do was get their own DSL line. This is because "the school system couldn't handle the amount of data we'd be putting on, 24/7," says Colgan. The DSL line took several months.

Colgan also used Real Player 8, which took WMCR's signal and broke it down so people can hear it online if they have Real Player

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Technical difficulties: Computer science faces challenges

NYKOLE TYSON
Staff Writer

Is it true that a computer science major at WMC is too vocational and inappropriate for a liberal arts education? Is the college disinterested in securing such a major?

It turns out that neither of the above questions is valid. In fact, Henry Reiff, associate dean of Academic Affairs, commented, "Some may believe it [computer science] is too vocational but I think with the right kind of planning and structure we can have a program that results in a well-rounded and educated individual."

In addition, Dr. Linda Eshleman, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, rejects the notion that WMC has abandoned the idea of obtaining the major. "I would love to have the major...however, presently there is no way WMC can have a computer science major," said Eshleman.

The problem has not been disinterest on the part of the administration, but rather the unsuccessful recruitment of professors who can teach computer science courses and having the financial resources to support it.

Eshleman explains that professors are key in providing the computer science major and any additional courses in that field.

"We can talk about additional courses but if we don't have teachers then it isn't possible,"

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The campus is alive with the celebration festivities to inaugurate its eighth president to one of the colleges that "changes lives."

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and the community's vision.

The first focus will be on the continuing commitment to a diverse campus community, student living, and the learning community, including "quality residence halls, a more functional pub, state of the art athletic facilities...and meaningful student activities" among others.

"These are crucial elements of campus life," Coley said.

The second feature is the encouragement and support of excellence among the faculty--accomplished through endowed professorships and chairs, increased strength in the sabbatical program, and expanded use of the WMC/Budapest campus.

The third feature President Coley dedicated herself to is her goal to triple WMC's endowment by 2010.

"The endowment is like a savings ac-

count from which an institution draws in order to finance its priorities," she said. "Western Maryland's endowment is woefully inadequate."

Finally, President Coley wishes to focus attention on human resources to help accomplish all these important aspirations. With the continuation of support and dedication through established scholarships, annual fund participants, and alumni volunteers the college can reach its potential. Preparation for the weekend-long ceremony began six months ago, according to Dr. James Lightner, chair of the inauguration steering committee.

In fact, the weekend-long celebration is actually rather minimal compared to previous inaugurations at the college.



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Waving flags of various countries, students lead the procession of faculty, staff, and alumni to the gym.

Mangan discusses her poetic symbolism

She has been published in the best literary journals, including *Shenandoah*, *Ploughshares*, and *The Gettysburg Review*. Her first full-length collection of poems, "Above the Tree Line" (Carnegie Mellon University Press, 1995), earned her much

praise. Last year, she was award the first, five-year Ralph and Dorothy John Professorship in the Humanities at Western Maryland College, where she has taught creative writing and American Literature since 1977. And still, Baltimore poet Kathy Mangan was

nervous about writing a poem to commemorate the inauguration of Joan Develin Coley, the College's eighth president. Her reading of "The Light-Gathers" was a featured part of the Inauguration ceremony April 21.

While Mangan tells her students that writing is "creative work" and warns them not to wait for ideas to strike them like a lightning bolt, she also says that writing a poem for a specific occasion is tricky, because it puts a poet under pressure to create and breaks two important rules.

"An occasional poem is a distinct critter because you have to acknowledge the significance of the event and you want to have some kind of profound expression in the poem," she says. "Yet, I didn't want the poem to be weighted down with heavy, abstract language. Because that's what I always tell my own creative writing students, that you've got to pack a poem with concreteness and specific images."

Secondly, Mangan says, "the callings of a poem bubble up" when something strikes her as significant, whether it's a daffodil or some snippet of overheard conversation. "I would normally just follow that natural thread of inspiration, but with the occasional poem, you start with the event and work backward from there.

Poets often look to the skies for inspiration, so Mangan chose a celestial theme for the poem. "The Light-Gathers" refers to telescopes, which are light-gathering instruments, and to the College's motto, "I Call You Out of Darkness Into Light."

Knowledge is illumination and light, and those of us who have devoted our lives to the liberal arts experiment try to shed light where there has been a darkness of ignorance," she explains.

"So using that whole light and dark theme, and knowledge and ignorance theme, I employed as my central, concrete image the idea of a telescope."

The poem begins, "Let us affix our lens on the evening skies,/and sift from the funneling darkness star-glitter, so our telescope clarifies.

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* Alumni visitation to classes from 8-12:30 p.m.
* President's lunch for the class of 1951 at Joan Coley's house from noon-2:30 p.m.
* Jazz concert and dancing from 8-10 p.m.
* Campus tours

- Saturday, May 5:
* Clarence H. Bennett Golf Tournament on WMC golf course, shotgun start at 7:30 a.m.
* Martin 5K Race and Fun Run on golf course at 9 a.m.
* State of the College Address by Joan Coley in McDaniel Lounge at 10 a.m.
* Class of 1941 Reunion Brunch in President's dining room from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
* Class Parade from Baker Chapel through the Quad at 12 p.m.
* May Day Festival begins at noon in the Quad (Gill Gymnasium in the event of rain.
* Individual Class Reunions of the classes of '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, and 2000. 7 p.m. on campus.

- Sunday, May 6:
* Alumni Remembrance Ceremony in Little Baker Memorial Chapel at 9:15 a.m., to remember alumni who have passed away in the past year.
* Chapel Service sponsored by the class of 1951 in Little Baker Chapel from 10-11 a.m.
* Brunch in McDaniel Lounge from 11 a.m.-12 noon in McDaniel Lounge.

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Unattended kids continue to be problematic to WMC community

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kids of the faculty, staff, and graduate students. This might alleviate a small part of the unattended kid problem, but it will not solve it entirely, as it does not apply to those kids from Westminster who have no affiliation with anyone in college community.

An attempt to question a large group of kids proved unsuccessful. When a handful were approached and asked simple questions like if their parents work here at the college, if they were here with STAY, or if they felt like they belong on campus, the children responded in a rude manner. Their answers were inappropriate for print in this paper.

On the other hand, two young children, that were very polite, were behaving themselves in the game room while their mother was in class.

The game room attendant at the time, freshman Rob McGrain, mentioned that the two particular kids do behave, but others do not.

"Unlike these two kids, some kids try to be thugs. They try to be

tough," said McGrain.

McGrain went on to tell stories about kids trying to bet him in a match of pool for entrance into Glar, and one time when another game room attendant caught one of the kids trying to steal quarters from behind the desk.

The number of kids in Glar is one of the complaints students' voice most often. Dining Services Manager Olga Kozina says "They always pay. No one is ever in here without paying." She says that the students behave most of the time, but they do act up off and on.

She recalls a time when she had to enforce rules on the children. "One time I had to stop them from misbehaving at the beverage line."

She also said that Glar's services are open for everyone, and that she cannot stop them from entering on the grounds that they are unsupervised children.

Webster says that he does not see the issue as a problem, but if a student does have an incident with any such kids, they should call Campus Safety.

Campus Safety Blotter

The following events were reported by the Department of Campus Safety:

4/2/01 at 10:30 p.m. a vehicle was egged near Gill Gym.

4/5/01 at 2:32 a.m. unknown subjects wrote graffiti on the elevator door in Rouzer

4/6/01 at 3:47 a.m. A swastika was found carved into the elevator door panel in Rouzer Hall.

4/7/01 at 1:30 a.m. three students and two non-students were lighting fireworks out the window of McDaniel Hall. Multi-liter container of Vodka was also found in the room. Asbestos construction sign from Lewis Hall also found in room.

4/7/01 at 2:00 a.m. a male student in possession of eight bottles of beer in backpack in Rouzer Hall.

4/7/01 at 2:29 a.m. student was found carrying hard alcohol near McDaniel Hall.

4/7/01 at 1:45 a.m. harassing words found written on the mirror in Rouzer Hall.

4/8/01 at 1:12 a.m. over-capacity party and loud music in ANW.

4/8/01 at 1:31 a.m. underage student was drinking alcohol in public area near ANW.

4/8/01 at 2:36 a.m. an underage student was drinking alcohol in a public area.

4/8/01 at 3:00 a.m. a student was drinking underage in Blanche.

4/8/01 at 12:14 p.m. an underage student was seen carrying hard alcohol in a public area in Decker Student Center.

4/8/01 at 2:17 p.m. an underage student in possession of alcohol in a dry dorm, Whiteford.

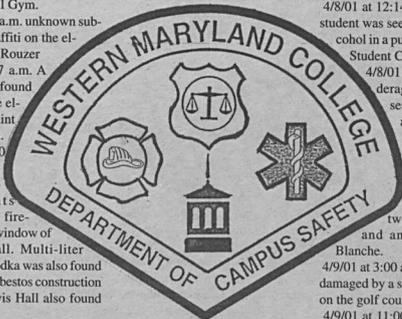
4/8/01 at 11:00 p.m. a non-student and student instigated a fight between a non-student and another student in Blanche.

4/9/01 at 3:00 a.m. a golf cart was damaged by a student in a rollover on the golf course.

4/9/01 at 11:00 p.m. a toga party in an ANW suite violated conduct.

4/11/01 at 9:00 p.m. one female student and one male non-student were arrested for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia in ANW.

4/12/01 at 2:34 p.m. one underage non-student was found consuming alcohol in Blanche.



4/8/01 at 1:58 a.m. several students were throwing trash on the ground and kicking it around in the front of Peterson Hall.

4/8/01 at 2:20 a.m. alumni were carrying hard liquor into Blanche.

4/8/01 at 2:25 a.m. underage student was carrying a bag filled with beer.

Students can now find WMCR online while they surf the Internet

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from www.real.com.

The station had to buy new servers, software, and Internet service also.

For the past two years, Colgan says they were transmitting 13 watts of AM radio that could only be heard in certain places around the college. Soon, WMCR will be heard from the Web site worldwide, using a Gateway computer and server they are using 1000 mega-

hertz.

Before WMCR could go online, the website had to be approved by the Board of Trustees. Then, the students had to wait a month and a half for the DSL installer. And finally, telecommunications manager Ernie Ogle installed an extra phone line from the copy center to WMCR office, to accommodate the radio station.

But the work was all worth it

for the radio station according to the station's advisor and communication professor Tony Kirschner.

Kirschner says this has turned out as "the best new development for the future of the station. It'll allow us to reach a global audience with no licensing restrictions."

WMCR's annual WMCR Fest, planned for Friday, April 27, is canceled for this semester. Check out the website for updates.



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Appearing in a Kodak moment with Coley, seniors Jenifer Sirkis and Megan Martin pause after helping out with the weekend's festivities.

The Allegis Group offered great insight on its internships

TAMMI SLATER
Staff Writer

Looking for a way to become more marketable, experienced, and to establish an opening into your career field? An internship may be the perfect opportunity.

On Thursday, April 19, Western Maryland College's Career Services held an internship and job placement information session for students to become more acquainted with the step by step process for internships.

The session included tips on interviews, and advice on how to get started with internships.

The company present was Allegis, a staffing company which has offices in every major city in the United States. The worldwide headquarters is located in Columbia, Md. where the group supplies temporary personnel to any company who needs or expresses interest in an employee of theirs.

For example, if Coca-Cola or

Nike want to create a new web page, and need some assistance they will contact Allegis to receive some employee references to aid them in their current or upcoming projects.

According to Jack Chadwick, the recruiter of the company, he feels the best advice is, "to start early with looking into an internship. Freshman or sophomore year is not too early. Go to the career service events held on campus, and take the initiative yourself to look into opportunities as well."

Pam Rhoades, senior manager of operations support, stressed the importance of interviews and feels students should not be afraid to sell themselves.

"Don't wait for the interviewer to ask questions, volunteer information. Throughout the interview, show your character and work ethic and you will portray yourself as a strong candidate" she said.

Similarly, Chadwick feels strongly that "character and effort

are most important" when it comes to interviewing for a job or internship.

The company is open to bringing in students of all majors because they believe that even if it is not your field, they can mold you into a leader or expert over time despite the lack of experience in a particular field.

While Business majors are the most common within the company and have a slight advantage on others as far as knowledge and background experience, there is a lot to learn for anyone new coming into the group.

Chadwick also emphasized the importance of being prepared for your opportunities by "knowing your strengths and weaknesses, having an idea what you want to do following graduation, keeping an updated resume, and sharing what you do outside of work that promotes you as an individual."

The session drew a roomful of WMC students, and offered stu-

dents the chance to sign up for an Allegis internship interview which took place on Friday, April 20. By the student turnout, interest among students regarding internships is quite apparent and increasing with each year.

Rhoades feels internships have grown much more popular due to "the competitive nature and demand for jobs, and because the job is your's to lose and the opportunities are endless with internships," she explained.

In fact, WMC graduates and current students are deeply rooted within the company. Bill Buttes, graduated from WMC. Additionally, there are approximately five to six WMC students who interned with the group last year, as well as about 20 alumni ranging from assistants to vice president level employment involved.

"Western Maryland College clearly has the best participation of any other school in Maryland, due

to WMC alumni drawing a lot of WMC graduates," Chadwick said.

Furthermore, Chadwick added that, "WMC is also the premiere school to recruit from, with Towson University and Penn State University falling behind."

One of WMC's very own graduates advises students to "seek out any internship opportunities." Kristen Rider, a 2000 WMC graduate holds the position of Business Operations Assistant at the Allegis company.

"I definitely recommend taking advantage of the availability of internships. It puts you a step ahead and above in the field or industry in which you are in, and gives you work experiences, as well as be able to work, learn, and interact with others," Rider said.

Perhaps some WMC seniors will find that, they too, will benefit from their prior internship experiences, while some may start with an apprenticeship and work their way up.

Common Ground on The Hill marks its 7th anniversary

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News Editor

Here is the story of a student who matriculated at WMC during the 60s and throughout his life has led a variety of musical ensembles, performing throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Then one day while teaching a Jan-term class in 1993, he had a vision of creating a festival whose goal was to seek racial and cultural harmony through the arts.

His name is Walt Michael, and for seven years now, as the executive and artistic director, he calls his vision Common Ground on the Hill (CGOTH).

Seven years ago, he contacted Ira Zepp, former professor of philosophy and religious studies and member of the CG advisory board, and Linda Van Hart, visiting professor of art and art history and CG's vice president for planning, and enlisted their help in getting CGOTH started.

Mary Zepp, Ira's wife, is also credited as being one of the founders.

"Common Ground on the Hill is a traditional music and arts organization whose purpose is to offer a quality learning experience with master musicians, artists, writers, and crafts people while exploring cultural diversity in search of a "common ground" among ethnic, gender, age, and racial groups," said Michael.

The seventh annual Common Ground on the Hill music and arts festival will take place July 1-14, 2001 at WMC.

This year's focus is "Traditions."
"As a Common Ground on the Hill student, participant and festival-goer, you may choose from a broad spectrum of the arts springing from a wealth of traditions," Michael states in his introduction on the CGOTH Web page.

The fourteen-day event is filled with various workshops during the day, a chance to meet other participants during lunch time, and several evening events such as an art opening, "Blues night," student open mike nights, and concerts.

And, "Whether your artistic interest be

instrumental, music, singing, dance, acting, the spoken word, or the fine arts, whether the traditions which interest you are Native American, Celtic, African-American, Latino or Appalachian in origin (to name a few), you will find courses that will inspire and renew you," continues the introduction.

Margaret Boudreaux, associate professor and chair of the music department, Eric Byrd, lecturer of music and director of the WMC gospel choir, Guy Davis, Larry Eisenberg, Bobby A. Little Bear, Mike Mumford, Rick Smith, professor and chair of the chemistry department, Linda Van Hart, visiting instructor of art and art history, and Susan Williamson, lecturer of art history, are among the list of instructors for this year's workshops.

Also included in the list are two professors from the University of Rhode Island, Charlie Collyer and Pamela Zappardino, who have strong ties to WMC and Carroll County.

Collyer and Zappardino recently taught a nonviolence class during Jan-term 2001.

For the second year, they will be teaching a workshop on non-violence at CGOTH.

"Nonviolence Now" will feature various cultural perspectives and its role in our personal lives will be explored via hands-on exercises, group discussions, music, and media, said Zappardino.

For those who may have missed his visit to WMC a few weeks ago, Bernard LaFayette Jr., a life-long advocate of non-violence and director of URI's Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, will be back on campus again to visit and talk with the nonviolence class, as well as partake in other CGOTH events.

Ending week one and kicking off week two, the American Music & Arts Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8 at the Carroll County Farm Museum.

The music festival's talent lineup features Pete Seeger and Tao Rodriguez Seeger, Tom Chapin, Step Afrika, Footworks, Sangleme, and many more.

Pete Seeger, America's best-loved folk singer and untiring environmentalist, and Toshi Seeger will be awarded the Robert H. Chambers Award for Excellence in the Traditional Arts at the festival, said the CGOTH 2001 catalog. CGOTH is not geared toward a specific age group, but is designed for everyone.

All participants are encouraged to register before June 10. Upon registering, there is a \$50 deposit for tuition and \$35 for room and board (unless you are commuting).

For more information on festival and registration fees, contact either Michael at extension 771 or the Web page at www.commongroundonthehill.com.

While there are no day care services for children under five, there is a workshop called "Children's World Village," said Michael.

This workshop features music, dance, drama, crafts, recreation, and children's drumming. The children's program is \$170 for one child and \$120 for the second.

CGOTH does not discriminate against people with disabilities. Please be sure to contact the CGOTH office to make them aware of your needs.

In addition to receiving a wealth of cultural knowledge, WMC undergraduates and graduate students can also receive credits for participating in Common Ground, said Michael.

Undergraduates can elect to receive 1-4 credits by paying the comprehensive curriculum plan which costs \$360 for week one's workshops and/or paying \$300 for week two's workshops, in addition to \$100 per credit hour.

While working with a WMC professor-advisor, the student can earn Independent Study credits in the following disciplines: art, English, humanities, or music. Contact the Registrar and

CGOTH offices for more information.



GUY DAVIS RETURNS FOR HIS SIXTH YEAR TO TEACH AND PERFORM AT CGOTH.

Graduate students may elect to receive 3 credits by participating in the comprehensive curriculum plan for \$360 and paying \$370 for the credits. Those interested should contact the CGOTH and WMC Graduate Department for more information.

Common Ground on the Hill would not be what it is without a little help from its friends.

The catalog lists several people, as well as groups and organizations it would like to thank for their support.

Included in the list is the Maryland State Arts Council, Carroll County Arts Council, Carroll County Office of Tourism, *Blues Access Magazine*, Western Maryland College, "We Shall Overcome" Fund at the Highlander Educational Center, One Tree Productions, John Rosenwald, Christina Collins-Smith, and several others.

As Van Hart said, CGOTH is one way she tries to make "this world a better place by recognizing, cherishing, preserving, and celebrating the cultural diversity of all our brothers and sisters, through communication in the arts."

Hope to see you at CGOTH 2001!



BERNARD LAFAYETTE JR. WILL BE VISITING.



SANGMELE, COMPRISED OF HENRY REIFF, WALT MICHAEL, AND LEA GILMORE WILL PERFORM AT THE MUSIC FESTIVAL JULY 7-8.

The Common Ground on the Hill schedule includes:

WEEK 1 (July 1-6):

Classical Guitar, Intro Celtic Harp, Hammered Dulcimer (levels I-IV), Vocal Technique, Tin Whistle, African Drumming, Yo-yo rhythms, Folk Arts of Latin America, Painting inner visions, Murals and Movement, Songs of Freedom, One Tree Poetry, African Dance, Bluegrass banjo, No Puppets Allowed, Weaving at Hill Farm, Drawing Workshop, Writing to Benefit, Gospel/Jazz singing, Cool Kid's Music, Storytelling with Music, Latino Band Workshop, Nonviolence Now, Search for Common Ground, Swing Band Workshop, World Percussion, 2 & 3D Collage, Bicycling, and the Children's World Village.

WEEK 2 (July 8-14):

Stepping, Native Flute, Paraguayan Harp, Woodworking: Tree to Bench, Roots & Rhythm, World Flute, West African Rhythms & Dance, World Song, Flute Construction, Calligraphy, Shape Note Singing, Pine Needle Basketry, Oil Painting, Yoga, and the Children's World Village

* The above is only a small sampling of what Common Ground on the Hill is offering this summer. For the complete list of classes, as well as when they meet, please contact Walt Michael at extension 771.

** Some of the classes are offered both weeks.

College questions whether or not there is a need for a computer science major

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marked Eshleman.

According to Eshleman, not only is the administration in favor of obtaining the major, but there is also much support from the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Sam Case, provost and dean of the faculty, said, "We have been trying to add personnel, but because they [professors] can get paid higher at larger colleges or in the industry, it has been rather difficult."

In fact, last year WMC had 23 applications for the computer science job of which none of the applicants were from the United States. This year only 13 applications were received "and we advertised more this year than last year," said Eshleman.

All of these applications have gone through WMC's hiring process yet still they have not been successful in obtaining anyone.

WMC has had a checkered past in its attempts to expand its computer science curriculum. However, both the administration and the Board of Trustees have said they are persistent in the pursuit of such a major.

The mathematics and computer science department are conducting an on-going search for additional computer science professors, according to Eshleman.

Dr. Robert P. Boner, professor and chair of the mathematics and computer science department, reiterated that WMC has been trying to hire professors who are qualified but has been unable to hire anyone as yet.

Although all efforts by the administration to obtain professors with a computer science background have failed, Boner com-

mented, "We will just keep trying until someone decides that they want to teach at a small liberal arts college at our paying scale."

Currently the mathematics and computer science department is struggling to keep computer science as a minor, in which Eshleman is unfortunately the only professor available to teach the required courses.

Furthermore, the administration has recognized the importance of having such a major. Reiff acknowledges that by not having the major available to interested students, "We [WMC] might not be attracting some very capable high-powered students that we would like to have."

During his college selection, sophomore Marsel Spears, believed he could obtain his bachelor's in computer science at WMC but later found out that he couldn't.

"I was very much disturbed that I was led to believe I could do my major here [at WMC]. But I didn't know who to talk to," said Spears.

Spears said, "When I came up here with my family to tour the campus, I spoke with Dr. Eshleman and her responses to the questions I asked about it was not clear. It did not make me think that it was a major."

However, Eshleman differed with Spears' claim. "That was not in fact the case. I have never told any prospective student that WMC does offer a computer science major," replied Eshleman.

Spears said he will be transferring to Bowie State University this fall in pursuit of a computer graphics design major.

Asked how he felt about students being disappointed about not

being able to major in computer science, Reiff commented, "I think students need to do better research to find out more about what the college has to offer."

Reiff believes that if students really would like to major in a field the school has not fully implemented into the curriculum, "students can design their own major."

Though the design of a computer science major is a nice suggestion, it is an unrealistic one, because of WMC's limited resources.

According to Eshleman, there aren't enough professors to teach the required courses to even entertain the idea of designing the major.

Eshleman commented, "Required courses for a computer science major vary from college to college and you will not see two colleges offering the same courses."

Not only would designing a computer science major be challenging, according to Martha O'Connell, dean of Admissions, but it would also not be viable, "taking into consideration the monetary aspect of implementing a whole new department, which the school does not have at this time."

During the late 70s Eshleman became involved in teaching computer science courses. So strong was her determination in expanding the computer science curriculum that in 1978 she went back to school to gain more computer science experience, and later used her sabbatical to visit competing schools that did and didn't offer computer science in their curriculum.

According to Eshleman, competing colleges such as Franklin

and Marshall, Connecticut College, Bates College and Washington College currently do not offer the computer science major for the same reasons.

Competing schools that do offer the major include Haverford, Bryn Mawr and Gettysburg College.

Additionally, Eshleman expressed her frustration about her continuous pursuit of attaining the major. "I have to say, I will be disappointed if we don't have the major by the time I retire," she said.

She emphasized that WMC lacks the major not because "We [administration and faculty] don't want to have the major but because of the lack of professors wanting to teach [computer science courses]."

Later, in a separate interview, Eshleman expressed a somewhat different opinion of the colleges pursued in obtaining a computer science major. "We have never tried to offer the major. It has never been part of our curriculum plan and has never been an issue that has come to appropriate committees."

On a scale of one to 10, Case said he would prioritize having the computer science major between a seven and eight, adding, "We're not going to fold if we don't have it."

"Anytime we don't have a major that other schools have, it hurts us, but we do gain students from programs other schools don't have," noted O'Connell.

According to O'Connell, other competing colleges might list themselves as liberal arts schools but they may lack the following majors that WMC has: deaf education, social work, art history, exercise science, and the combination

of political science with international studies.

These majors, O'Connell insisted, are what attract many of WMC's students, because they are unique to the curriculum that many other liberal arts colleges do not offer.

Furthermore, in order to implement a computer science major, according to O'Connell, WMC would need to have not only more faculty but also more money. WMC has neither right now.

Asked if she thought computer science would be a helpful addition to the curriculum, O'Connell answered with a yes and a no.

"I think whenever we can add something that is attractive it is a positive thing but we need to look at the implications," O'Connell said. She also said there are all kinds of implications and money and willing professors are just two.

While some WMC students would like the option of such a major it is apparent that the administration would like to provide a good major "not just something to say that we have it, but a major with substance because we want our graduates to be successful," said O'Connell.

"I don't want people to think we are never going to have the major," said Eshleman. "We just need a little luck and interested professors."
Editor's note: After writing this article, the math and computer science department hired a computer science professor, concluding the search for a professor this year. The addition of a new professor is only a small step toward reaching the department's long-term goals.

Drug policy in questioning by legislators and Sean Heller

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Approximately 80 WMC students and faculty members, as well as Westminster community members met in McDaniel Lounge to hear a talk entitled, "The D.A.R.E. Generation Speaks Out: THE WAR ON DRUGS HAS GONE TOO FAR!" on Wednesday, April 11. Sean Heller, national director of Students for a Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP), was the evening's guest speaker.

One person, surprised by the large turnout, was overheard saying, "I believe this is the largest non-mandatory lecture at WMC in recent history."

The event was sponsored by the Honors Program, with Dennis Lucey, a senior math major and president of the Honors Program, credited with the planning of the event.

Lucey felt the need to bring Heller to the campus because, "the war on drugs is an issue relevant to students everywhere," said Lucey.

Heller, 22, opened the talk by giving his extensive background

gained while serving internships in the offices of Senator Bob Graham and in the White House.

While working in these government offices he wondered if alternatives to the "Drug War" had been explored. He soon found out that alternatives were never explored, and the only option offered to solving the drug problem was between more incarceration or keeping the current levels.

Heller believes alternatives to the drug war should be explored so he founded the second chapter of SSDP at George Washington University.

During his talk, Heller elaborated on the racist and failed policies of the drug war. He noted that, although blacks are 13 percent of drug users in this country, they comprise 55 percent of the drug convictions. It is so bad that in his own city of Washington, D.C., half of all blacks are currently a part of the prison system.

He also noted that the United States has a prison population four times that of the European Union, even though the EU has 100 million more citizens. Even with this increase of prison population in-

tended to stem drug crime, the U.S. has more drug users than Europe.

Heller later showed a video and related a story emphasizing the vast power the police are given to fight drugs.

Shawn Sprague, a senior business administration and economics major said, "Heller's most potent comment was that one of his friends, who was the victim of an unsubstantiated attack by police, had expected it all the time and was waiting for it to happen to him. The ironic thing is that his paranoia turned out to be merited."

Another topic of the night was the Higher Education Act of 1998, which prohibits convicted drug users from receiving federal financial aid. He believes this act to be racist and biased against classes for two reasons. It only affects those who need financial aid in the first place.

It also affects minorities disproportionately because they are convicted at a higher rate than whites.

Another argument he used against this policy is that education should be used as a tool for betterment and not as a punishment for those who need it most, which are

the poor.

Heller also addressed questions from the audience. Nancy Palmer, Honors Program director and senior lecturer of English, asked if drugs were a public health issue.

Heller responded, "Yes. We need to deal with drugs using the

methods which work. We can only learn these methods by studying what has worked in our country and in others."

Heller thanked his audience for their attentiveness and encouraged them to visit the SSDP Web site at www.ssdp.org.

Girl flown to shock trauma with injury

MICHAEL JENKINSON, MICHAEL WILES, AND JOAN FAULKNER
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A relaxing, sunny afternoon on the WMC campus drastically changed for some students when freshman Jen Ballard sustained serious injuries during an intramural softball game and was flown to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center on Monday, April 23.

Senior Jonathan Beart, who was present at the scene, explained that Ballard was chasing a fly ball that was hit into right field. She then collided with senior Chris Selmer around 6:20 p.m.

"Obviously, I feel really bad

about it," says Selmer. They were "just taking her for observation, so she should pull through it," he adds.

Ballard fell unconscious for a brief period of time, but regained consciousness before the helicopter left, according to Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety. During the accident, Ballard also injured her tongue.

Personnel at the center explained that Ballard was in stable condition and hoped that she would be released later that same evening.

Freshman Kate Hartman, who hit the fly ball, said that despite the emergency and trauma, Ballard held onto the ball throughout the whole ordeal.

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Revelations on the advantages of single life

Here I am in my room, sweating my butt off in the 85 degree heat. As I try to peel my pants off the chair I come to a strange realization. Could it be? Did it finally happen? Oh my god...I am...Single.

Yes, that is right. That word that I have dreaded since I realized girls didn't have cooties anymore. While most other people see single life as being the freedom they sought in college, I see single life as being...not for me.

But it is a life that I have been once again thrust into after being dumped by my girlfriend of more than a year and a half. Not that I perhaps wasn't deserving of the "dumpage," but still it hurts. I'm sure most of the campus has experienced it, or have been doing the dumping.

Maybe it is because I haven't been single for more than a few weeks at a time since I was 16. I think I have forgotten what it is like to be single...if that is possible. My friend Matt Hurff says that my being single is great for me and I can enjoy a freedom that I couldn't experience with a girlfriend.

My other friend, BJ Shorb is telling me being single "is a good time to find yourself." Maybe she is right, maybe I can find out what I am all about without having to worry about satisfying another person. However, I think I am well versed enough in my life to know what I am all about. But, there is always more room to learn.

Yet another of my friends Michael Wiles says that "being single works for you, be-



Edward K. Schultheis

cause you can pursue other interests." Michael should know because he recently became single recently...maybe it is an epidemic. Maybe it is the photos that Mike and I have in the newspaper...Who knows?

Then again, I think that being single is different for everyone. Some people love the feeling of doing things without the worry or hassle of a significant other. Some people love the thought of having a person who is always there who is more than friend. The latter is probably myself.

So while I have to find other things to occupy my time, it was not as difficult as I thought it was going to be. Take last weekend for example: the first weekend after the breakup. I really didn't have any free time to feel down about not being with my ex. My friends kept me occupied, and along with my initiation to the Society for Collegiate Journalists, I had an awesome weekend. A

special little thanks to my friends, you know who you are, for keeping me "occupied."

I guess that is the best way to get through a messy breakup - keeping yourself busy. Another thing I wanted to mention - am I the only one who can't go straight from a relationship to a regular friendship? I'm hoping I am not the only one who has a problem with that, but I do. I mean how can a person go from loving someone in a committed relationship full of passion and love to a "lets just be friends" relationship with no trouble at all. Maybe, like I said, it is just me. I hear so many people talking about how they are friends with their ex-whatevers, and yes, I am friends with most of my ex-girlfriends, but I just have a little trouble with adjusting right away. But hey, if you can, more power to you.

So what is the lesson from all this? Well I guess nothing really. But I think that my conclusion of all this is that being single, especially in college, is not as much of a problem for me as perhaps it was in high school. And while I am sure I will find another girl to be with, I am content and somewhat relieved that I am single right now.

So to all you singles out there, don't be stressed that you are not with someone. And if you are with someone then stick with them and best of luck to you. And remember ladies, I'm single now.

-Edward K. Schultheis is a sophomore communication major.

"Green Terror" not so very green for long

Matthew McGowan discusses the consequences if WMC continues to neglect the environment.

According to the WMC copy center, utilized by most of the college for large-scale photocopy jobs, it goes through approximately 60 cases of 8.5x11 paper per month. That's 300,000 sheets of paper per month, even though the copy center, to its credit, has a policy of double-siding documents by default.

This figure does not take into account paper gone through by the other departments and copiers on campus, or the printers in the various computer labs at WMC.

Ok, ok, so WMC is an academic institution, and it needs to use a lot of paper to get done everything it has to do. Students have to have syllabi, hand-outs, and tests on paper. This is true. But

consider for a moment everything WMC does every day - 33.4 trees per month may not seem insanely terrible, but if those trees were coming from our own campus, how long would it be before the Hill was bare?

In one week during the month of March, students received in their mailboxes upwards of 15 mass mailings, using up a total of over 5,000 sheets of paper, of various colors and sizes.

Students have also recently received two mass-mailings of considerable size: the listing of items available at the recent auction, and the Fall 2001 Catalog of Courses, a 40-page (20-sheet) document. This latter document alone consumed 30,000 sheets of paper.

All of the above uses of our greatest commodity have been made obsolete and unnecessary by technology. Why, then, does WMC go through so much paper? There are several reasons. First, however, let's look at why we should be concerned.

First, overusing contributes directly to deforestation. Perhaps the problem of defor-

estation is overly liberal for some to mind, so let's look at some numbers. According to the Wilderness Society, "one tree yields about thirty reams of paper." One ream of paper produces about 300 8.5x11 sheets, so one tree yields 9,000 sheets of paper. Our college copy center, then, requires 33.4 trees per month to continue its function, without taking into account the other paper used on campus.

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It bears further consideration that the trees used for the Wilderness Society's calculations had all reached maturity.

Second, a good deal of the paper used needlessly winds up as waste - both litter and that which is put in proper receptacles. Lit-

tercise we're unwilling to check e-mail and listen through phone messages, thousands of sheets of paper every week get wasted in our mailboxes. At least the Post Office recycles, but that isn't enough, because the market for recycled products is not nearly the size it needs to be - and this is another area where the school isn't doing it's part.

WMC, its students and administration need to be more aware of the environmental needs of our campus. We, all, classes, student organizations, administration, need to better utilize electronic methods of information-sharing rather than eating through the 300,000 sheets of paper we do each month in the copy center alone.

With the money we save on paper, we can change the paper we do need to post-consumer recycled product.

We need a stronger recycling program. Dorms need cans for different recyclables so that students living there can easily sort their refuse. Offices on campus need

to step up their efforts to separate recyclable from non-recyclable waste.

Earth Day was Sunday. As we celebrate our future under a new president, let's also think about one of WMC's greatest physical assets - our campus - and what more we can do to keep it as beautiful as it is. Let's keep the Green Terror green.

Generally, this writer dislikes the use of the personal pronoun in editorials such as this, however in this instance I'm making an exception - I invite any students at WMC who are more than passingly interested in the environment to get in touch with me about the on-campus environmental organization which will be re-starting next term.

-Matthew McGowan is a freshman undecided major.

ter degrades our campus's aesthetic quality, which degrades our morale and doesn't help to attract new students. Recycling on campus is poor at best. The vast majority of the paper we use gets tossed in with the rest of our garbage to be sent as solid waste to the local landfill.

Now, back to the first question - why so much paper? First it is obvious. It's easy. It's much simpler to get everyone in-the-know about something using Campus Mail than any other source, including Telecommunications, whose forwarded messages are rarely listened to all the way through. And campus-wide email?

So few students at WMC even use Pine that it doesn't nearly measure up as a mode of information dissemination. So paper is still relied upon.

Inside tips to care and feed your professor

Dr. Becky Carpenter, a professor from Venus, gives tips to students from Mars.

Students often regard professors as an odd bunch. They are, of course, correct.

Professors are the kind of people who finished their BAs, and then turned around and said "I feel like going back to school for four to ten more years!"

Professors are the kind of people who think reading is "fun," solving problems is "cool," and research is "interesting." We have been known to pump our fists in the air and yell "Yesss!!!" when our research is going well or when we get an article accepted for publication in a scholarly journal. This is not normal behavior.

It is therefore not entirely the fault of students that they sometimes manage to irritate these wildly, unpredictable creatures. Nonetheless, since professors are the ones handing out the grades, it behooves students to try to make these relationships as smooth as possible.

Here, then, are some beginner's tips for the care and feeding of these pen-wielding animals.

1) **Hey, I wasn't in class today. Did I miss anything?"**

This statement tends to make professors sarcastic, tempting us to say things like, "No, today we just sat around and shot the breeze for an hour and a half" or "Yes, today we covered 80% of everything that's going to be on the final. I'm sorry, but if you missed today's class, you are basically doomed."

A properly penitent attitude and a promise to get notes from a classmate are the secrets to your success here.

2) **"I missed _____ (fill in the blank with any one of the following: my appointment with you, the test, the quiz, my oral report date). When can I make it up?"**

Don't miss appointments with professors unless you are very sick or dead. Just as it is in bad form to stand up your boyfriend/girlfriend

for a date, it is in bad form to stand up your professor.

If you are asking for a make-up test or quiz, you should be aware that he/she is under no obligation to give you that opportunity.

Thus, it might be a good idea to say something more along the lines of "Is there any way I could take a make-up?"

3) **"This _____ (fill in the blank: book, assignment, lab) is _____ (fill in the blank: hard, long, boring, weird)!"**

Yes, sometimes we will make you read books that are hard to comprehend or long. Sometimes, they may even seem boring or weird.

Professors cling to this odd notion that one of the points of college is to challenge you, to stimulate you, and to stretch your horizons.

We also are sometimes deluded enough to think that it is our job to improve your critical reading, writing, and thinking skills. Often, these goals are better accomplished by assigning stuff that it is hard, long, and weird, than easy, short, and normal.

4) **From a student who has a C- at midterm: "Tell me what I need to do to get an A in this course."**

Answer: Rewind time and do a better job during the first half of the semester. Recognize that you are not in a strong negotiating position here.

I would go in with something more along the lines of "I'm concerned because I seem to be struggling in this course. Do you have any suggestions for how I might improve my skills?"

5) **"Why don't you give _____ (fill in the blank: a multiple choice test, a matching test, no final, a shorter paper, no homework on Fridays)?"**

Has that ever worked?

~Dr. Becky Carpenter is an Assistant Professor of English.

Criticism without contribution?!

What is The Phoenix? Having nothing to do with the city in Arizona, the Phoenix is a bird. Legend has it that this mythological creature "consumed itself by fire every 500 years, and a new, young phoenix sprang from its ashes."

It is that very legend that has lent itself to the name of WMC's campus newspaper when it rose up in success from the Scrimshaw.

You may be saying: what is the point? My point is many times as humans we hold on to perceptions of something, or someone, not realizing that our perceptions aren't of the present but the past.

During this semester, as commentary editor of The Phoenix, I have observed a great deal of negative criticism and apathy toward this paper from not only students, but also from faculty and administration.

It is my belief that a newspaper should act as a voice for the community it serves. It is a tool for information, a source of entertainment, and an outlet for expression.

I must say after giving this topic some deep thought, I have come to the following conclusion. A newspaper cannot fulfill its duty to the community without the community fulfilling its duty to the newspaper.

What do I mean? It is an interactive process. First of all, consider the staff: currently a group of approximately 28 students. Of that staff, how many are from the freshman class? There is one writer and one photographer from the class of 2004.

I know that college in and of



BJ Shorb

itself is a big adjustment, but I have to wonder how many people in the freshmen class enjoy reading The Phoenix. I suspect more than two people. So what happens in three years? Is there a paper at all?

It is important to know that to

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be involved with a campus newspaper: you don't need to be a wonderful writer; that is what editors are for. You don't need to be able to think of topic after topic to write about; that is what brainstorming and story assignments are for.

You don't even need to be a student; The Phoenix serves the entire WMC community and fully welcomes staff, faculty, and administration to contribute. Lastly, you don't even have to make a big commitment; a story here and there is appreciated. The greater the variety of people involved the better.

The second part of the interactive process pertains mainly to the

fact that this is a college campus newspaper. The staff of this paper is not paid. In fact, the majority of the students writers/editors are not even receiving academic credit for their involvement.

Why do they sacrifice so much time to the paper? They enjoy journalism. They want to be involved. They want to serve the campus in some way.

It is not easy putting out a newspaper. Just like an athlete spends lots of time practicing, and an actor spends lots of time rehearsing, newspaper staff members spend a lot of time editing and laying out the paper.

It is such a relief when the paper is completed. We all anticipate its arrival from the printer. Then

when we hear things like, "I can't believe they did that," or "Let's see what they goofed up this time," we feel like someone just took the paper and threw it on the floor and stepped all over it, and all over us in the process.

It might be remarkable to hear some negative remarks from some students. But from faculty and administration, the very same people that are here to teach and encourage us to find ourselves and get involved. How are those words an encouragement?

I would like you, whether a student, faculty member, or administrator, to ponder the following question. If you do not contribute to something, what right do you have to criticize it?

~BJ Shorb is a junior communication major.

Of Old Friends and...Old Friends

I want to tell you all a story. Yes, I have decided to take a break from my usual whining and endless babbling to share a story regarding a positive experience.

Sure, I could complain about WMC's class registration process, or even the fun that is derived from selecting housing for the fall semester, but I would like to think that there is more to life than those things (although I am still not totally convinced).

I do, however, have some evidence to support this theory. This past week, I was visited by an old friend that helped me realize there might just be more to life than these common college woes.

My freshman year roommate, who survived Rouzer Hall right along with me, was unable to return to WMC last semester. At first, I honestly thought he might be dead, because

I would really not put that sort of thing past him.

Around October, I had begun to figure that he must have moved west, much in the style of "On The Road," since that sort of thing, even more than an untimely death, suited what I remembered of his personality.



Michael Wiles

Early this semester, I received an e-mail from my old roommate. As it went into school, he had opted for a last minute room transfer in the fall, but did assure me that there was a story to go along with this

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decision. Knowing him as I did, and having always been a fan of his stories of adventure, I awaited the latest installment in the story of his life.

I received just that last week. Appearing as if from nowhere, my old roommate and friend finally caught up with me. We proceeded

to catch up on old times, although I must admit about 90% of our conversation revolved around remembering all the pranks we played on our next-door neighbor. Those were good times indeed.

In the end, my old roommate spoke of how he was currently, as a baseball player, being scouted by the majors while keeping up with his studies and, basically, just trying to get by like everyone else. And, although my theories of his whereabouts all proved false, he did assure me that he has considered moving west. Good old roommate.

The whole experience really got me thinking, as experiences tend to do. My old roommate reminded me that one truly does possess the key to their own destiny, and that life is not by any means a straight road from point "A" to point "B".

I really started to wonder if I am leading my life too closely to the beaten path, and that maybe there is still a lot life has to offer that I have yet to find.

Not a bad way to spend an hour. Thanks, man.

~Michael Wiles is a sophomore English major.

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There is a justified purpose for capitol punishment.

Amy Bitinger describes the purpose of the death penalty, who deserves it, and why it is good.

"After May the 16th, that man can never, ever, to any degree, bother me again."

Those are the words of Dan McKinney concerning the upcoming execution of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, whose wife died in the blast. This is the exact, and only reason, the death penalty is a necessary option in America's criminal justice system.

Our criminal justice system has several functions. They include punishment, deterrence, rehabilitation, and protecting society. Of these, one of them provides a convincing reason to employ the death penalty. That is protecting society.

If a person does not hesitate to kill a law enforcement agent, as with the case of Richard and Wesley Moore who shot Police officer Bruce Prothero, then what is going to prevent he or she from killing anyone who gets in his or her way when trying to escape.

Thus, incarceration is not enough to ensure that a person will not kill again.

It is the people who pose a particularly dangerous threat to society who need to be executed. These people include people who kill law enforcement agents, or kill people in mass numbers.

For example, Timothy McVeigh who killed hundreds in a bombing, Richard Moore who murdered a police officer, and Steven Okan, who killed three women, all deserve to be executed.

Some contend that capitol punishment is too expensive as a result of funding the automatic appeals and incarceration. An example is Steven Howard Oken, who has been on death row in Maryland since 1987 when he murdered three women.

I concede that it is very costly to prosecute a capitol offence, however, this is the price of being sure that an innocent person is not wrongly executed.

Also, this is the cost that is demanded to ensure that all of society is protected from each of these dangerous persons. Quantifying consequences should be impartial to cost.

I am not interested in using capitol punishment to serve the other purposes. For example, I do not think that executing the small number of people who have been executed in Maryland (4 in the past 25 years) is enough to deter.

I think that trying to make execution a form of deterrence would lead to improper use and could have other repercussions. For example, it might set the precedent that the answer to violence is violence.

Similarly, I do not think that capitol punishment should serve as a punishment, in spite of what its name implies. Taking someone's life as punishment, I feel is not right. But, if the purpose of taking someone's life is to ensure the safety of others, then it is justified.

I do not think that rehabilitation should be considered for the most dangerous of our society because there does not exist a highly successful method.

In the process of finding rehabilitation, he or she would continue to be a threat to society. This poses a danger in and of itself. It is because of the purpose of executing dangers to society that I support the execution of any such person.

This includes the legally insane. If a person is insane and does not know right from wrong then he or she is a danger to society. If he or she has gone so far as to murder someone, then such dangerous behavior has been displayed.

I, too, am looking forward to May 16, 2001. Because I, too, will know that at least one more person will not be a risk of bombing a building when you or I may be inside of it. Knowing that Timothy McVeigh will be executed makes me feel safer and that the criminal justice system is doing what it should do to protect society.

On the other hand, I am satisfied that Richard Spicknell did not receive the death penalty and will spend the rest of his life in jail. I am confident that him being behind bars will prevent him from hurting anyone ever again.

On the contrary, I do not think that Timothy McVeigh or Richard Moore behind bars would be as safe a measure as necessary because of the crimes that they committed.

-Amy Bitinger is a senior mathematics major.

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No one has the right to kill

Joan Faulkner argues that under no means should capitol punishment be enforced in the US.

In the Oklahoma City Bombing, the biggest US mass murder and a time of sadness and tragedy, Timothy McVeigh was found guilty of killing more than 260 people. Now, as he awaits his execution, he has become one of the most hated men in the country, wanted dead by many.

While McVeigh might assuredly be guilty, how can Americans be justified in executing him? If he is executed, aren't the people who did the killing just as guilty of murder as McVeigh? Sure he killed hundreds more than they did, but who gives them the power over everyone else to say which people die? You can say that McVeigh did it out of vengeance of human kind.

But where does that leave us when we kill McVeigh? Are we justified because we are only killing the crazy sick one who deserves to die when

he killed many innocent ones? Every human being deserves to live. This includes the most brutal of murderers. We shouldn't simply believe that premeditated, state-sanctioned killing is justifiable under any circumstances.

The death penalty brutalizes us. It is an indication of how little our government values human life. Putting 'the right to kill' at the hands of the government is a great danger.

Letting our government act as our God who decides who dies shows how unstable we are as a society.

Beyond letting our government kill people is the fact that many times these are the innocent who are being killed. Consider this... Since 1973, 90 people on death row were released after evidence emerged showing their innocence, according to Amnesty International against the Death Penalty.

Once an innocent person is killed, there is no way to correct the wrong.

As a society that we're doing right by taking out the one who is evil, but because we are taking him out, we in turn are the evil ones.

Contrary to popular belief, execution is not cheaper than life in prison. Imprisonment, according to the Economist journal article, "Cruel and Ever more Unusual". After trials, appeals, reviews and years on death row, executions cost between three and six times

what it costs to keep somebody in a maximum-security prison for 40 years.

Not to mention, the burden on the American court system is immense. In California and Florida, for instance, the state supreme courts spend about one-half of their time reviewing capital cases also according to Economist. As the court of last resort, the American Supreme Court is inundated with death penalty appeals.

Again, who are we to play God when it comes to death? That most certainly is what we are doing when executing people. We are overstepping the natural time of a person's death, and replacing it with the time we see fit. We may feel like we are rising above the murderers, but in fact, by creating such a double standard, we are sinking below them.

By administering the death penalty we are claiming authority and stepping in for God. This shows to me that we have no respect for mankind anymore. Having the power to kill another human being is an incredible amount of power. No human being should ever hold that much power.

By taking control of the killing we are shutting out the way the world was meant to be, at the hands of Mother Nature.

The core of the problem is our society. You see, we are doing nothing to stop this kind of senseless killing we claim is legitimized. It is almost too late to change anything, because the core of our society's problems goes to our morals and values, which have been going continuously downhill.

Instead of simply killing off the people who kill, we should create support systems for these people in society to make them better people.

Supporting the death penalty is like supporting a real cause. Killing a few hundred people every few years does nothing for our society. We may like to think that we are killing the people who make society bad; instead, we are just brushing the problem aside.

Supporting the death penalty shows that as human beings we care nothing for the rights of other humans. If we are killing others for killing others, it seems to me we have ultimately failed as human beings. No one can justify killing another person because that is simply not our moral nature.

-Joan Faulkner is a junior communication major.

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The Simpsons: what continues to make it so popular?

Michael Jenkinson expresses his reasoning for why the show has remained so successful.

I feel it's time for people to realize a cultural phenomenon that has gone unappreciated for years. I'm talking about the people of Springfield, specifically "The Simpsons" and their hit TV show.

Remember this is the show that challenged "The Cosby Show's" well established 8:00 Thursday night time-slot and forced the show right off the air.

Back then, FOX had the courage to challenge Cosby's stranglehold of what is considered the number one time-slot for networks. And make no mistake about it, "The Simpsons" drove Cosby off of network TV.

The show has now lasted for 12 years. No small feat by any means. This time period means that the show lasted longer than

"Cheers," longer than "Seinfeld," and yes, even longer than "The Michael Richards" show. But why is the show so popular and successful? The original plan of the show was to feature Bart Simpson as the trouble-making youngster. It didn't take fans long to take their eyes off the shorts eating young boy and start paying closer attention to the true star of the show, Homer.

Homer defines a true man. He's fat, stupid, lazy, and doesn't really care about anyone but himself. He has shown a soft side for his wife and kids on occasion, but Homer is at his best when he's relentless.

Homer has a cult following, which is especially popular on college campuses. More than once I have enjoyed the better part of a Friday night sitting with friends and recanting our favorite Homerisms.

Homer has helped though. From the entire town of Springfield, the fictional setting of

the show. Over the last 12 years the show has created 100's of characters. A large number of these, from Krusty the Clown to Chief Wiggum, to Moe Szyslak, have developed their own personal history and in depth characters. However you don't need to watch the show every week to get a chuckle from watching a new episode.

I think the greatest strength overall has been those that we don't even see. The writers (of which, late night talk show host Conan O'Brien was one) display on a regular basis that they are intelligent people. And sometimes it's the little details that some might not even notice that fill out the charm of the show.

An example of this being the portrayal of the evil Mr. Burns. Once on the show, they were playing a scene with Burns and they played the "March of the Empire", the evil music from Star Wars used to indicate the

presence of Darth Vader. It was subtle, yet extremely funny and very memorable. Plus it helped new viewers understand that Burns is considered to be evil.

Another aspect of the show's greatness is the people who do the voices. Dan Castellaneta, Hank Azaria, Harry Shearer and others have all been with the show for it's entire run. The continuity helps keep the show special. And their timing in what they do is incredible. No one can make the word 'D'oh sound funny like Castellaneta.

It's amazing to see how a show that started as a set of vignettes on The Tracy Ullman show has turned into one of the longest, most successful TV series of all time. Thankfully there doesn't appear to be any end in sight. The show remains popular.

-Michael Jenkinson is a junior sociology major.

FEATURES

New band Georgia Avenue scheduled to perform for WMC

PHILIP VOGT
Staff Writer

When Virginia based rockers Georgia Avenue take the stage in the Forum on Thursday, April 26, pinning a label on their energetic musical style may prove to be a difficult task.

"It's really hard to describe," said freshman class president Jenn Flannery. After a pause, she added, "It's like rock with a little bit of jazz and country."

The band's own website, www.georgia-avenue.com, claims them to be simply a "mainly acoustic rock band with an emphasis on having fun."

Perhaps a bit more tellingly, comparisons have been drawn between the musical styling of Georgia Avenue and fellow Virginia native Dave Matthews, however their influences include a number of different bands and styles.

Since the formation of Georgia Avenue in 2000, their upbeat attitude and enthusiastic perfor-

mances have garnered the group a rapidly growing fan-base across the East Coast.

Their relatively continuous touring will likely only increase their popularity.

The SGA-sponsored free concert will feature the five-member band, made up of students from Virginia's Bridgewater College and James Madison University, who released their debut CD independently in February.

The nine-track disc is called "Streets Divided" and can be ordered through their website.

In support of the release, they have been touring clubs and campuses up and down the coast, including recent stops at University of Maryland College Park and Frostburg.

Following the stop here, Georgia Avenue will return to Virginia for a pair of shows before venturing out to Chicago and Cincinnati in early May.

The show is at 9 p.m. and is free for WMC students.

Van Hart inspires WMC with art

STACI GEORGE
News Editor

Close your eyes and imagine a woman who at age 10 made a leap from music to art, was one of the WMC students of the 1960s who could wear false eyelashes and miniskirts with flair and make dean's list, and would spend her entire adult life advocating art education.

While a student at WMC, she participated in everything from the Phi Alpha Mu sorority to creating an off-campus coffee house to feature student performances and exhibits.

Now, take a walk down to either The Studio or Peterson Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays and ask for Linda Van Hart. She will probably be wearing something purple (her favorite color) and adorned with jewelry she has created herself.

Van Hart, a 54-year-old art professor at Western Maryland College is the owner of Toll House Studio in Uniontown where she makes and sells jewelry.

A fifth generation Carroll County resident, Van Hart is the "mother" of two goats (Aurora Borealis and Benny) and two cats (Seshia and Reshia Qeti), an advisor and instructor to many fine artists of WMC, a poet, a vice president for planning of Common Ground on the Hill, a receiver of many honors, and a frequent world traveler.

Van Hart has had an immense impact on the art department and WMC itself, as she has stepped in to fill various roles and see that those endeavors are accomplished.

About remaining at her alma mater, Van Hart said, "WMC is my home. I love this place. Of course students are the center of all we do here."

"Helping students dream, focus, and achieve beyond their expectations is one of the great joys of teaching. In art, we share so much of ourselves that we can't help but form lasting relationships. Guess

that's why we stay in contact after graduation. Instruction, support, and pleasure in my students' successes extends beyond the walls of my classroom," she continued.

Just ask H. Richard Tillman Jr., a 2000 WMC graduate with a degree in studio art and proprietor of Tilly's Young, who fought brain cancer as a teeny boy and later found a love for art after taking Van Hart's "Fundamentals of Design" class.

It was Van Hart who inspired him to take his class project—three fishing ties placed in plastic baggies with a logo he had designed—to the next level.

While fishing one night, Van Hart encouraged him to apply for necessary state licenses, make use of his contacts, and start a business. The catch of the day was Tilly's Ties, his own business focused on selling ties.

Van Hart recently spoke with Tillman at the inauguration of President John Coley, and he said his business has just blown everything out of the water.

Caroline Rodgers, a senior English major who fulfilled her graduation requirements in three years, had high school as well as college art classes with Van Hart.

"She instills in every student the tangibility of their dreams" and to "take what one has and create a world with it," said Rodgers.

Van Hart noted that she has been a part of her world since childhood, and making sure that every student has the opportunity to experience it has been her ongoing goal. In the early 1980s, she began a "pilgrimage" to change the art curriculum of Carroll County schools and make it a graduation requirement.

It was a process that may have started out slowly when she became the Art Month coordinator for Maryland in the early '80s, but whose endeavors paid off when she led her group of several dedicated art activists to the Curriculum 2000 conference at the Baltimore Convention Center to "share the fruits of our labors," said Van Hart.

Since 1994, Van Hart has been working with Common Ground on the Hill, which is "a traditional music and arts organization whose purpose is to offer a quality learning experience with master musicians, writers, and crafts people while exploring cultural diversity in search for a "common ground" among ethnic, gender, age, and racial groups," states the website, www.commongroundonthehill.com.

Seven years ago, Dr. Ira Zepp, then a WMC religious studies professor, and Van Hart were the first two people in Carroll County that Walt Michael, founder and executive director of Common Ground on the Hill, contacted after discussing the idea with WMC President Chambers.

Linda's dedication to the visual arts in this region was unsurpassed... Most importantly I knew that she placed great importance on her students and her own involvement in the world as an artist.

Linda's dedication to multiculturalism on a daily basis is a very important in keeping with the mission of Common Ground on the Hill. She is a world traveler with a world vision," wrote Michael in a recent e-mail interview.

Aaron Heisler, a 1999 WMC graduate who took all of Van Hart's classes, thanks her for helping him get his job with a blacksmith and a woodworker, as well as helping him prepare to go to graduate school for furniture design.

"She is probably the most encouraging teacher I had here at WMC, in that she made all the classes comfortable, yet challenging. She works tirelessly to help the art program and help the students obtain more diverse experiences," said Heisler.

As a Who's Who Among American Women and a Who's Who Among American Teachers recipient, Van Hart is more than an "unsung hero" of WMC; she is also an unsung hero in Carroll County, the state of Maryland, and to anyone who has met her elsewhere.

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Horoscopes: Spring into the sun and leave winter behind!

CATHY PENDORF
Staff Writer

Aries

Mar. 21 - Apr. 20

Hey Rams! Spring, fun, and adventure all have arrived and are waiting for your impulsive nature to go crazy and get into lots and lots of good trouble! Enjoy the spring air and go with it, so much to see and people to... ummm... you know....

Taurus

Apr. 21 - May 21

Your practical nature has kept you indoors doing work all winter, but soon the spring bug will hit. Don't be afraid of it, break out of your steady pace and do something bizarre: go outside and scream, sing, dance, anything! Too much pressure is building up inside, you have to let it go. Don't forget that frisbee is also good.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Gem-gem-Gemini, you are wild this month! The two sides of you are battling for the spring, one wants to be naughty and the other nice, you may rendezvous with someone new, or find a new friend in an unlikely place.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The winter has left you crabby and restless. Fortunately the spring stimulates the senses, but unfortunately you have no time this month to let spring fever take over. Oh well, at least you can watch the squirrels getting zany while you walk to yet another class.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Grrrrr Leo lions! The spring puts you on the prowl, and trouble is

waiting for you! Those rams know where it is, get in touch with your inner sun child and let it shine!

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sep. 23

Stressed? Tired? Do you feel you've been late a lot lately? Check your clocks! Maybe you forget to catch your time up, remember spring forward, fall back!

Libra

Sep. 24 - Oct. 23

The scales of harmony are swinging, and you are dancing along with them! Go ahead and lead the way, the weather signs will follow, and admire you for it.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Spring is not the time for your dark emotions. Lighten your warm

passionate nature, and go swing with those Libras! They're fun, and maybe the party is what you need to rejuvenate the energy.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

This sign, the archer, is enthusiastic, optimistic, funny, and creative. Spring should help you become less restless, but be sure you know what you are aiming for. The sun can be blinding and all those superheroes start to look alike after a while!

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan.

The spring weather will remind you of the past, hikes and adventures. Let it help you enjoy some downtime and get away from the race. There are bound to be other goats out there grazing...join them, the grass is fine!

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Water Bearers, winter really dragged you down, but spring is bringing out the blooms! Party with Aries, Libras, and of course other fellow Aquarians. You will appreciate their playfulness, and you will start to remember that life is easy to enjoy. So you get out there and play frisbee with a work-aholic Taurus.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - Mar. 20

Hello fishes! The frozen waters are beginning to defrost and hibernation is over! Unfortunately this is the feeding season for fish eating carnivores. Whoops. Just remember to stay on guard at all times and you should be fine. Just don't let being on guard bring you down either. Maybe in the next life you won't have to have gills.

JSU Seder attracted people of all religious backgrounds



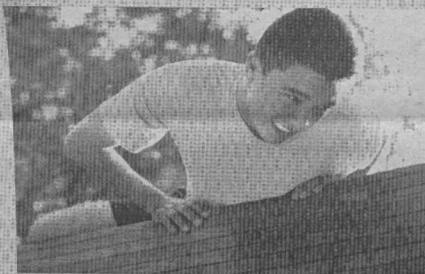
COURTESY OF ALISON KLEINER



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Students were not the only people present at the JSU Seder. Pictured here at the dinner table are Mr. and Mrs. Alleck Resnick seated beside student Melissa Grimmer (left).

(l-r) Professor Becky Carpenter joins students Evan Desatnick, Brianne Bray, Jessica Mufarreh, Erica Colton, and Katherine Briggs for the meal. For the full story see page 12.



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Joan Develin Coley inaugurated as the eighth President at WMC



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The Inauguration: 1. Shaded by an umbrella, Dr. Joan Develin Coley makes her way towards Gill Center for the inaugural ceremony, held Saturday April 21, 2001. 2. Trustees of the College, Board Members, Professors, and many others came out to WMC to march in the procession towards Gill Center to witness Coley's inauguration. 3. Philip Vogt was one of the many student volunteers helping with the celebration. Other students were flag bearers in the procession, ushers, decorators, and spectators. 4. The pavilion was set up in the Quad (between Daniel McLea Hall and Albert Norman Ward Hall) for the snacks after the ceremony. Hundreds of people turned out to witness the event, and a lot of them were gathered around the pavilion.

60 SECONDS

What is the best thing about Spring Fling?

Compiled by Brad Widner



"Hanging out with friends and having an awesome time."
Amanda Cameron '01
English

"Everything... But I wish Room 402 would play at Spring Fling."
Bill Deavers '03
Music



"When Campus Safety comes out and maces everyone."
Jed Spencer '01
Biology



"What's Spring Fling?"
Sue Leso '03
Physics



"Fun, fun, and more fun."
Emily Scott Parizer '02
Psychology



"Baseball... just baseball."
Eddie Smith '03



Ask Kitty for help and advice

CATHY PENROF
Staff Writer

There is no quick answer to any problem, but sometimes a question, problem, or situation might come up where you just have no idea what to do. Write a letter, send it to Kitty box 979 and maybe she can help you out. Maybe not professional counseling, but certainly a new way to look at your problems, and completely anonymous!

Dear Kitty,

I really, really like this guy I don't know too well. In fact, I've liked him since freshman year. The problem is every time I see him or go near him I freeze up, fearing that he won't like me. I really want to go out with him and I can't wait any longer! Should I just call him and ask him out or warm up to him first and be friends?

-Loads In Love

Dear Loads In Love,

You might feel better if you take the plunge and ask him out, but if he says no, then it may leave you feeling very bad, and the reason he said no may only be because he doesn't know you that well. I would suggest that you "warm up to him first" and get to know him.

Then if you still like him, because there is a good chance that once you get to know him he will be nothing like you expect, it will be a lot easier to ask him out and know if you two will get along or not. Besides, if he did say yes and you went out, then you

both may feel very pressured and awkward and it may be even harder for you to talk to him.

But it's your decision, there's the chance that you two will hit it off right away, and have loads of fun.

Dear Kitty,

My friend and I have been friends for a long time. The other day we shared a moment. I can't really describe this moment exactly, but it was surprising and very positive, at least for me. The problem is we haven't talked about it at all and I don't know what that means. I know this sounds very vague, but it's kinda important the situation remains that way and I'm really just looking for general advice. What do you think?

-Confused

Dear Confused,

You're right, that is vague, but this situation obviously means a lot to you. I don't know what the dynamics of the relationship are exactly, but you say you two have been friends for a long time and it sounds like this "moment" may have changed something, at least for you.

You seem to want to talk to your friend, but are worried about the response you may receive. You say you are looking for general advice, but I think you know what you want to do. You really don't need my comments or approval, you know the situation better than I do. Do what you know is best for you, and good luck.

A Spring Fling full of pizazz

PHILIP VOGT
Staff Writer

Nothing says "spring" like April snow showers. Nevertheless, Monday, April 23 saw the official arrival of spring with the kick-off of CAPBoard's annual Spring Fling celebration.

This year's week-long event, which started Tuesday night with a concert headlined by Matchbox 20 and featuring Everclear and Livehouse at the Baltimore Convention Center, culminates in Saturday's Spring Fling Day.

This carnival-like affair on the Quad features food, free activities, a variety of booths set up by more than a dozen campus organizations, and an outdoor concert. Addition-

ally, dinner will be served in the Quad rather than Glar.

Highlights of this year's festivities include several concerts, a karaoke night, a juggling comedian, Human Bowling, Cow-chip bingo, and a party in the Forum.

According to CAPBoard President Carrie Newman, the entire event cost approximately \$6000, which she says is about normal for Spring Fling. T-shirts for the event went on sale Monday and feature the elaborate sun design found on the informational posters across campus. In addition to the shirts, which run less than ten dollars, many organizations will be selling or giving away a variety of items on Saturday. The events and activities, however, are free.

Schedule of CAPBoard Events

Thursday, April 26

Karaoke Night from 7-11 p.m. in the Pub.

Friday, April 27

Forum Party and Concert: Top 40s cover band Bigger Better Faster More, free food and drink from 9-midnight.

Saturday, April 28: Spring Fling Day

Events begin at 3 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. in the Quad.

Activities: Human Bowling, Bungee Challenge, Human Gyro, Wax Hands, organizational booths, Cow-chip Bingo, and dinner.

Concert: 80s cover band: Reagan Years and Funk Rockers

Betty in Black

Note: if it rains, events held in the Quad will be moved to the Forum

Annual JSU Seder full of lessons and traditions for all

MATTHEW MCGOWAN
Staff Writer

Glar may have seemed a bit empty on Tuesday, April 10, 2001 and the reason was found in the Forum, where the Jewish Student Union celebrated a Passover Seder.

Over a hundred people including JSU members with their parents, and almost three times as many students from other religious backgrounds attended the event.

The Seder is an annual event for JSU, which this year took off, in terms of attendance, due to co-sponsorships by several fraternities and sororities - particularly Gamma Sigma Sigma, the sorority to which JSU president Amanda Cline belongs - which pledged support in several ways, including bodies, according to Cline.

For all, the ritualized meal, which was led by Rabbi Gilbert Kleiner, father of student Alison Kleiner, served, as was intended, a dual purpose - "a reminder about all the Jews as a people have been through," as told by Cline, and as a coming together of students and their families, just as any Seder might bring people together in a family atmosphere.

Rabbi Kleiner noted at the outset that, "this Seder is no different than one I would have in my home. The head table here is a bit lower, but that's the major difference."

The meal was hosted by just over half a dozen staff from Sodexho Marriott, at 22 formally-set, immaculately prepared tables taking up over two thirds of the room.

Three posters around the room welcomed all to the Seder, explained the ritual contents of the Seder plate and listed the ten plagues which led to the freeing of the Hebrew slaves in Exodus from Egypt.

Rabbi Kleiner, whose leading of the meal was punctuated by a generous amount of wit balanced with solemnity at the right moments, began by thanking those who had made the event possible, "this is a wonder-

ful experience, and everyone put in a lot of effort and time on this. Especially the JSU and its co-sponsors deserve a lot of credit."

Several on-campus organizations co-sponsored the meal along with JSU, including the Asian Community Coalition, the Black Student Union, CAP Board, the Hispanic Latino Alliance, the Multicultural Student Association and six fraternal organizations.

"There were so many people and the gathering itself was very diverse," commented Cline, a Methodist, after the event.

There were also threads of celebration, hope and gratitude running throughout the meal, which followed very closely the ritual laid out in the "Haggadah," the book which guides families through their Seders, providing the traditional Hebrew prayers with both pronunciations and translations in English.

The "family gathering," as Rabbi Kleiner put it, is Passover. "Passover, unlike the High Jewish Holy Days, is a family celebration which is not, unlike other observances, held in the Synagogue. Passover is to be celebrated wherever you are, and you can find a Seder at wherever you are."

Remembrance ran heavily through the prayers of the ritual, which called upon memories of the Exodus from Egypt, and more recently on the Holocaust.

"What we must remember," read a participant, "is perseverance in the face of bondage, the preservation of our traditions."

The JSU event, and indeed the Seder as a Jewish custom, served to remind participants of the heritage of one of the world's minorities.

The story of "the Four Sons," a parable about a family in which each son is a bit more removed from the traditions of his father until the fourth knows nothing of his heritage, was related by Rabbi Kleiner to the roughly four generations of Jews who have settled in America, and the risk run by these

of a watering down of that which they brought over from Europe.

There was celebration, though, in the strength of the Jewish faith despite thousands of years of oppression and opposition. There was hope, for a future in which Jews continue in their strength of faith and in which Elijah will finally return, heralding the Savior promised to the Hebrews so many years ago.

And there was gratitude, in the form of thanks given to God for family, for faith, for deliverance from Egypt, and for the good fortune which made the JSU Seder possible.

The "Haggadah" used at the JSU Seder was designed about 20 years ago by Rabbi Kleiner, who remarked that, "in the next two years, we'll be updating it to bring the book into a more modern context."

"Different congregations of Jews use different versions, depending on their branch of the faith and local factors," added Rabbi Kleiner. The one written for use by his Synagogue, he said, was "a little abridged from the Orthodox."

After about forty minutes, during which participants worked their way through the lighting of the candles, the first two cups of wine (replaced at this particular Seder with grape juice), the washing of the hands, the breaking of the middle matzah and the reading of many prayers by students and faculty scattered around the room, the first course of the meal was served - the gefilte fish.

The food was prepared by JSU students and their parents.

The four courses, punctuated with prayers, consisted of the fish, followed by matzah ball soup, then the main course of chicken, broccoli and a baked potato, and finally ending with a small chocolate dessert.

Even those who are not Jewish, insisted Rabbi Kleiner, are always welcome at the Seder as it is "customary and natural to in-

vite friends of the family, regardless of their faith."

Therefore the mix of faiths at this event was not altogether unusual, while providing exposure for, as Cline noted, "a lot of people to a tradition that many wouldn't have known too much about... we're a campus made up of mostly Christians so it's great that so many people came out to learn about something new."

To this end, the JSU and the meal's leader made certain to explain to all participants the reasons behind parts of the event, especially the symbolism in the foods eaten from the Seder plate at the center of each table.

These represented sacrifice, freedom so hastily given that bread was not allowed to rise (hence, matzah), and the bitterness of long slavery mingled with the sweetness of Exodus therefrom.

After the meal was finished, grace was said from the "Haggadah" and the most widely-known portion of the Seder commenced.

The blessing after the dinner included the Cup of Miriam, a relatively new custom celebrating the sister of Moses who saved him as an infant and later became a prophetess and leader.

Then the Cup of Elijah celebrated the great prophet of Israel, with the traditional opening of the door for his return.

The experience of the Seder, which ended after about two hours of warm conversation and solemn remembrance, was one of pondering, thanksgiving, and diversity.

This last, commented Cline, speaks to the intentions of those in attendance and the mood they helped to set. "I thought the atmosphere was very cool. Lots of people from all kinds of backgrounds helping to celebrate in a religious tradition that not everyone there shared, speaks volumes to the kind of warm and accepting atmosphere that was created."

For photos, see page 10.



Here a WMC starting pitcher hurls against a Centennial Division team while the first baseman awaits the play.

Baseball, Continued from PG 16 team looked to keep things going in a doubleheader against Franklin and Marshall College. In the first game, WMC struck first when Jenkins continued his power surge with a two-run home run in the first inning, but the opposition came back in the bottom half with two runs to tie the score at 2-2.

The Green Terror responded with two more runs in the fourth to take the lead, but F & M scored three runs in each of fourth, fifth, and sixth innings to grab a 5-4 lead. WMC built two rallies in the sixth and seventh innings, but hit into two double plays and the opposition held on for a 5-4 victory.

In the night cap, F & M controlled the contest from the start taking a 6-1 lead by the third inning, leading to a sweep of the Green Terror with a 10-1 win. It was a tough game at the plate for WMC as they could only muster three hits against the tough F & M pitching.

The loss was the team's fourth home loss in a row, and dropped their record their conference record to 5-7.

The Green Terror regained their hitting prowess in their next game against Washington College. WMC hit early and often as the team scored four runs in the first inning.

Designated hitter Paul Oakes, Jenkins, and junior third basemen Guy Sheetz all had doubles as the team rocked the opposition's pitching early. The opposition responded with an offensive barrage of their own with three runs in the

second inning and two more in the fourth to take a 6-4 lead. With a 7-6 lead in the eighth inning, Washington broke open the game with an eight run outburst to take a 14-6 lead. The Green Terror would rally with five more runs in the ninth inning, but lost their fifth home game in a row by a 14-11 score.

The Green Terror was looking to avenge their recent loss in game two with Washington College. WMC used the pitching of Jeff Starcher, David Skoczlas, and Justin Raynor to shutdown the opposition this time, only allowing a single run in the contest.

The team used a solo home run from Oakes in the first inning and a two run bomb from senior shortstop Mike Wolfe to take a 3-1 lead into the eighth inning.

In the eighth, the Green Terror busted open the game with a four-run outburst to coast to a 7-1 victory.

First basemen Todd Huber had two hits and an RBI and freshman outfielder Rusty Lamotte also had two hits to pace the Green Terror offense. The loss ended the team's three game losing streak and pushed their record back to .500 (11-11). It has been a rocky season for the Green Terror as they play very well in one game and have a sub par performance in the next contest.

"We have had a up and down year, we haven't been very consistent," said freshman Skoczlas. The team is looking to improve their conference record and finish the season with a bang.

GREEN TERROR

Schedule

Men's Lacrosse

Centennial Conference
Semifinals
TBA

Women's Lacrosse

vs Goucher, April 25
4:00 PM

Centennial Conference
Semi-finals
April 27

Outdoor Track

Penn Relays
April 26-27
Philadelphia, PA

Frostburg Invitational
April 28
Frostburg, MD

Women's Tennis

Centennial Conference
Championships
April 27-29
Lancaster, PA

Men's Tennis

Centennial Conference
Championships
April 27-May
Lancaster, PA

GREEN TERROR Standings

Softball

School	Conf	Overall
Western Maryland	12-0	23-3
Gettysburg	11-1	20-5
Muhlenberg	10-1	18-12
Ursinus	9-3	21-9
Franklin & M	4-8	8-16
Washington	4-10	9-15
Swarthmore	2-9	2-18
Dickinson	2-10	6-20
Haverford	1-13	1-28

Women's Lacrosse

School	Conf	Overall
Ursinus	7-0	9-2
Franklin & M	7-1	10-3
Gettysburg	7-1	10-3
Washington	6-3	7-5
Swarthmore	3-4	8-5
Western Maryland	3-5	5-8
Haverford	2-4	3-11
Dickinson	2-6	3-9
Muhlenberg	2-7	3-10
Bryn Mawr	0-8	1-14

Baseball

School	Conf	Overall
Johns Hopkins	11-3	22-8
Ursinus	10-4	16-13
Gettysburg	9-4	19-9
Franklin & M	8-6	17-14
Washington	7-7	11-12
Muhlenberg	6-7	14-16
Dickinson	6-7	9-15-1
Western Maryland	6-8	11-11-1
Haverford	3-11	5-15
Swarthmore	2-11	3-17

Men's Lacrosse

School	Conf	Overall
Gettysburg	5-0	11-1
Western Maryland	3-1	7-3
Washington	4-2	7-6
Franklin & M	3-2	9-4
Dickinson	1-3	3-6
Haverford	1-4	3-10
Swarthmore	0-5	3-8
Ursinus	0-0	1-5

Baseball

vs Ursinus (2)
April 28
1:00 PM

@ Lebanon Valley
April 30
3:30 PM

Frisbee solid in first season

MATT HURFF
Sports Editor

Many students who would like to play a competitive sport but may not have enough time or interest to dedicate to a varsity sport have turned to a new option on the Hill: Ultimate Frisbee.

This season, the team has taken on a number of highly competitive opponents such as UMBEC, Towson and Gettysburg. The Terror has fared pretty well, especially considering that this is their first season in existence. Their last tournament was at Juniata College on February 25th. The squad played well in this tournament, securing a 13-7 victory over UMBEC. According to freshman studio art major Josh Startt and Ultimate Frisbee team member, "We have had a pretty good first season. We hope to be more competitive next season and go to sectionals."

Sophomore Physics major and captain of the team Ted Stephan is "very happy with the progress everyone has made." He went further to say that people like himself, who have been playing for a long time have learned a great deal as well.

As a group, Stephan feels that "we're gaining a firm grasp of the fundamentals." Just as with any sports there are a many details of the game that many people do not usually notice.

Stephan is highly optimistic for the future of the team because the roster is comprised of only one senior and the remainder of the team members are mostly freshmen and sophomores.

The age of the team is a positive by it "allows the team to gel," he added.

For anyone interested in trying Ultimate Frisbee, newcomers are welcome when the team has informal open games on Wednesday nights at 9PM in PELC and also at 2 PM on Sunday afternoons.

Desrosiers sets WMC victory record

GREG LEDERER
Assistant Sports Editor

It has been a tough season for the Western Maryland College Women's Tennis team. With many different faces from last year's team, the squad has experienced growing pains as they have had a subpar 4-7 season. Despite the changes, the team has had some special moments and they are still making positive strides for the future of the program.

On April 7, the team hosted tough Ursinus College in a conference home game. The experience of the Green Terror came out on top in this one as seniors Alethea Desrosiers, Becca Lyter, Jami Maxcy, and Jamie Connelly all won their single matches to take an early lead. Desrosiers continued her solid play from the number position by dominating her opponent in straight sets 6-0, 6-1. Lyter was also very impressive as well as she won in straight sets 6-1, 6-2. A critical match in the game was in the number three position as Maxcy lost a tough first set to the opposition 7-6, but she fought back to win the next two sets 7-6, 6-3. From there, Desrosiers-Lyter and Maxcy-Connelly teamed up to win two critical double matches and led the team to a 6-3 victory. The win ended the team's five game losing streak and raised the team's record to 2-5, 1-4.

Coming off their first conference win, the team looked to keep it going against non-conference opponent Goucher College. The Green Terror got off to a good start with victories by their top three positions of

Desrosiers, Lyter, and Maxcy, but lost the next three singles matches to tie the score at 3-3. Unfortunately for the team, WMC lost the three doubles matches and fell on the road 6-3.

The Green Terror looked to return to the win column against conference foe Bryn Mawr College. The match was tightly played throughout, as the doubles teams of Desrosiers-Lyter and Maxcy-Connelly both secured victories, but the opposition won a doubles match and also won the number four, five, and sixth position matches to take the lead. In the clutch, the senior contingent of Desrosiers, Lyter, and Maxcy all won critical matches to win a squeaker 5-4 road game. Lyter took the first set of her match 6-4, but lost the second set 2-6. In the critical third set, Lyter dominated and swept her opponent 6-0 to win a pivotal match in the contest. Maxcy also had a tough match, but she also outlasted her opponent 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

A historical moment for Green Terror women's tennis occurred during a contest against Dickinson College on April 18. In front of the home fans, senior Alethea Desrosiers set a school record with her 41st and 42nd victories of career. The old mark stood at 41 wins, and it was a special moment for the Cape May, N.J. product. "I was really excited, it was my goal for the season," said Desrosiers. When number one player Lara Henderson graduated last year, Desrosiers stepped into the number one spot and has been undefeated in singles competi-

tion this season. She continued her strong play with a singles victory 7-6, 6-3 and teamed with Lyter again in doubles to win 8-4 and lead WMC to a slim 5-4 home win. The Green Terror also got wins from Lyter and Connelly in singles and Maxcy-Connelly won another match in doubles to secure their third conference win of the season.

Looking to continue their late season surge, the team hosted their tough conference rival Gettysburg College. Desrosiers and Lyter both secured wins in the number one and two positions, but the team lost the next four singles match and fell 6-3. Desrosiers and Lyter also combined for another doubles win, but the team was outmatched by the depth of the opposition.

It has been a long season for the women's tennis team, but the future looks bright for the team. WMC freshman Jill King and Katie Kalbaugh learned on the job this season and while they weren't very successful in the win column, they gained lots of experience that could serve them well in the future.

Men's Tennis trying to make winning a habit

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Staff Writer

The term "rebuilding year" is often the butt of jokes for a team performing poorly. It's often something a coach or another team official will say to explain a team's disappointing results. However, the old cliché is actually valid, for the men's tennis team so far this season.

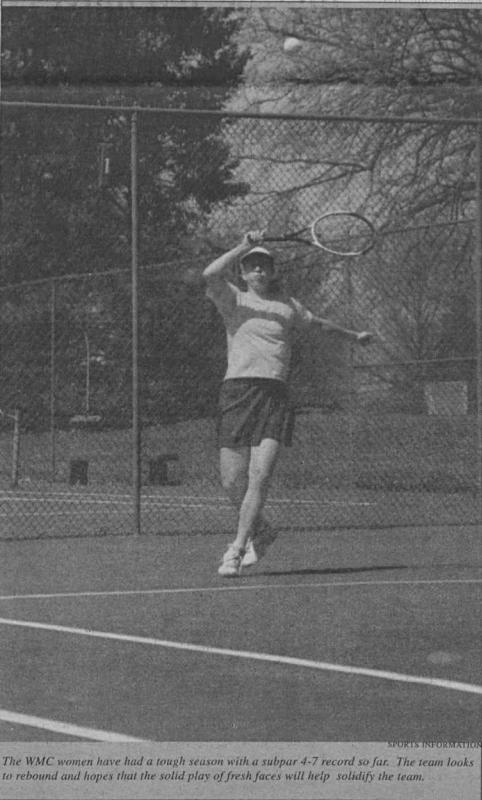
This was a team that was getting close to not having a program any longer. It was only a year ago that flyers were distributed on the walls of Gill Center asking members of the campus community to come out for the tennis team. There's nothing really wrong with a walk on, but when a coaching staff starts asking random members of the community to come out to help the team, it's probably a sinking ship.

Head coach Michael Coleman has helped turn things around this season. The team picked up their first conference win since 1997 when they defeated Ursinus a few weeks back. The team also picked up a win over York College that same week.

There are reasons to be optimistic for the team's future. Young players like Scott Mahoney and Jerry Sabo could be the core of a foundation that could turn WMC tennis back into a winner. Another star of the future sophomore 2nd singles and first doubles David Johnson, is happy about the team's performance. He said, "We're definitely getting better."

With one match and the Centennial Conference Championships the only dates left, the men's tennis team is close to reaching the end of their season.

Their record stands at only 2-8, but hopefully the team can make a splash at the conference tournament. Perhaps winning a few matches at the tournament will garner some respect for the future of Green Terror Tennis.



SPORTS INFORMATION

The WMC women have had a tough season with a subpar 4-7 record so far. The team looks to rebound and hopes that the solid play of fresh faces will help solidify the team.

Phoenix Sports Trivia

Now that Barry Bonds has broken the 500 homeruns mark, who is the next closest active player to 500 HRs?

Jose Canseco w/446

(He is currently working on a minor league contract)

Softball has high playoff hopes

CRAIG JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

One need only look at the numbers recorded by the WMC women's softball team this year to realize just how special the 2001 campaign has been. A 25-3 record, including a perfect 14-0 in conference. A school record 18-game winning streak. 11 shutout victories. The list goes on and on.

And it doesn't appear the Terror will be stopping any time soon. Recently, they have swept double-headers from conference opponents Muhlenberg, Dickinson, Haverford, Ursinus, and Washington.

Against Muhlenberg, Samantha Abrams played a significant role in both victories. In the first game, three early WMC runs proved to be enough as Abrams fired a one-hitter. She didn't allow a Muhlenberg hit until Elizabeth Kostelnick singled in the top of the seventh. The victory marked Abrams's sixteenth win in 19 decisions for the year.

Men's Lax headed to Conference playoffs

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Staff Writer

The Green Terror men's lacrosse team has won two crucial games in as many weeks. The latest victory was a 10-6 win over The Franklin and Marshall Diplomats, while the previous week the team defeated Haverford 21-12. The conference win over F&M put the team's record to 8-3, and 4-1 in the conference, while guaranteeing the Terror the two seed in the conference playoff this weekend.

The F&M game saw junior attack Tom Brown net five goals and pass out one assist while freshman Jeremy Freed added two goals.

The game was a battle for most of the first half. The Terror took over in the second half and dominated their way to the victory.

The Haverford demolition featured an offensive explosion from Brown. He scored 6 goals and added 4 assists to give him ten points on the day. Sophomore attack Joe Ellis contributed 4 goals and 4 assists, and senior attack and all-American Brett Sweeney added 3 goals and 3 assists.

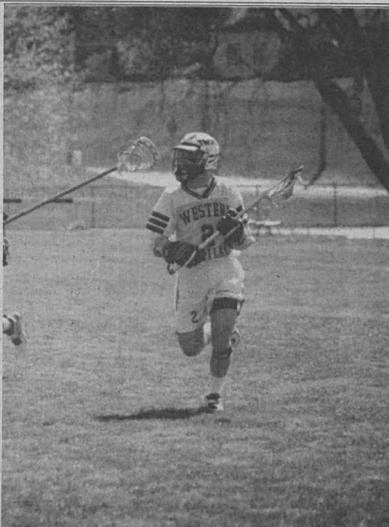
The two victories give The Terror momentum heading into the conference playoffs that start on Friday at Gettysburg. The first-

round game will feature The Terror in a repeat match with The Washington Shoreman. The Terror defeated the Shoreman earlier this year in a battle that some would consider worthy of "instant classic" replay on the sports cable network ESPN Classic.

The other first round game features Gettysburg and F&M. In the event that both The Terror and Gettysburg are victorious, and that is certainly no guarantee, then WMC would get the big rematch with Gettysburg they are craving.

Junior Defenseman Jason Wiles thinks the result would be different this time around. "We can beat them if we play a complete game, and not just one quarter. If we all play the entire game, they can't hang with us."

If the Terror win the conference playoffs they would head to the NCAA playoffs with an automatic bid. It would mark the first NCAA Lacrosse playoff appearance in the school's history.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Senior attacker Brett Sweeney runs downfield looking to take a shot on net.

The Sideline View: A few unexpected moves in sports

Jeff Grever looks at the moves made by the Chargers, Ichiro Suzuki, and the surging Twins

San Diego on Draft Day

Good move San Diego. That is something you might not expect someone to say when they passed on the most hyped player in the draft, Michael Vick. When Vick wanted too much money, he became too much of a risk for San Diego because they were having Ryan Leaf flashbacks.

So what did they get out of the trade with Atlanta? They got a great running back in L a d a n i a n Tomlinson from Texas Christian and Drew Brees from Purdue. Since the Chargers signed Doug Flutie to be a mentor for a young quarterback, I think San Diego is looking more promising than they have since the mid 90s.

Vick is a great athlete, and he may become one of the greatest players in the NFL someday, but he is so young and inexperienced that it seems San Diego wanted more for their money.

One player that seems to be overlooked every time the draft analysts begin to talk is quarterback Josh Heupel. Heupel was picked in the sixth round by Miami after going undefeated and winning a national championship with Oklahoma last season. He proved to be much better than FSU quarterback Chris Weinke in the championship game, and made all of the Heisman voters look like they made the

wrong decision in choosing Weinke. It seems as though FSU has a reputation that nobody can look past. Heupel was obviously a better quarterback last year, yet Weinke received all the hype and was drafted in the fourth round by the Panthers despite the fact that he is 28 years old coming out of college.

Japanese player making an impact

Ichiro Suzuki, the Seattle Mariners new right fielder, has the strongest arm in baseball. If you don't believe me, catch the highlight reels from a few of the Mariners' games. He threw out Terrence Long, one of the fastest runners on Oakland's roster, on a slow ground ball from a right field when he was trying to go from first to third.

Ichiro is also one of baseball's top hitters right now with a batting average of .371. He has made an immediate impact in Seattle's season so far, and he looks to be a good early candidate for Rookie of the Year, and who knows maybe American League MVP. Ichiro is the real deal when it comes to talking about the best outfielders in the game, at least so far this season anyway.

Baseball's biggest surprise

The Minnesota Twins. Where did these guys come from? Their record is 13-3 and they have some of the hottest players in baseball right now.

Have you ever heard of first

baseman Doug Mientkiewicz? Well he is hitting .373 with 10 runs, 3 homers, and 13 RBI's. And he is not the only player that is tearing it up. What about designated hitter David Ortiz who is hitting .365 with 12 runs, 4 homers, and 13 RBI's? Had enough yet?

There is always third baseman Corey Koskie who is has hit 14 runs, 3 homers, and 14 RBI's, or shortstop Christian Guzman, .318, 13 runs, 3 homers, 6 RBI's. Not to mention the catcher, A.J. Pierzynski, is hitting .324 and has scored 6 runs.

But a team cannot last without good pitching, right? Well the Twins have a pretty good answer for that as well. Minnesota's ace Brad Radke is 4-0 with a 2.23 ERA. Joe Mays has a 2-1 record and an ERA of 2.86, Eric Milton is 3-0 with a 3.12 ERA, and Mark Redman is 1-1 with a 3.86 ERA. How is that for a starting rotation?

Minnesota has finally finished rebuilding, and now they are enjoying quite an impressive first month of the season.

If the Twins can keep up this pace, or even a small fraction of it, they will be serious contenders for the AL Pennant and the World Series.

Probably never thought you would hear those words again after their 1991 World Series victory over the Braves.

This team has gone through a lot of changes since the days of Jack Morris, Kirby Puckett, and Danny Gladden. But even if you still aren't convinced, you might want to pick up some of these guys for your fantasy league...just in case.

The Wrestling Corner

Michael Jenkinson discusses the history of the Intercontinental Championships

Much controversy has surrounded the WWF's Intercontinental Title recently. Over the past three weeks, the title has moved from Chris Jericho, to Triple H, to Jeff Hardy, and back to Triple H.

With all of the discussion of the IC belt, I found myself reminiscing about its history, what it means now to the WWF, and the belt's future.

The IC championship, since its conception in 1979, has served as a secondary belt to the WWF championship.

It usually defines who is the king of the mid-carders. It represents someone who isn't quite ready to be WWF World Champion, yet is deserving of wearing a championship belt of some kind around their waist.

Often, wrestlers have used the IC belt as a stepping stone to the WWF title. Randy Savage, The Ultimate Warrior, Bret Hart, Shawn Michaels, Diesel, Triple H, Steve Austin, The Rock, and Kurt Angle have all gone from IC champ to WWF World Champion. The trend in recent history seems to indicate that you need to be an IC champ before you can contend for the World Title.

The only world title holders in the past four years who didn't win the IC belt first are Kane, The Un-

dertaker, Mick Foley and The Big Show.

Other wrestlers haven't used the belt to their advantage as effectively. The careers of Billy Gunn and D'Lo Brown went completely down hill at the same time they lost the belt. Dean Douglas, Marc Mero, The Godfather, and The Road Dogg are all one time IC champs that most wrestling fans would like to forget ever held the title, as their connection with the title brings it's prestige down significantly.

The Honky Tonk Man often claims that he is the greatest IC champ of all time.

He can make a valid argument considering he held the title for the longest period of time, over 14 months.

Others argue that the greatness of a champion is not how long you held it, but how many times you won the belt.

If this is the measure of the greatest IC champ, then the honor goes to Jeff Jarrett.

He held the belt five times. Chris Jericho and Triple H have each held it four times.

When researching the past, I also look to the future. What other stars might be getting the IC belt soon?

The WWF has teased us with the possibility of Test being IC champ before. I wouldn't be surprised if this happens sometime soon.

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Baseball falls below .500 in the Centennial Conference

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Assistant Sports Editor

Hard times have hit the Western Maryland College Men's Baseball team as the team has slipped below .500 in the Conference.

On April 8, WMC hosted tough conference rival Gettysburg at Gill Field. It was a long day for the Green Terror as the opposition hammered WMC freshman pitcher David Skoczlas for four and five runs in the first two innings respectively and continued their hot hitting to a 17-6 Terror loss. Sophomore first basemen Todd Huber had a great day at the plate with a three-run home run and also scored a run on the day for the Green Terror.

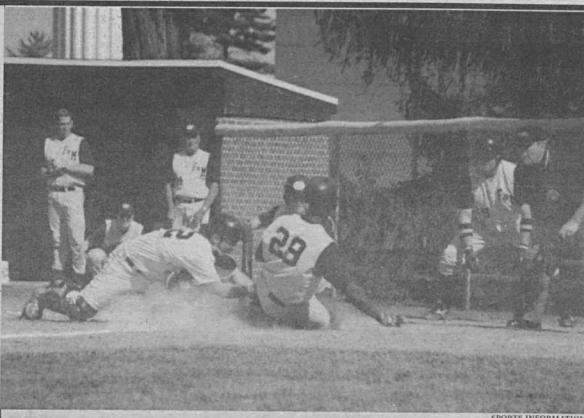
Looking to rebound, WMC played another fierce conference rival, Johns Hopkins, on April 14th. From the start, the Green Terror found his hard to come by against the strong Blue Jays pitching staff

as they could only muster three hits on the afternoon, while the opposition used power hitting to take a 7-1 victory. WMC scored their lone run in the ninth inning when sophomore catcher Bobby Laffey hit a double and senior first basemen Kacy Jenkins singled to left field.

It was Jenkins 13th RBI of the year, which is tied for the team lead in the category. Senior pitcher Dan Elbaz took the loss and his record on the season fell to 4-2. The loss was the team's third in a row and dropped their record to 9-8-1, 4-5 in the conference.

The team looked to avenge their loss to Johns Hopkins in the rematch road game. In a tightly played contest, the game was a pitcher's duel as both teams found runs hard to come by.

Johns Hopkins struck first in the second inning with a run, but the



SPORTS INFORMATION

Catcher Bob Laffey applies the tag to the Franklin and Marshall baserunner sliding on a play at the plate.

Green Terror responded in the seventh inning when their junior outfielder Jeremy Merrell hit his home run of the season to tie the score at 1-1. The two remained tied up until the top of the ninth inning when Jenkins hit a clutch home run to

take a 2-1 lead.

WMC held on in the bottom of the 9th to beat a tough Johns Hopkins team. Jenkins's had a big game with three hits in addition to the game winning shot to lead the Green Terror offense, while the

team received a huge pitching performance from sophomores Jeff Starcher, Justin Raynor and senior Drew Hershner who yielded a total four hits to the opposition.

Coming off their big win, the
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Track optimistic about bids to Division III Championships

MARCUS HELTON

Staff Writer

The Western Maryland Spring Track and Field Team has continued its record-setting season, and they show no signs of letting up anytime soon.

At the Twilight Meet on April 18, the men's and women's teams each finished in first place for the third time this season. It was the women's fourth overall first place finish.

The Terror set five meet records, bringing their total to 12 meet records set in the Twilight Series. In addition, the Terror have set seven school records this season. Among the meet records established on April 18 were: Jamie Falcone's 12.1 in the 100-meter dash, Diana Pool's 4:58.4 in the 1500 meters, Melissa Merson's time of 15.9 in the 100-meter hurdles, the women's 4x400-meter relay team's time of 4:15.1, and Ifeanyi Ani's leap of 20'8 1/2" in the long jump. On the men's side, the 4x100-meter relay team took first with 46.6, Tyler Wright won the men's 400-meters with a time of 51.4, Sam Gordon's 67.0 won the 400 meter hurdles, and Jimmy

Thayer won the men's 5000 with a time of 16:58.2.

On April 14, the team traveled to Lewisburg, PA for the Bucknell Invitational, where the Terror had two athletes place first. Jill Krebs finished first in the 5000 meters and set a school record with a time of 18:06.43. On the men's side, Ifeanyi Ani won the long jump with a leap of 46'10 3/4", which also met the requirements for the provisional qualifier.

The previous week, the Terror
"I feel that by the end of the season we should have seven women and six or seven guys qualify for nationals."

-Coach Renner

took part in the Lebanon Valley Invitational and was again successful, with the women finishing first and the men coming in second.

Overall, WMC Track Coach Doug Renner has been satisfied with his team's performance. "We

haven't had very good weather," he said (The Twilight meet on April 11 was canceled due to bad weather). "Not every meet has been conducive to good performances. Overall, we're sitting with three sets of provisional qualifiers, and that's good for this point in the season."

One of those hoping to add to the number of qualifiers is senior decathlete Jeff Groff, who made big news on April 13 with his performance at the Millersville Mauder Decathlon in Millersville, PA. Groff's 5,914 points set school and conference records, and he finished fourth overall in the competition, which included athletes from all three NCAA divisions.

Coach Renner is optimistic about his team's chances for the rest of the season. "I feel that by the end of the season, we should have seven women and six or seven guys qualify for nationals," Renner said.

Next week is a big week, and it's going to be really competitive." The Terror will travel to the Penn Relays on April 26, and will be home for the Terror Track classic on April 28.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Freshman defenseman Josh Hanlon #17, a Council Rock High School product eludes a Haverford defender. Read about recent Men's Lacrosse action on page 15. The squad is currently in second place in the Centennial Conference with a record of 3-1, and 7-3 overall.



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Returning to the Hill for Reunion Weekend

STACI L. GEORGE
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You may have probably seen some faces around campus that you did not recognize, but were sporting WMC's green and gold this past weekend, as they smiled proudly of their alma mater.

The Alumni Affairs office, President Joan Coley, and many others welcomed alumni back to the Hill for Reunion Weekend, held Friday, May 4 through Sunday, May 6.

This year's festivities were held to honor the class of 1941 and proceeding years that ended in either a one or a six, as well as welcoming back the class of 2000, said Randy Rytter, associate director of Alumni Affairs.

Additionally, the class of 1926, '31, and '36 were also honored in luncheon held at Harrison House on Friday.

"I had to wait 60 years to figure out to come back. I don't see much difference—except that I don't recognize anyone without reading their name tags... I think it's be-

cause of aging!" joked Lindsay Chase, class of 1941.

Friday's events included alumni visitation to classes in the morning, lunch in Glar or special lunches held at other locations, and campus tours.

Alumni enjoyed a Mardi Gras party in the Forum, where all the classes were invited to attend from 6-10 p.m. Friday night.

Tus Applegarth, class of 1941, said that this night of good New Orleans style food and dancing will be the highlight of his weekend.

Proceeding dinner and dessert, the Monday Night Jazz Ensemble

paraded into the Forum playing an updated number to get the party started. They were conducted by Bo Eckard, who said, "We've had wonderful food, wonderful beverages—Now it's time for wonderful music."

After a day and evening of an abundance of food on Friday, 44

people signed up to participate in the Clarence H. Bennett golf tournament Saturday morning. The shotgun start, where everyone started on various holes, was at

classmates from the classes of 1942 and 1944.

The morning's activities also included a tennis match and alumni lacrosse games. A Martin 5K Race and Fun Run was planned but cancelled after few signed up to participate in it.

At 10 a.m., President Coley opened up her state of the college address by saying, "The state of the college is great... you can now be dismissed!"

On a more serious note, Coley began to outline her four goals she hopes to obtain in a de-



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President Coley joins the parade with the class of '41.

7:30 a.m. Robert Beglin, class of 1943, said that he and his tournament partners "Love golf. I played here 45 years ago for the first time as a freshman. At 82, I come as often as I can."

Beglin said that the best part of the game was playing with his

living space, enhancing the learning space, tripling the endowment, and increasing human resources.

"We don't want to be a Swarthmore or a Harvard—we just want to be recognized," said Coley as she talked about her vision that within the next decade, WMC

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Professor Dillman decides to retire and relax

JOAN FAULKNER
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An integral part of the computer program and communication department here at WMC will be retiring after this semester.

That would be communication professor and chair of the department, Richard Dillman who came to this school in 1980 to teach computer science courses in the math department.

However, in his second year here, Dillman was assigned a group of communication majors to advise.

Dillman says he soon realized,

"that they were interested in learning about computers, but that most of them were not interested in computer science (or the study of the mathematics of computation)."

So, Dillman created two courses: one attractive to non-math majors, which became "The Systems Track," an informal curriculum in computers, according to Dillman.

First started in 1982, the classes followed with Dillman when he joined the communication department in 1986.

There have been about ten to fifteen students enrolled in the classes each year.

Since WMC has been trying to attract students interested in computing, the Systems Track was upgraded to a minor two years ago and currently, there are twenty students in the minor now.

Now, nearly one hundred students have graduated from the Systems Track, according to Dillman.

Many former students are working as systems analysts or in information-related jobs as managers and executives, thanks to Dillman.

Fellow communication professor Dr. Robert Lemieux, and chair of the department after Dillman re-

tires, describes Dillman as "instrumental in creating the department of communication with Bob Sapora."

Lemieux says the Systems Track minor is Dillman's "area of specialty."

Lemieux adds that computers are "pretty much his passion both professionally and personally. I think he will stay well-connected-no pun intended."

As the department's faculty over the years has built a curriculum that focuses on the theories that explain communication, they have

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Enjoy a taste of Asia

Junior Cathy Pendorf enjoys a "Taste of Asia" on Tuesday, May 2. The event also included music and dancing.



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What will WMC be like this summer?

TAMMI SLATER
Staff Writer

Summer is that time of the year where there is sunshine to be enjoyed, vacation to relish, and money to be made. However, for many Western Maryland College students the summer will bring them back to "the Hill."

All summer long, WMC will hold activities, from special camps and programs, to classes and workshops. "Common Ground on the Hill" will be one of about fourteen class offerings held this summer. In its seventh year, this summer festi-

val is a two-week buffet of music, art, heritage, and humanities workshops. It will be held from July 1-14 will include instrumental music, singing and song writing, dance, fine arts and crafts, children's programs, writing, storytelling and human arts.

The course allows students the opportunity to work with a faculty advisor where they will then develop a project worth one to four undergraduate credits.

For more information on the classes contact Walt Michael at ex-

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WMC excels in Annapolis

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While most WMC students were getting an early start on Spring Fling weekend with Thursday night celebrations, members of the Maryland Student Legislature (MSL) were getting ready to head down to Annapolis, Md. on Friday, April 27 for three days of debate and competition over local, state, and national issues in the State Chambers.

WMC won the highest honor of top delegation for the second year in a row.

The debates consisted of 15 different Maryland colleges including UMCP, Mount St. Mary's, and Johns Hopkins.

Jeremiah Kelley, a senior political science major, was the Governor for this year's event. The Governor is the leader for MSL who is in charge of organizing and structuring the event.

Kelley said, "It's the first opportunity to compete and debate serious issues. There's nothing like MSL."

Each school competes in debate over various political issues in the standard Parliamentary Procedure. Late on Saturday, a special awards committee is selected to give out a number of awards, said Kelley.

Matt Burger, a senior political science major, received an individual award, the William (Troy) Simmons award for career achievement in MSL. Burger received the award for serving as the Chief of Staff, or right-hand man, for two governors in a row.

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Second annual Reunion Weekend a huge success among alumni, family, and friends

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will be recognized as the finest small liberal arts school.

Coley said, "We have to do something more than say 'we're great' and add a smile." She explained that doing more would include more traveling for herself and other members of the administration, as well as writing letters to the members of the local community, and state.

After the conclusion of her speech, she held a question and answer session pertaining to how WMC will strengthen the community bond, how WMC is dedicated to ever-changing technology, and her favorite subject—the "very robust" graduate department.

Following Coley's presentation, the alumni had the opportunity to sit in on workshops. Such topics included "Mood, Memory, and Metabolism in Antarctica" with Provost Sam Case, class of 1963, "Genealogy" with John Kehler, class of 1981, "Financial Planning Basics" with Russ Weber, class of 1993, and "History of WMC" with Dr. Jim Lightner, class of 1959.

I chose to attend Lightner's workshop, where he called his slide presentation, "The Way We Were." It started with the birth of the 1866 construction of a building, referred to as Old Main by the alumni of the class of 1951.

Lightner, who said that he has been interested in WMC's history since he began his matriculation here, presented a wide range history that included photographs of past presidents, samples of curriculum offerings, construction and renovation photos, social and athletic events—all which brought us up to the present day with our eighth president.

In his closing dialogue, he said the college has come from a low enrollment of 70 students to its current standing of about 1600,

has emerged from one building to over 60, and room and board has gone from \$30 to more than \$5,000.

For this year's May Day Festival and picnic, they tried something new and encouraged alumni to bring their children, said Randy Rytter.

To get the festival started, each class took part in the class parade and marched from Baker Memorial Chapel to Red Square and met up with their family and friends. To keep the kids entertained, the Quad was set up with several activities for the afternoon celebration.

Alumni returned to Red Square later in day for an all-reunion class reception, where Coley once again addressed the alumni. Various members of each class were recognized for their hard work and devotion to planning their class' reunion and donating money.

Six new awards were introduced this year to recognize those classes which made an extra effort to support WMC by either raising funds or working to create a great class reunion.

The first and second awards, the "Green and Gold" and the Whimsy awards were presented to the Class of 1951.

The third award, known as the "Green Terror" Award was given to the class of 1976, who has the most classmates making a commitment to the Annual Fund this year. The "Carpe Diem," the fourth award, was also given to the class of 1976 because they have increased the number of donors to the annual fund.

The class of 1961 received the "Old Main" Award because it is the class with the largest amount of commitments to the Annual Fund so far this year.

The final award, known as the "Top of the Hill" Award was given to the class of 1971 for being class with the highest overall commitments to WMC. This includes the Annual Fund, as well as building and spe-

cial projects and the endowment.

Around 7 p.m. each of the classes went to their specified location for their individual class reunion. Rytter said that this was the first year that all of the classes held their reunion on campus, rather than selecting a place nearby in Westminister.

Reunions were held in the President's Dining Room, the Science Center courtyard, the dining porch of Englar Dining Hall, and the Ensor Terrace. The classes of 1981, '86, '91, '96, and 2000 had a "flashback cafe" on the Pub terrace.

The class of 1966 had what Linda Mahaffey Spear, class of 1966, called a "casual Italian night" in McDaniel Lounge.

Trish Stahl, class of 1966, said, "It has been nice to walk around and see the buildings."

Sunday's events included an alumni remembrance ceremony for those alumni who have passed away since April 2000, a Sunday morning chapel service sponsored by the class of 1951, and brunch held in McDaniel Lounge. Alumni were also invited to the Honors Convocation at 2 p.m.

While the alumni enjoyed their weekend exchanging stories with one another and "the press," there were many people involved in making sure the weekend went smoothly.

Rytter explained many campus offices helped in the planning of the weekend, including Alumni Affairs office, the Development office, and many others.

Rytter also pointed out the large help stu-

dent volunteers gave. He believes that more than 100 students helped out with the weekend's events.

Many of the alumni commented on the well-planned out weekend and how everyone was so very helpful.

Doris Mathias Hood, class of 1940, said that the "student volunteers have been great. A very nice young fellow drove me and others around in a golf cart," she said. "They've been busy," she concluded.

Rytter admitted that the biggest challenge he worried about was the on-campus resources, which they were relying on heavily because the alumni and the alumni commit-

tees who help plan the weekend's events wanted to have their celebrations on campus this year in order to see the new changes to campus.

Planning for next year's Reunion Weekend will start soon, said Rytter, noting that the various committees of next year's honored classes 1942, 1947, and on up have already begun their planning. Caroline Babylon, class of 1976, said that, "I think that it is important to come back and support the school and see what is going on. [Afterall], we helped pave and pay the way for the current students."



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President Coley said the state of the college was great.



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The class of '51, and others, enjoy Mardi Gras.



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Food, cold drinks and gorgeous weather were abundant at this year's annual Reunion Weekend festivities on the Hill.

Class celebrates its 50th reunion: Party like it is 1951!

STACI L. GEORGE
News Editor

Have you ever wondered what WMC will look like in 50 years? Or more importantly, have you ever wondered what your friends will look like after 50 years.

These were the same thoughts running through the minds of the alumni of the class of 1951 as they made their travel plans and agreed to meet up with old friends during Reunion Weekend, held May 4-6.

The class of 1951 was celebrating a very special milestone—their 50th reunion, in which the college welcomed them back with a weekend full of special events.

Alum Phil Kable said, "It has been 50 years, and I am glad to be back."

In addition to the other events of the weekend, class of '51 alumni enjoyed a luncheon held at President Coley's house on Friday afternoon.

They then marched in a class parade wearing their special green and gold Dr. Seuss-like hats as they sang "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The class also held their individual class reunion on the dining porch of Englar Dining Hall, and sponsored the Sunday morning chapel service in Little Baker Chapel.

At Coley's house, there was talk of the

days gone by, when the women had a 10 p.m. curfew, which meant that they had to be in their own dorm rooms by 10 p.m. and could not exit the building until the morning.

As the conversations continued, there was a hint of eagerness to meet the newly inaugurated president and have lunch with her.

Dolly Dalglish said, "I knew of President Coley, but an ever more pleased to have met her today."

Before lunch, Coley adorned each class member with a special gold medallion, which many continued to wear throughout the weekend.

Harry LeFew, who has been appointed acting class president since the death of the former president, said that the luncheon was "interesting, refreshing, and invigorating."

"It's nice to see old faces and friends, and is also good to see how the campus is flourish-

ing," LeFew continued.

LeFew was the one in charge of handing out the hats that were to be worn in Saturday afternoon's parade from Baker Memorial Chapel to the May Day Festival picnic in Red Square.

The class members recalled Sunday night chapel, where the whole school had to attend.

They explained that during the church service men sat on one side and the women on the other, and always in the same seats so that the football players who were in charge of checking attendees could do so easily, said Dottie Phillips Bailey.

Much like classes today, students were only allowed three unexcused absences from the chapel service each semester.

Kable told a story of how he once had to take an exam in the men's infirmary when he had the mumps.

Sledding on the golf course also owes its



STACI L. GEORGE
Class of '51 gather on the steps before their reunion.

self to earlier classes at WMC, who made a very creative sport out of it.

The alumni explained that the big, round aluminum servers' trays used by the dining hall staff in the '50s made great sleds.

The Class of 1951 was honored with the following awards at the all-class reunion in Red Square.

It received the "Green and Gold Award" for having the most active volunteers during a reunion year and also the "Whimsy Award" for having the most members of their class return for Reunion Weekend.

LeFew and Jackie Hering were recognized for their commitment to leading the class reunion committee and writing and calling classmates to encourage their attendance at the 50th reunion, respectively.

These banners were hung on the windows of the dining porch for their class reunion dinner.

Sunday morning, the class of 1951 sponsored the well-attended chapel service.

Many of them would end their weekend celebration together during brunch, which was held in McDaniel Lounge.

"I'm very fond of Reunion Weekend. It's the time to see people I haven't seen in a while," said fellow class member Nancy Winkelman.

WMC news in brief:

Greek Housing-

Earlier this semester many Greek organizations were not pleased with Residence Life decisions about Greek housing for the following year.

Both the Phi Delta Theta and Bachelor fraternities appealed the Residence Life decision made earlier this semester. Neither of the appeals were granted.

The Gamma Beta Chi fraternity was not given housing and did not appeal the decision made by Residence Life.

All three of these organizations went through the room selection process. Their members picked rooms individually throughout the entire campus.

—Source: Amanda Rose, Residence Life Coordinator

The Lewis Hall renovations-

The \$250,000 gift from the Helen Pumphrey Denit Charitable Trust is being used as general support to help meet the \$7 million cost of the Lewis Project.

The Lewis buildings should be completed by this summer in time for classes next fall.

Fundraising efforts are actively underway with proposals being presented to alumni, local businesses, and charitable foundations. It is anticipated that WMC will meet fundraising goals by the project's end.

—Source: Steve Krahling-Haddad, director of corporate and foundation relations

New dorm status-

During inauguration weekend, WMC trustees, committees, and students met with President Joan Coley to continue discussing the need for new student living space.

The trustees agreed that there was evident need for a new building, or a series of buildings for the "mini village" idea voted on earlier this year.

Raising the funds for the plans will begin soon, said the trustees.

The site chosen is the area near the water tower and current Pennsylvania Avenue houses.

Source: Dean Phillip Sayre

compiled by staff writer Jackie Leazer and news editor Staci L. Goerge

Common Ground on the Hill

July 1-14

Call extension 771 for more information.

Summertime on the Hill is just around the corner

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ension 771.

Richard Smith, professor and chair of the chemistry department, feels that Common Ground is a great experience for students.

He will be teaching an offshoot of his first-year seminar course "Science of Wood".

The four-day course is being offered during the second week of the festival and will be composed of pre-twentieth century woodworking techniques.

Additionally, Marilyn Smith, chemistry professor, will be working with Richard and four students on researching the development of a new anti-AIDS drug. Marilyn received the grant, and the research students will be paid for their work under her grant.

Richard Smith feels that a research assignment during the summer is a great experience.

"Research is an opportunity for students to become a colleague. We work and learn together. It's what

research is all about," he said.

Julia Richardson, a sophomore chemistry major, is one student who will be working on the research team this summer.

Richardson said that, "Although this will be my first experience working on campus this summer or being involved in an assignment such as this one, I am really looking forward to it. I think it's an opportunity that more students here should take advantage of."

Additionally, WMC's Theatre will be continuing their productions over the summer. Ira Domser, professor of theatre arts and producer, will lead the professional summer company with three main productions. The company has also added a new show just for kids.

The upcoming shows include: The Mousetrap, Kiss of the Spider Woman, Snow White, and Stuart Little.

Furthermore, WMC will be hosting the Baltimore Ravens again

Campus Safety Blotter

The following events were reported by the Department of Campus Safety:

4/16/01 at 5:16 p.m. two students were harassing a third student for sexual orientation issues.

4/17/01 at 10:49 p.m. a homeless woman was lost in Decker Student Center.

4/19/01 at 9:54 a.m. a Rouzer resident had a case of beer in the building.

4/21/01 at 12:05 a.m. two undergraduate students were in possession of alcohol in a dry dorm, Whiteford Hall.

4/21/01 at 12:03 a.m. two students were complaining of a burglary in their room in Whiteford.

4/21/01 at 2 a.m. three underage students and one underage non-student in Whiteford had open containers of beer.

4/21/01 at 3:30 a.m. a student was receiving prank telephone calls in Whiteford.

4/21/01 at 10 p.m. an anonymous call reported two white males in a black Jeep Wrangler striking the driver-side mirror of a white

Toyota Corolla parked in Whiteford lane behind Whiteford Hall.

4/22/01 at 1:20 a.m. a student was carrying alcohol in a dry dorm in Whiteford.



4/22/01 at 2:10 a.m. students were having a large party with hard liquor in Pennsylvania Avenue House 139.

4/22/01 at 2:45 a.m. four students involved in the damaging of three cars parked in the rear lot of Whiteford.

4/22/01 at 3:02 a.m. a student was lighting off fireworks in the hall-

way of Rouzer Hall. 4/22/01 at 5:00 a.m. a student was playing loud music in P.A. Avenue House 139.

4/22/01 at 1:34 p.m. a student was having a very large party with hard liquor in P.A. House 139.

4/27/01 at 11:25 p.m. an underage student was drinking beer in the Alpha Nu Omega clubroom in Blanche.

4/28/01 at 12:15 a.m. an underage student was drinking in the Omega clubroom in Blanche.

4/28/01 at 11 p.m. a student tore down papers on RA bulletin board in Whiteford Hall.

4/29/01 at 1 a.m. an underage student in Whiteford had a closed car of alcohol.

4/29/01 at 1:39 a.m. Malicious Document of Property—someone set the bulletin board on fire in Blanche.

4/29/01 at 2:31 a.m. responding to a noise complaint from a neighboring room found small party in the hallway, including skate boarding, in Blanche.

4/29/01 at 3:21 a.m. a student was carrying alcohol in a bag into Rouzer Hall.

Dillman retires after 20 years at WMC

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added statistics, communication research methods, and a research seminar, which are all required classes.

"Feedback from professors at other colleges tells us that we have one of the best small college communication programs in the country, and feedback from our graduates tells us that we are doing a good job of preparing them for

Laptop in hand, Rick Dillman says connected to his WMC life. college," says Dillman.

Though Dillman teaches computer courses, he confesses he is not very interested in computers themselves.

Instead, he's "very interested in the way the world behaves the way it does; how and why everything is organized (and disorganized) the way it is."

In the mid-1980's, the department's majors were students who had come to WMC majoring in something else, or who were "undecided" and did not even know what "communication" was, said Dillman.

Today, says Dillman, 75% of communication graduates come in with that as their intended major.

Dillman further believes "that the study of communication is fundamental to the social

"Computers are pretty much his passion both professionally and personally!"

- Robert Lemieux

sciences....you cannot define terms such as "society" or "politics" ... without first having a concept of "communication."

In retirement, Dillman plans to keep his "Happy Fun Communication Land" Web site up, which requires 15 to 20 hours a week to maintain.

According to Lemieux, the department has hired Christina Prell as a replacement for Dillman.

Prell will be teaching two public speaking sections and one class of communication research methods next semester.

Next fall, he will instruct an online course for the WMC graduate MLA program.



JOE RABINO

this year for the fifth annual training camp opening July 24 and running until August 16th.

Fans are invited to visit the Ravens practice site, primarily held at Blair Stadium to watch them get started on their 2001 NFL season and an autograph session will be held following most practices. The camp will also feature Fan Zone, a chance to kick field goals, maneuver an obstacle course, catch punts, and hit wide receivers with touchdown passes.

WMC will also be hosting many athletic camps and programs this summer ranging from lacrosse and football, to wrestling and cheerleading.

Finally, Guidance Day for WMC First-Year Students will be held on July 14 where students will have the opportunity to get acquainted with the campus and the college experience ahead of them.

Barb Horneff, dean of the first-year program, feels that this is a "bittersweet" time of year. "Letting go of seniors and my first year students is difficult, but I always look forward to bringing in the new group of students too," she said. Horneff added that, "Although I miss students during the summer, I look forward to the chance to bring in new people and faces to WMC."

Theatre on the Hill 2001

The Mouse Trap: July 7, 8, 9, 15, 15, 23, 27, 30, August 4, 5, 11, and 12.
Kiss of the Spider Woman: July 21, 22, 28, 29, August 4, 5, 11, and 12.

Snow White: June 24, 25, July 1, 2, 8, 9.

Stuart Little: July 15, 22, 23, 29, 30, August 5, 6, 12.

Researching, networking, and benefits of an internship

STACI L. GEORGE
News Editor

With the whole Monica Lewinsky saga a few years ago, the word "intern" became an American joke. However, internships are no laughing matter, but rather a steppingstone from the college community into the real world.

In 1999, VaultReports.com found that "81 percent of all college seniors had participated in two or more internship programs before they graduated. This represents a 30 percent increase since 1995, when 61 percent of college seniors had completed at least one internship by graduation."

This shows that most colleges and universities continue to put a strong emphasis on student internships. Western Maryland College is one such school, said Joe Carter Jr., senior lecturer of economics and business administration and coordinator of the WMC internship program.

Carter defined an internship as "experiential education" which most fields recommend for three reasons: "To differentiate one student from other candidates in the job market, to decide if they like that field or not, and lastly, to earn money and/or college credit," he said.

"Every semester I have several students who turn internships into full-time jobs. Good employers use internships," said Carter.

Barnes & Noble College Bookstores is one employer who emphasizes internships for post-graduation job placement, said Kyle Meloche, manager of the WMC Bookstore.

In 1996, Barnes & Noble began the Best Sellers program, where sophomores, juniors, and seniors employed in their college's bookstore are encouraged to join. The students can be of any major, as it is an internship anyone can benefit from, said Meloche.

"In addition to working in the bookstore, they gain potential managerial knowledge through training materials as they learn the business," Meloche said.

To date, Meloche has had three WMC students enrolled in the Best Sellers program. In 1996, he worked with Kevin Richardson, class of 1996, who now runs an \$8 million trade section at Harvard University's Barnes & Noble College Bookstore, said Meloche.

Meloche is now working with Tom Macurak, a senior political science major, as he goes through the internship program. He has been in the program since September and has been offered employment by the company this summer.

"I like it; it's fun," said Macurak. "I'm working with a variety of people and getting trained in various areas—skills which gained here will look good when I decide to go into law school."

What Macurak has done by working with various people and developing business relationships vital for one's pool of contacts is called networking.

"It's all about networking," said Carter. Stanley Plotkin, an associate of M & S Marketing Group in Baltimore does business with a lot of Fortune 500 businesses and agrees that networking is "the most important thing in a person's life, no matter what they do. If you network, you gain endless possibilities."

"Internships," Plotkin continued, "are the number one way for college students to network with the real world. Sure, they know how to network within the college community of faculty and staff members, but an internship is that off-campus opportunity."

According to the WMC Career Services Web page (at <http://StuSer.wmfc.edu/Career/careersv.html>) link "About the WMC

Alumni Career Network," about 800 WMC graduates have volunteered to talk to students about their fields. Current students can access the network via a computerized ClariWorks database in the Career Services office and then contact graduates who may have had the same major, career interest, or job title they are looking for.

While the Career Services Web page is a good place to start, there are other good resources on the Internet.

Plotkin said he has heard rave reviews of internships.com. When students access it, they find useful information which includes eight tips on how a student can turn that internship into a full-time job. The first tip, he said, is to "research, research, research" where by a student takes advantage of the college's career services and seeks current, reliable sources on internships.

Although Erin Smith, assistant professor of English, characterizes herself as the "department computer guru," she said Karen Arnie, director of Career Services, would be a better source for students to research internships using the Internet.

Arnie and Alison Leister, assistant director of Career Services, are always available to meet with students in their offices, located on the second floor of Smith House, said Leister.

Allegis (formerly Aerotek) held a jobs and internship information session from noon until 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, in Hill Hall 104. The representatives talked about some of the advantages of doing the eight-week paid internship with Allegis.

Following the presentation, approximately 25 of the 30 students who attended decided to sign up for campus interviews on Friday, April 20, said Leister.

Also attending the event was Kris Rider, a 2000 WMC graduate, who now works with Allegis. As a history major in college, she did two internships, but neither with Allegis. She came to learn about Allegis and its internships from two of her friends who were interning there at the time.

Knowing that they enjoyed working there, she decided to apply for an associate position right after graduation, and has been there since. She hopes to work her way up the business ladder, she said.

"I think in this field, it has been good for me because I have gotten a feel for the business side," she said.

"[An Allegis internship] can't do anything that help you no matter what major you study or field you go into," said Rider in an interview after the presentation, emphasizing that she never took a business course during her matriculation.

Leister said that she was happy with the turnout that the information session received. At the end, she announced that Career Services is not only there to help students find an internship, but to also assist in resume writing.

"Your resume is your document for the discussion," said Carter. "It's your marketing brochure. It should highlight your accomplishments, abilities, and achievements, and quantify them. The more the quantifiable achievement-oriented, the better."

Leister offered a vital piece of advice: "there is no one right way to write a resume, as there is not one right way to write a term paper. Just make sure to edit and revise, and ask either a professor or an adviser to read over it too."

In addition to Carter, Arnie, and Leister, Clement Ho, evening reference librarian, is also a person to seek help from. He said Hoover Library is a place with a plentiful supply of internship resources.

Doing a search using "internships" as the keyword on the online catalog yields four books. One includes the Princeton Review's America's Top Internships, and includes descriptions of more than 18,000 internships. This 2000 edition is written by Mark Oldman and Samer Hamadah, also known as "The Internship Informants," who are the only two nationally recognized experts on this subject, according to The Princeton Review.

Ho said that the Hoover Library Web page has a link to a guide on jobs and careers.

Ho, whose shift is from 1-9 p.m., is always willing to help students search for information on internships. And when he is not there, any of the other librarians—James Feagin, reference librarian, Jane Sharpe, career services librarian, and Lisa Janzer-Mott, technical services librarian—can help students.

Of course, says Carter, the best place to start researching is within a student's own department.

Herb Smith, professor and chair of the political science and international studies department, says that he and other department professors "strongly encourage...make that urge," students to do internships.

The department has a collection of people and companies who have sponsored internships. Smith then tries to match a prospective intern's interests with an internship that meets such interests, he said.

While most of the department's students go to Smith to find political internships, he said that students are also encouraged to go to professor Charles Neal for help finding judicial internships, and to professor Christianna Leahy for help with an international, comparative government, or human-

rights internship.

The communication department also encourages its students to do an internship, said Robert Lemieux, assistant professor and chair of the department.

Communication majors can choose from a variety of internships within radio, broadcasting, journalism, Internet-based media publications, among many other possibilities, he said.

Janifer Sirkis, a senior communication major, interned at Maryland Public Television (MPT) for eight hours a day during the summer of 2000 and assisted in the planning of MPT events, wrote Web copy, called entertainers, helped run events, and scheduled people, she said.

"I got a feeling for what business culture was like. It made me feel like a career in PR and event planning was more for me versus a journalism career. It cemented my career goals and ambitions," she said.

Carter urges students not to spend a great deal of time simply researching potential internships, but rather to dedicate more time to meeting with the academic internship adviser and the off-campus internship adviser to propose an internship that has an academic base to it yet is different than an independent study. After this is done, students should meet with him to complete the paperwork which is necessary in order to receive credits.

Even though finding an internship and setting it up may seem like a monstrous task to undertake, it is important to heed Sirkis' words of wisdom: "Having an internship is imperative to finding a good job."

Senior Week

Sunday, May 20 Annual Alumni Luncheon at the President's House at 9:00am (Complimentary)

Dress: Semi-Formal

Monday, May 21 Bus Trip to Georgetown (\$10)

Departs WMC Gill Center at 5:00pm and returns to WMC at 1:30pm

Tuesday, May 22 (2 events)

Senior-Faculty Picnic and Softball Game at Harvey Stone Park at 12:00pm (Complimentary)

Alumni Jimmy Buffet Lunch and Crab Feast on the Pub Patio at 5:00pm (\$10)

Wednesday, May 23 Baltimore Orioles Game and Falls Point (\$12)

Departs WMC Gill Center at 1:30pm and returns to WMC at 12:00pm or 2:00pm

Thursday, May 24 Baltimore Harbor Cruise on the Clipper City (\$15)

Departs WMC Gill Center at 6:30pm and returns to WMC at 12:30pm

Friday, May 25 (4 events)

Class Photo on the steps in front of Hoover Library at 6:20pm

Baccalaureate Service in Big Baker at 7:00pm

Reception at the President's House at 8:00pm

Commencement Party in Decker Center Lower Level at 9:00pm

Saturday, May 26 (2 events)

Lunch in Engler Dining Hall at 10:00am

Commencement in Gill Center at 2:00pm

Senior Week Tickets
\$37 = Tuesday-Friday
\$47 = Monday-Friday
\$50 = M-F plus
class gift

WMC's MSL team brings home highest honor

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Part of the Governor's job is to work with other members of what is called the Council State. Council State is a group of five elected students who work with the Governor in the organization of the event, said Kelley. Juniors Kate Boyle and Holly Smith served with Kelly on the Council State.

The Council State did an excellent job of recruiting this year, with seven new schools at this year's event. Also worth noting is the fact that this year's event had 106 attendees; no previous delegation had more than 100 students competing.

In addition to the three students who were a part of Council State, the WMC delegation brought 12 students to the event, said Boyle. Marybeth McKee was the leader of the delegation this year and Boyle will be the head delegate for next year's event, said Kelley.

Although the weekend is meant to be

both a learning experience and a lot of fun, the MSL has, on occasion, done work that has led its way into law. The body of MSL can pass bills within their own organization that will find their way into the hands of real politicians. In the past, some MSL bills have become laws.

One of the highlights of this year's event was the appearance of U.S. Congressman Ben Cardin. Cardin, who is from the third congressional district, spoke on Saturday to the entire MSL, said Kelley.

All eyes now shift to next year's event. Only one school, UMCP, has ever won three top delegations in a row. Kelley said, "They've put themselves in a good position to win it again."

Boyle has an even more positive attitude toward it. She said, "Not a doubt in my mind we'll get it (top delegation) next year. We'll have the best delegates, because we do every year."

President's house receives an upgrade and renovations

JACKIE LEAZER

Staff Writer

While the President's House may not look different on the outside, don't judge the book by its cover—it received a literal makeover on the inside and is now ready for WMC new president, Joan Coley.

Construction by the Patrick Construction Company began on the president's house in the second week of January and is just about wrapped up now.

A few unexpected discoveries were made as builders came across rotting boards in the bathrooms and basic deterioration in the structure of the back porch, which is the only thing left to be finished in the renovation project.

"We decided to completely replace [the porch]," Ethan Seidel, vice-president of administration and finance said.

Due to the porch's old age, restoration would have been difficult.

In fact according to President Coley, some of the painting and papering of the house were 16 years old and had barely been attended to in that time.

"Soon the house will be structurally strong and present WMC's best face to the outside world," President Coley said.

The purpose of the president's house is two-fold. The first floor is for the public and meant to host guests to the college, while the second floor is President Coley's actual living quarters.

Offices on campus use the president's house as a place to hold functions while welcoming visitors to the campus, though the first floor has been unavailable all semester

for public use.

"It really hasn't been a problem not having the use of the President's house for functions because, fortunately, we have so many other areas on campus that can be used for dinners and so forth," said Susan Cullison, executive secretary of the President's office.

"We now bring in many more people from the outside. These are often people who have visited other campuses," President Coley emphasized. "Frankly, the house did not show us to our best advantage."

Which is why in addition to the general maintenance of the exterior, the college also decided to make some other changes.

First, handicapped accessibility was a required addition as well as the installation of a second bathroom, on the first floor.

According to Seidel with the amount of entertaining that is done in the President's house these two changes were the most important.

Also a garage was added which replaced an inadequate carport, though it won't be accessible by President Coley until mid-summer.

The entire project stayed very close to the original budget set by the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The committee, which consists of trustees, as well as faculty, staff, and student representation, meets every two months.

The group decided to hire an architect to design the physical

changes of the house.

The architect, Robert Dean Camlin & Assoc. was chosen "in order to maintain the architectural



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Outside, one sees the facelift the house has received. Somewhere inside, President Coley and her cats relax.

integrity of the house," said Seidel, who is also a faculty/staff representative on the committee.

Furthermore, Seidel commented that the committee did not have to discuss plans for the house renovation project at length.

"Because of the simplicity of the plans and the fact that all changes were dictated by necessity," Seidel said, noting that the committee spent their time mainly discussing new residence halls.

The interior decoration of the first floor has also changed, President Coley said.

The college hired Susan Underwood-Leahy Interior Design to bring the first floor image more up to date.

Though she did not have a say on the architectural changes, President Coley helped pick out the new colors and wallpaper for the inter-

rior.

"Basically I told [the designer] to lighten it up because all of the furniture and rugs were so dark,"

Coley said, though she did try to keep the furniture that was still in good condition.

Also, while trying to make sure there was plenty of seating, Coley asked the designer to keep the house as uncluttered as possible, unlike the previous design.

The interior is finished but in the midst of the outside construction, President Coley is trying to adjust to her new home like anyone else.

"I miss my little house where I've lived for 20 years, but I very much would like at a college like this a president should have a presence on the campus," Coley reflected.

She moved in her personal belongings during spring break in March but basically her and her cats are only living in two rooms.

She still searches for things in the boxes that she has not had time to unpack.

In fact, she does not plan on having enough time to completely settle in until after commencement at the end of May.

"The house certainly doesn't feel like mine yet," she said due to the disorder of any move, "I'm trying to relax amid semi-chaos."

Not much more has to be finished on the house itself, after the porch is completed but construction will continue into the summer as a separate project begins.

The black asphalt walkways in

the area of the President's house, Lewis Hall of Science and McDaniel House are all temporary, soon to be replaced by the patterned brick walkways that line the rest of campus.

"The brick walkways of campus stop out front of McDaniel Hall," Seidel said.

"We've waited in completing the walkway system because of the heavy trucks constantly going in and out with the renovating [of Lewis Hall of Science]," he said.

Once construction for the science building is closer to completion, the whole area will be upgraded to level out the uneven areas of the ground from the construction.

When the walkways and re-grading are finished, the garage will be accessible.

The only other plans after that are to eventually replace the roof shingles, though this is not an emergency.

When the garage was built, an exact match with the old shingles of the house could not be found so according to Seidel, for aesthetic purposes, the new shingling will probably be worked into the general maintenance plans for the house.

By the end of summer and the beginning of the new school year the construction equipment used in the renovation project will be gone, the area regraded, and walkway system complete.

"The President's house is truly a showcase and will do the college proud as future functions are hosted there," Cullison emphasized.

Several special seniors honored

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News Editor

This is the time of the year when a student's year-long hard work and dedication is brought to the attention of the student body, faculty and administration.

One such award ceremony, the Multicultural Leaders Banquet which will be held on Friday, May 11, will honor 31 senior leaders who have volunteered their time as college community leader, said Mary Grace Almazred, director of Multicultural Services.

"It's a nice idea that they do it to recognize people. It's also great because it gets the international students together one more time, as well as the American students who have been involved," said Nadja Werver, who has been the German department assistant this year.

These 31 students have participated in one or more of the following groups: Allies, Asian Community Coalition, Black Student Union, Hispano-Latino Alliance, International Club, Jewish Student Union, Multicultural Student Association, Sounds of Silence, and Women's Issues Group.

"The other reason I hold this banquet besides to confirm how I feel about them, is that a number

I will miss my friends, and seeing everyone around campus. It was a great year. I don't want to leave.

- Nadja Werner

of the seniors weren't being awarded at the Senior Investiture and Honors Convocation because the college may not have realized their dedication," said Almazred.

"This is a way to thank not only the officers but the other members as well," she continued.

In its third year, Almazred says this year will be better than last year or the first year. When it began in 1999, it was a luncheon held in McDaniel Lounge for the graduating seniors and advisors, said Almazred. Then in 2000, it became a dinner which included alumni.

Now in 2001, the banquet will not only include its guests of honor, but each award recipient is allowed to invite three family members or friends to be their guest. In addition, President Coley, Dean Sayre, the College Task Force, Diversity Force, advisors, various professors,

and alumni have been invited.

After dinner, each of the award-winners will receive their certificate from the group or groups they have been dedicated to during the year.

Each senior is asked to leave behind a small memento to the college in order "to see [and preserve] the personality of the senior after they have left WMC," said Almazred.

A certificate is nice, but "Dedications" are better, says Almazred, referring to part of the banquet when family and friends are invited to go up to the podium and say something about a particular senior.

In addition to these "Dedications," guests are also reminded that they can bring a small gift or card to give to their senior during the night.

Almazred said she is working with Alumni Affairs as they try to contact an alumni to invite them to be a guest speaker.

"I will miss my friends and seeing everyone around campus. It's been a great year—I don't want to leave," said Werner.

Spring: a time for handing out awards

MIKE JENKINSON

Staff Writer

The Senior Investiture and Honors Convocation is a celebration to honor graduating seniors with academic and leadership awards. The ceremony, which took place last Sunday in Baker Memorial Chapel, saw more than 25 seniors win awards for academic performance and saw more than 15 receive leadership awards.

Perhaps the two most significant awards, the Mary Ward Lewis Prize and the Bates prize, which are awarded to one male and one female student who shows excellence in all areas of academic life, went to Amanda Cline and Don Todt.

After the awards ceremony Todt said of the Bates award, "It was a very, very excellent surprise, being that it's such an old award it was quite an honor." The award was established in 1905.

The ceremony also recognized senior members of Phi Beta Kappa, Who's Who Among Stu-

dents in American Colleges and Universities, Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), Trumplers, and the Honors Program.

The weekend before, the Undergraduate Awards Ceremony took place in McDaniel Lounge. New members of Trumplers and ODK were announced. The Trumplers of the class of 2002 include Claire Adams, Kate Boyle, Christina Dotson, Jason Fitzgerald, Julia Keough, Kara Moran, Catherine Pendorf, Todd Peters, Huessein Samater, Steve Sharkey, Lisa VanAuken, and Susan Werley.

The new members of ODK are: Michael Baker, Boyle, Dotson, Jeremy Keil, Jill Krebs, Moran, Peters, Sharkey, Stacy Starleper, VanAuken, and Werley.

The ceremony also included the Winners of the Mulhern/Rytter CRA Leadership Award, including Claire Adams, Staci George, and Mary Lee Pence. Departmental awards were given to individuals also.

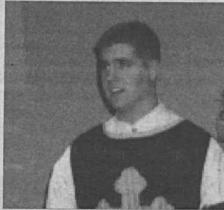
The Student Government *SGA 2001* Assembly announces

The SGA president is Jamin Bartolomeo

Bartolomeo is a sophomore Psychology major, minoring in Elementary Education. Originally from Germantown, MD, Jamin looks forward to the next year of the SGA as he seeks to bring more communication between the administration and the students to the campus.

Like many of his fellow SGA members, Bartolomeo really appreciates the community atmosphere of the school, as well as the "close knit" relationships between students and their professors.

Along with SGA, Jamin serves as



the Vice President of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. He also enjoys hanging out and meeting new people, and jogging.

Former SGA President Steve Sharkey hands over the gavel to the newly elected Jamin Bartolomeo during a formal SGA induction ceremony held Tuesday, May 1.



PHOTO BY STACI L. GEORGE

The best moment of 2000-01 SGA:
Helping to build the senior class float for Homecoming.
- Matt Burger, outgoing class of 2001 representative

Best Memory of 2000-01 SGA:
Leading my class's Senior Pride!
- Jeremiah Kelley, Class of 2001 president

Shelley Sorensen is the vice president

Sorensen is a sophomore political science major as well as a Sociology/Criminal Justice major.

Originally from Hanover, MD, Sorensen found the family community at WMC to be very appealing. She hopes to continue the fun the SGA had last year, as well as keep the assembly open to all students.

Sorensen is involved in Gamma Sigma Sigma, STAY, the dance company, and Heroes Helping Hopkins, an organization for which she will be biking cross country this summer.



Class of 2003 President is Stephanie Knight

Knight is a junior Biology/Spanish major from Glen Burnie, MD. She is also working on a minor in Chemistry.

Knight likes the college community at WMC, and feels that it helps students to get involved in what interests them. She also appreciates the interaction with the faculty and administration that is not always available at larger school.

Along with serving on the SGA, Steph will have a busy year serving as a Peer Mentor, a Biology tutor, and as the Public Relations and Motivation chair on Capboard.



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2003 representatives are Sameer Chadha, Marcus Woods, & Staci George



KATHERINE STRONG

Chadha is a sophomore Psychology major with a tract in Brain Biology. He is also working Philosophy minor.

Hailing from North Potomac, MD, Sameer found WMC's scenery and natural beauty to be one of it's assets.

Next year, he would like work on changing the admissions standards for

incoming freshman in order to raise the prestige of the school.

When not serving the student body, Sameer is involved in multiple volunteer organizations, such SERVE, and APO as well as the WMC Swim Team, The Asian Coalition Community, and Maryland Student Legislature. He also enjoys writing poetry.

Woods is a sophomore who hails from Union, NJ.

He hopes to encourage the student body to rid itself of the apa-

ty that often seems to appear around campus.



KATHERINE STRONG

George is a sophomore communication major with minors in journalism and political science.

A resident of Kunkletown, PA (near Allentown), she is a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma, STAY, SGA,



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and is the news editor of *The Phoenix*.

In her spare time she enjoys reading, photography, creative writing and hanging out with friends.

Her goal for next year is to have her class begin getting ready for senior pride, as well as keeping the SGA structured and organized.

it recently elected student SGA 2001 delegates for 2001-02

Class of 2002 president is Claire Adams



KATHERINE STRONG

Adams is a junior communication major from Severna Park, Md., who is also minor-ing in journalism and art history.

She is the co-founder and co-president of the Outdoors Club, the former junior class president, co-editor-in-chief of *The Phoenix*, a member of the Trumpeters, and a member of the Student Alumni Council.

When not doing class work or being involved in extra-curricular activities, she spends her time enjoying the outdoors and traveling.

Her goal for next year "to improve class spirit and unity for our final year on the Hill."



This year's SGA had a very productive year, accomplishing many endeavors. They celebrated their hard work with an end of the year dinner at Harry's Main Street Grill on Tuesday, April 24.

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The 2002 representatives are Jeremy Keil, Steve Sharkey, & Hussein Samater

Keil is a junior Physics major from Glen Burnie, MD. He is a member of the Honors program.

Jeremy joins the SGA representatives hoping to change the school's meal plan, making it student friendly. He hopes to discuss such innovations as a "Pay as you go" system, making 90 meal plans available for resident students, and making meals transferable.

Sharkey is a junior political science and international studies major from Babylon, New York.

He is involved with activi-



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ties such as ODK, Trumpeters, and Harvard Model United Nations.

He likes to watch wrestling and being outdoors.

His goal is to help out with all the classes.

Samater is a junior political science and international studies major, with minors in sociology, women's studies, and cross cultural studies. A Somalian from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Samater is involved with activities such as the International Club, Multi-cultural Student Association, Trumpeters, and Amnesty International. He is also a Residence Assistant.

In his spare time, he likes to interact with fellow students.

His goal is to get more done next year. "We did a lot this year, but we can do more next!"

And once again, Dean Philip Sayre will be the adviser



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I'll never forget....

The fall retreat when we went to Cunningham Falls- and we climbed up the falls and the water was rushing down.

- Shelley Sorensen, outgoing class of 2002 representative

Best thing of this Year

Their representation, they did a good job at being the student voice of the student body.

- Phillip Sayre, SGA Adviser

Class of 2004 president is Mark Iwanowski



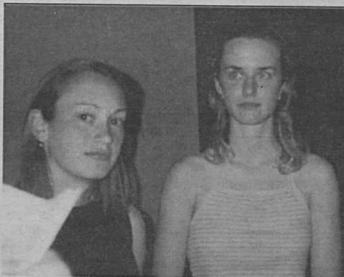
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Iwanowski is a Sociology major from Fallstown, MD. He is also pursuing a Writing minor.

Mark enjoys the "close knit" campus atmosphere here at WMC, one of the many advantages he has found attending a smaller school.

In the upcoming academic year, Mark hopes to continue the improvements in safety (i.e. new blue lights and window screens) and convenience (i.e. the soda machines in Hill Hall) begun this year.

The 2004 representatives are Stephanie Gulbin, Julie Ogrysko, & Tom Marshall



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Gulbin is freshman major with a Spanish secondary education minor.

A resident of Gasonville, Md, Gulbin enjoys field hockey, ballet, and service to the school.

She likes WMC because it is a small school where she is able to get to know people.

Her goal involves uniting her class next year.

Ogrysko is a freshman dual business/economics major with an accounting minor.

She is originally from Poolesville, Md.

Julie particularly enjoys meeting people from all over the country at WMC.

Ogrysko would like to promote campus unity in the upcoming year, one of her many

goals for the SGA in the 2001-2002 academic year.

Julie also hopes to procure a "big name" band to come and perform at WMC in the upcoming year.

Tom Marshall is a freshman business administration major, with minors in Elementary Education and Spanish.

Originally from McSherrystown, Pa., Marshall will be joining the SGA for the first time.

Marshall explains, "My favorite thing about WMC is the people because they are down to earth."

A member of the football team, Marshall is also active in the Photography Club, and the Ultimate Frisbee Club.

As a class representative, Marshall explained that he hopes to bring new ideas to the campus next year.

Class of 2005

Class President

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Class Representatives

Stay tuned; freshman elections early next semester.

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Letter to the Editor: A senior's perspective

To whom it may concern:

What does Western Maryland College mean to you?

For me, WMC is a place that has changed my life making me the person I am today: a better one than four years ago. The college is an extraordinary place with many great elements; it is a place that changes lives.

However, beneath this facade, I believe I am not alone in saying there are problems at WMC as well.

As a senior, and a leader of my class and this campus, I have seen both the good and bad of WMC. Unfortunately, many of the bad cases I learned about too late to fix or change.

Those squalid elements of WMC do not overshadow the things that make the college shine, but here they are from the experience of a senior.

First, the college leadership society: The Trumpeters, a self-serving popularity club for a select few, does in no way distinguish leaders on campus.

The current members select those who will become their replacements simply based on favoritism creating an elitist society. This would not be so debase if the organization actually did something other than hold a dinner to recognize their leadership.

Second, the college's policies towards Greeks. The Greeks on campus have an irrefutable name and have had the stranglehold placed on them by the administration. College policy towards clubrooms and

school recognized Greek parties have restricted the groups, driving them to conduct their parties behind closed doors.

Third, the freshmen. Never have I seen a bigger group of apathetic, helpless, leaderless, slothful, uneducated, self-interested and dimwitted scabble of dorm room gremlins.

In many organizations, there is either a complete absence of freshmen or a presence of a few incompetent freshmen. They didn't even have enough officers to run for the Student Government.

Freshman: WMC is a place to get involved and make a difference, not to sit in your room. An article printed paper earlier this year presented a criticism of class workload from a freshman.

I have one thing to say about all of this. This is an academic community; if you don't want to be a part of it, then leave. You either need to get involved or stop wasting the space for someone who will.

Finally, the Education Department. It has been a model of hypocrisy for the past four years. I must preface this section by making it clear that the top two or three who run this department are free from these observations.

The education department is the most disorganized, poorly run, and unhelpful department on campus. Sending out a notice for a meeting just the day before it, and expecting everyone to be there is ridiculous.

For example, Education 2240 has a media lab that meets once. When the class first met students were told the lab would be dur-

ing class time.

However, one week before the lab, a memo came around stating that students need to attend one of three times, all of which scheduled during the busiest parts of the day. Needless to say, 40 percent were unable to attend these mandatory cut and paste sessions.

The most appalling aspect of the department is the strict level of professionalism expected from students, reprimanding any student who does not fulfill it. This is coming from the most unprofessional organization on this campus.

While writing this article my cynicism has lifted to some degree, and I must reflect that WMC is also a place with many great qualities.

We are all members of a small academic and social community. Never before, have I seen a small group of individuals, both students and faculty, with such a vested interest in a single cause...the college. This makes WMC a unique community coming together to solve problems and improve itself.

Having a strong academic base, the faculty at WMC are concerned with their students growing up into young professionals. The community aspect of the college is something that makes WMC a good place to be when trying to find your path in life.

Therefore, for the wisdom, patience, faith, other virtues, friends, and memories I owe to WMC. I thank you for them.

-Anonymous

What does golf have to do with life?

Ahh, golf. Is there no better way to spend your weekend then hitting around a little, white dimpled ball with a club and trying to knock it into a tiny hole that you wish was two feet larger. I mean where else can you spend four hours of your day and experience so many emotions: satisfaction, anger, joy, depression, pride, and did I mention anger? Where else can you experience all of this, and more, besides the golf course? College, of course.

It was a beautiful Saturday, only about 70 degrees, a far cry from the 90 degree day we had earlier in the week, and I was playing golf at the Wakefield Valley Golf Club with my father and my friend. Not only was it a beautiful day for playing golf, it was also a perfect day for just sitting around, relaxing and just taking a load off before starting the final week of classes.

I'm sure there were a lot of people doing that same thing during this relatively cool weekend. But on the golf course something strange happened...and I am not talking about losing one of my precious NIKE golf balls in the water, although that did happen once.

After marking a four down on the scorecard and while riding in the golf cart with my father to hole number 11, I realized that...wow...half of my college career has already passed me by. What a shocker?!

That is right, after this semester is over, I will be a junior. Whoa, what happened to the first four semesters of my college life? Did I just blink and say "bye-bye" to my freshman and sophomore years? I guess so. It scares me that I only have two more years before I have to go out there and get a real job, which can't be possible. I remember, like it was yesterday, going to my first day at high school. I mean how could I have gotten here so fast? That is probably the question most seniors are asking.

Golf is indeed a game of concentration and emotions, and college is the same, although some would argue it is not a game,



Edward K. Schultheis

it is your life. Golf is a game of ups and downs; a game of birdies, pars, and double bogeys. It is a cruel game where one day you can shoot a 79 and then the very next day shoot a 93 and have more balls in the water hazards than on the greens. Such is life, and such is life in college.

In one instance, you can be the leader of your high school team. All-American, All-Division, All-whatever, and then the next day you are just a lowly freshman trying to make a name for yourself on the college team. In another instance, a person can be the valedictorian of their high school their senior year, then struggle through their first year of college with a B or C average.

Yet another instance is one that involves my two friends who were roommates. They got along well for awhile, but soon their tendencies, rituals, and actions started to annoy each other, so they stopped being roommates. This is life...Whenever you are set up for a fastball, life goes ahead and throws you a curve ball.

So how do you deal with these curve balls that life sends you? Well one thing I have learned over these two years in college is that a person has to take everything in stride. I know that I have been through a lot, especially this past year, and I have put my family and friends through hell sometimes (but not always, I am not that bad). And how have I come to deal with most of this stuff?

I'm really not sure, but I think what I have done is to put it all into perspective.

So you get a D on a test or a paper. Just remember that one bad grade doesn't ruin your chances of getting a decent grade in the class, you just have to work hard and make sure that it doesn't happen again. So you get into a fight with one of your best friends over a stupid thing. Remember that you two have been great friends and that if you are truly friends, you can work through anything. So your significant other cheats on you or breaks up with you. Just think that you don't need that in your life and you can do better than someone who is that disrespectful. A person just has to put it all into perspective. Don't just look at one single event, but look at a whole course of events and use that to draw strength.

A person once told me to make a list of my 25 greatest accomplishments and whenever I was having trouble dealing with a problem to go back to them and draw strength from them...I recommend that for everyone because sometimes people need a reminder of how good they actually are.

So whether you are on the golf course or just dealing with your daily life, just remember to take everything in stride. Just because you bogeyed one hole doesn't mean you have to the next or just because you bomb one Spanish quiz doesn't mean you have to bomb the next one. Look at everything in perspective.

So when you find that you are having trouble dealing with a situation like a tough test, or dealing with a tricky situation, let me let you in on a little advice my mom has been giving me since I was a little kid. Before any hard test, my mom would always say to me, even to this day in college, "Take a deep breath, say a prayer, and you'll do fine." Thanks always for that mom, and I hope that others find it as comforting as I do.

-Edward K. Schultheis is a sophomore communication major.

Why the drug war is intentionally failing

Jeremy Keil discusses his thoughts on the drug war in this column.

The Drug War. The war ON drugs. It is a war against drugs, so I suppose we are fighting drug use.

So winning the drug war would mean defeating drugs. Get rid of drugs and the drug war is won. That is the goal of the war on drugs, isn't it? Then why can't the greatest power on earth ever defeat drugs? Why can't the US government defeat drugs and then pack up its bags and go back home after a hard day's work of drug fighting?

The answer is simple. It does not want to. The government does not want to win the war on drugs. It does not want to win the war, because that would mean ending the war. Why does the government focus on policies that increase its power, yet do not defeat drug use?

The war on drugs is not about fighting drugs; it is about fighting people.

Well, I just said it. The war on drugs increases the government's power. It increases its control over our lives. It keeps the same people in the government control. It keeps subverters under control. That's the main one there. The war on drugs is the best way to subtly keep anti-establishment forces down.

Instead of passing a law that disenfranchises blacks, the government passes a law that disenfranchises felons, and then convicts as many blacks as possible.

Instead of raiding upscale clubs where executives share heroin needles and do cocaine in the bathroom, the government raids raves where kids who dress differently and listen to different

music pop pills.

Instead of making a caste system where the lower class cannot get an education, the government encourages colleges to increase tuition by offering financial aid to poor students, and then takes away that aid when the poor student breaks a law that the majority of people do not follow.

And why is the government so concerned about raves where ecstasy and LSD are consumed and not about clubs where cocaine and alcohol are consumed? Ecstasy and LSD expand people's mind. They make you think independently of the socially determined reality, which is dangerous to those with the power in that reality.

The war on drugs is not about fighting drugs; it is about fighting people. It is about jailing a higher proportion of blacks, it

about discouraging the poor to attend college, it is about discouraging freethinking.

A recent survey said 70% of Americans believe the war on drugs is a failure, yet nearly all of those people believe the current policies are the best way to go. The tyranny of the majority is ignorance.

In this case this ignorance is to the fact that politicians use the war on drugs, NOT to defeat drugs, but to defeat dissent, freedom and self-reliance. The crime, fear, and loss of freedoms associated with drugs will never end until the American public associates their loss, not with drugs, but with the failed policies of the Drug War.

-Jeremy Keil is a junior Physics major

A special thanks before I resign

We are all either putting the final touches on our research papers or rereading everything we have read over the past few months in preparation for a week of finals.

As the semester comes to an end, so does my position as Commentary Editor of the Phoenix.

While some of you are graduating and moving on to careers or graduate schools, others, like myself, are preparing for summer internships and jobs in anticipation of a return to WMC this fall.

Then, there are those of you who are just awaiting the end of finals-week to sit back and relax for a few months.

I imagine there are even some of you out there who haven't had enough reading, paper writing, and class participation this semester, so you're signing up for some summer classes.

Whatever category you find yourself a part of, one thing remains the same...We are all looking forward to a difficult semester's end.

As I resign from my current duty as editor of the commentary section, I would like to say a few words of thanks to the people who have contributed to my section and influenced my role.

First of all, I want to thank my writers. I have had a variety of interesting commentaries contributed to the section this semester from a



BJ Shorb

variety of writers. Some of you were dedicated enough to write for every issue while others wrote once in a while. Whether you wrote sporadically or regularly (you know who you are), I appreciated your contribution.

I will definitely miss the paper and the people involved with it.

I would also like to mention that I appreciated you putting up with my many phone calls and messages (for those few I woke up, I am sorry), my campus mail reminders, and my comments in passing.

Secondly, I would like to thank my editor, teacher, and good friend, Ed Schulteis, for double-checking my section, teaching me layout, and keeping me company during my long Friday nights in the Phoenix office. Ed: I couldn't have done it without you.

Thirdly, I would like to thank Professor Dalton and the Phoenix staff for always giving me feedback on my stories and ideas for the section. Thanks guys; you always made me feel like I was part of something.

Lastly, but certainly not least importantly, I would like to thank you, my readers. You mean a lot to me.

We may not always agree, and I may have had my fair share of typos, but you kept reading. Thank you.

I may still write a little here and there next semester, free-lance if you will. However, I will not be able to consistently commit, as I have done this past year.

As some of you may know, I will have very important other matters on my mind this fall as I prepare for the big event on December 28, 2001 (the wedding).

Even though the paper has given me both negative and positive experiences, I am sure that there are many more of the latter. I will definitely miss the paper and the people involved with it.

Thank you all for your contributions. I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer, wherever you go and whatever you do.

-BJ Shorb is a junior communication major.

Spring's stingy and sappy stigmas

Joan Faulkner compares the beauty of spring to the critters it brings with it.

Walking down the sidewalk by the quad, I'm enjoying the lovely spring weather and very happy that I can once again wear shorts and a sleeveless shirt. I glance at the guys playing soccer and frisbee, and the guys mingling and gossiping on blankets in the quad, and the beautiful nature surrounds them.

I continue walking by the bushes enjoying this pleasant afternoon, and lazily beg-buzzzzzz, what was that? Buzzzzzzzz!

Suddenly I found myself surrounded by bees in every direction! I escape quickly to the quad to get away but cannot return without the bees encompassing me.

Alas, one of the small trials of spring is the huge following of bees (at least it seems so on this campus) that flock to you every time you approach a bush or trash can.

I don't mean to be nit-picky about these little critters, but they are driving others and myself crazy to an extreme! Every time I walk into my on-campus house or by ANW or Daniel McLea, 4 or 5 of these "well-meaning" bugs surround me to my apparent good reason.

Perhaps they can't find anything good in the trash and are seeking

for other means of food (i.e. Me).

Or maybe they are just bored (I would be if I were a bug) and are simply seeking company. Or ARE they're just born nasty and ARE out to get me!

Whatever the reason, I find myself frantic in all of the above situations and have to quickly search for my key while the bees jet-line to prey on me.

There are, unfortunately, no real solutions to this dilemma.

We could get rid of all the bushes, flowers, and greenery, but that would take away the beauty of WMC, and consequently, probably

And as I recall from past science classes, bugs in general help make our environment better and more ecologically sound. Perhaps we owe them a big pat on the back for all I know.

But yet bugs are such a pest, that I cannot, not, complain about them.

Consider the worms that seem to fill the sidewalks when rain comes, and fill my sneaker soles with warm worm guts.

Let's not forget those malicious mosquitoes that mercilessly suck my blood out to no end. No matter what I do to try to prevent their

wounds, I usually have 100+ bites by summer's end.

What about those lovely summer picnics that are "spoiled" by the flocking flies and annoying ants swarming around our perfect food, making those picnics far less lovely.

But even though there seems to be an infinite amount of trouble from the bastards bees and bugs to go around, I still am very thankful it is spring.

Surely, it is a time that I can frolic freely on our quiet little campus quad.

OW!!!!!! Well at least to a degree.

-Joan Faulkner is a junior communication major.

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Experiences are what count

Megan Martin describes the importance of experiences as she at WMC draw to a close.

It's May 2001, and I'm sitting here in front of my computer just as I did in September 1997 - trying to figure out the topic of my next commentary. I think I have finally come full circle.

I can't believe it. Four years at WMC flew by so quickly, and there's still so much I want to do.

When I came here in August of 1997, all I wanted to do was take lots of interesting classes and join some clubs. Well, I did both. I loved most of my classes, and I wish I could have taken more in several areas... like political science.

I also invested much of my time over the last four years in several activities on campus. After being so busy in high school, I joined clubs here with the idea that I would just be a general member. I didn't have to take on any leadership positions like I did in high school. Was I ever wrong!

At the first Phoenix meeting my freshman year, there was an assistant commentary editorship available. I thought I would try and see if I could win the position.

I did win that position, and I never looked back. I rose through the ranks of the newspaper while I was also taking on other leadership roles and getting more involved in my other clubs.

Being a leader in these activities changed my life in so many ways. I developed a new respect for patience, road tripping, and the First Amendment. I also conquered delegation but still haven't fully mastered prioritization.

However, I did learn how to make sacrifices for those organizations and opportunities that were my priority. Learning to make and accept those sacrifices, especially of membership in other organizations and societies and of sleep, was tough but well worth it in the long run.

The best part about taking an active role in several organizations was the people I met. Not only did I make friends among the students here through the Phoenix, Circle K, Catholic Campus Ministries, and Gamma Sigma Sigma. I met other members of the

WMC community. Some of these people, such as Maryanne Friday, have become almost as close to me as any other friend or family member.

Not only did I become close with people on campus, but I also met many people off campus. Circle K provided me with numerous opportunities to do community service with members of Circle K clubs at other schools. I've even become friends with some of them.

When I left high school, I wrote a short piece giving advice to underclass students. I told them that of all the advice I could give them, my best piece would be to leave high school with no regrets.

I have been thinking of this as my days at WMC draw to a close. Am I leaving here with regrets?

Sure, there are a few regrets. At this point, I don't think that it's possible to leave college without some.

Most of the things I regret are minor personal issues or concern activities I never had a chance to do or classes I never had a chance

to take. There's nothing I can do about that now, and generally speaking, I'm okay with that.

For the most part, I feel good about the time I spent here and the things I accomplished.

I don't know that this is the time or place to give out advice. College is a time for finding your own way. I think I have found mine.

The only thing I will say is that college is what you make of it. It's up to you who you spend your time at college and that depends on what you want to get out of the experience.

In the end, it's the quality of your experiences - whether in leadership roles, in classes, or with friends - that really matter.

As somebody told me the other day, on May 27, it doesn't matter what awards you win or don't win; it doesn't matter how many friends or enemies you've made; it doesn't matter how many roles you've played while here.

What will count is the experiences you've had and how you've learned to use them.

-Megan Martin is a senior communication and religious studies major.

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Lead cause of deforestation is government land ownership

Dennis Lucey, blaming the government, enlightens us on the primary cause of deforestation

The issue of deforestation in the United States is of interest to many Americans. Environmental and aesthetic concerns have been raised not only at the national level, but also here at WMC.

Some students believe that the enormous amount of paper used at this college contributes to deforestation.

One belief is that greater government control is necessary to preserve natural wilderness.

Private industry is portrayed as a group of swift efficient lumberjacks driven by profit, leaving a field of tree stumps in its wake. Unfortunately this is not the case. When it comes to managing land and its natural resources, it is government that has failed.

Consider a paper company that maintains a forest for the production of paper.

Trees must be cut down to produce paper, but unless the company plans to exist for only a short period of time it will replace every tree it cuts down with another one.

Furthermore, to ensure that enough trees reach maturity, the company may actually plant "more" trees than it cut down. To maintain long-term profitability, companies must act responsibly.

Contrast this with government practices. Through the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and other agencies, about 1.4 million square miles, or over 40 percent of all land in the United States, is owned by federal, state, and local governments.

To put this in perspective, about 1500 Maryland miles could fit in that much land.

The government has created over 350,000 miles of logging roads through its forests.

By comparison, the entire interstate system is only one-eighth the length of that figure. The government allows loggers access to its timber.

However, unlike the case where companies own their land, government fails to replenish the stock of trees cut down for logging.

It could stop companies from logging,

require that companies replace the trees cut down, or replace the trees itself, but it does none of these. Thus, deforestation occurs on land the government keeps in its trust.

Examples like this, known to economists as "the tragedy of the commons", happen regularly.

When no specific individual or business has clearly defined ownership of a parcel of land, there is incentive to exploit the land and no incentive to maintain it. Government facilitates this exploitation by allowing our forests to be stripped without any promise of replanting lost trees.

How can this be stopped? It's simple. Get the government out of the business of owning large tracts of land. There are several ways this can be accomplished.

First, the land could be auctioned off over a period of time. The proceeds, which could range as high as tens of trillions of dollars, could be used for a variety of activities, such as eliminating the national debt or supporting a massive tax cut.

Alternatively, every American could be given vouchers valid for a government auction of the land...

These vouchers could be transferable and would thus act like cash, except they could ultimately be used only for bidding purposes.

In this manner, Americans could sell their vouchers or hand together to obtain land for their own private purposes.

For those that would like to see our national forests preserved, giving the land to nonprofit organizations such as the Audubon Society or the Nature Conservancy is a valid option.

These organizations have proven that they are able to maintain the health and beauty of parks while extracting resources in a sensible manner.

For example, the Audubon's Rainey Wildlife Sanctuary supports itself in part by natural gas wells. Here, technology and ecology coexist in a peaceful manner.

Once again, government has proven incompetent in handling America's resources.

Our best alternative is to turn the land over to those who will care for it responsibly; us.

-Dennis Lucey is a senior dual Mathematics and Economics major.

Some pros and cons of being a "McDaniel House Girl"

Staci George reflects on living in the McDaniel house and wishes her housemates a safe summer.

I awoke this morning to the sound of birds chirping and the all too familiar sound of banging hammers and buzzing saws. Oh, and there is also the sound of the white fan that is temporarily sitting on the futon.

Yes, it is the start of another beautiful spring day here on this side of Campus—here in McDaniel House.

When I awoke this morning with all my covers kicked off and my body temperature a lot warmer than usual, I thought about how nice it would be to have air conditioning.

And that made my mind wander back to those 15 days my 10 housemates and I spent living at the Best Western while renovations were being finished to our "home."

On the negative side, we had to rely on the shuttle or drive ourselves back and forth

for the first two weeks of classes. And those dumb plastic keycards would only work two or three times before they became damaged.

Although we liked receiving clean towels and having someone else clean our bathrooms, the nice ladies and gentlemen of the housekeeping staff usually wanted to clean

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the room before 10 a.m.

However, on the positive side, unlike campus, there was always a parking spot right next to the door of our building. We each had our own queen-size bed and the ability to turn on the AC and forget how hot it was outside.

Do not get me wrong, after the sixth or seventh day there, most of us were eager to check out of the hotel, throw away the

troublesome keycards, move into our house and truly become the "McDaniel House Girls."

Here is the point of this commentary where I would like to give a shout-out to my fellow housemates. I know it may have seemed liked I was not around much due to a busy class schedule, involvement in vari-

ous organizations, and working, but it has been a pleasure living here with the 10 of us.

As we all go our separate ways to live next year—five to live with their sororities, one back to Germany, one to live in the Garden Apartments, and the remainder returning to the trials and tribulations of true dorm life, never forget the "home sweet home" feeling of the McDaniel House.

I would like to thank Residence Life for allowing us to be the temporary inhabitants of McDaniel House.

Despite all the tension caused from unwashed dishes and lack of finishing chores (i.e. cleaning the bathroom and putting the trash outside by the wall), and sharing the house with mice, I am glad I chose to live

here with each of you rather than living in the basement of Whiteford.

Wow, this commentary is longer than I thought it would be; my intent was to simply talk about how nice it was to have air conditioning when we lived at the Best Western!

In closing, I would like to wish each of my housemates a fun and safe summer, as well as to wish Nadja a safe trip back to Germany in mid-August. Happy summer to all, and to all a good day.

-Staci George is a sophomore communication major.

Marijuana legalization imminent once myths dispelled

Matthew McGowan sheds some light about the effects of legalizing Marijuana

In a 2000 interview with the Phoenix about recent marijuana busts at WMC, Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster noted that, by far, Cannabis, the drug commonly known as marijuana, is the prevalent psychotropic substance on the Western Maryland College Campus.

Assuming Mr. Webster is right, if marijuana is our biggest problem, then our biggest problem is really quite small.

Marijuana, among both legal and illegal drugs in this country, is the safest and least detrimental. Unfortunately, the anti-drug movement, and specifically the second Reef Madness Movement of the seventies, has produced many untrue myths about Cannabis, which are listed and dispelled below.

The main and most visible effect of marijuana is the high it produces, which a friend of mine described as follows:

"It can get your brain into repetitive cycles, so if you start doing something, say rubbing your legs, you will automatically keep doing it. Since your sense of time

is screwed up, after a minute it feels like you have done it for so long and can't imagine stopping, because stopping would take away the sensation you think you have had for so long; so when you finally do stop, it feels as if a limb has been taken away. It helps you to relax and let go of your precautions about yourself and allows you to understand things better because

over a century.

Many anti-drug campaigns have claimed that pot is up to three times more effective than once it was. This is impossible, as it would require a TCH concentration of over 100%.

If marijuana were more potent, its users would need less to achieve their highs; therefore, it would lessen lung damage, one of few real

sources ranging from pot smoker networks to the Drug Enforcement Agency. Pot can produce some short-term memory loss in short-term users, but this is only during the high, and use of the drug does not have a lasting effect or a repercussions such as the hangover suffered by drinkers.

In the seventies, according to Dean Philip Sayre, college admin-

istrations, which is laced with other substances; marijuana checked by the FDA would be completely safe.

Don't smoke and drive. One major complaint about marijuana is that it impairs one's ability to drive. So does alcohol, and yet it is a legal, but controlled substance.

In overall effect, pot is far less detrimental than alcohol and less physically damaging than tobacco. Why, then, is pot illegal? Good question.

Recently, the debate over the medicinal uses of cannabis has gotten some national attention.

Studies have come into common knowledge of the drug's positive effects and lack of detrimental effects.

Yet it is taboo, associated with free love and extreme liberalism - and as American politics have grown more conservative, this issue has become more polarizing.

Congress needs to look at the facts, not the propaganda of the Conservative Machine, and legalize a harmless drug that serves better than tobacco to relax its users and more effectively than alcohol to unwind - cannabis.

~Matthew McGowan is a freshman undecided major.

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you are not scared to allow certain things to be true. Sometimes it makes you feel like you are dreaming, but completely conscious, and as if you are watching yourself speak.

Marijuana is, for its regular and social users, a way to relax, a recreational drug that produces for the user an altered perception that is, the first time, somewhat alarming, but also refreshing.

It is a myth that marijuana today is more potent than it used to be. The art of growing potent cannabis is an Eastern one, which has not been greatly advanced, even with all of today's technology, for

detrimental effects of the drug. Pot users, unlike users of other drugs, learn in a short time how much it takes to get them high, and once this high is achieved, they stop smoking.

Such is the nature of the drug, according to www.Cannabis.com. Because of this, there are no documented cases of anyone overdosing on marijuana, ever. By contrast, alcohol poisoning has a death toll of thousands each year.

A second myth is that marijuana causes brain damage. This lie comes from a study in the seventies that was done with monkeys, and has since been discredited by

administrations, ones included, tended to look the other way where marijuana was concerned, and college campuses became safe havens for users of cannabis.

Times have changed, though, and the propaganda of the anti-drug movement has made the use of pot not only illegal but very taboo even among an generation of faculty who were students during the sixties and seventies.

The myths about marijuana, and its illegality are what make smoking it dangerous. If marijuana was legal, it could be regulated by the Food and Drug Administration. The only dangerous marijuana is

True meaning of "Spring Fling"

I like to overanalyze things. I find it a very effective way to occupy those moments in my life when I should be studying or doing something productive, and since "life is in the details," I justify doing so by believing it to be a crucial part of human existence. Of course, when faced with studying or having to be productive, any alternative seems like a crucial part of existence.

With that said, I would like to indulge in my personal brand of procrastination and talk about, in far more depth than I am sure is needed, the recently past "Spring Fling" weekend.

Having missed it last year, which I now view as a bad move, I faced this year's event with much excitement and hoped that it would prove to be the great time I had heard it always was.

It was, indeed, the great time promised and still so much more. Details are not needed here, since I am sure most of you shared the same experience I did.

Simply describing the day's events would, by far, not do them justice. And, before you jump to any incriminating conclusions, I can indeed remember everything that went on. I would not want anyone to get the wrong idea or anything.



Michael Wiles

To say the least, "Spring Fling" took college life to a whole new level.

By having a day when the whole school could convene in a relaxed setting, the students and faculty alike were able to socialize

Not only is this sharing of goals a rare experience, but also the mission itself could not have been more worthwhile.

While "Spring Fling" proved to be an occasion definitive of the college experience, it also served as a classic example of how one should live in their college years. As the second year of my college career comes to a close, and as I think back to the events of "Spring Fling," I am struck by a sobering (pun intended) realization: I will never be this young again.

An event like "Spring Fling" truly shows that one must live and explore life while they can, and not hesitate to just enjoy what is around them every so often.

To a similar end, events like this prove that college is truly about far more than just studying and planning for the future, but rather it is also about enjoying these unique four years of one's life.

In the end, "Spring Fling" proved to be way more than I bargained for, but truly in the best way possible.

Why not have one every weekend? Or second thought, we better not go into that one.

~Michael Wiles is a sophomore English major.

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I personally met many new people throughout the day, and found that little social tension existed. In short, everyone shared the same interests and goals for one day: that of having a good time and enjoying themselves.

A coin versus a bill?

Jeff Grever believes that eliminating the dollar bill could be a big mistake.

What is with this new dollar coin?

Trying to get rid of the one-dollar bill is one of the stupidest ideas that I have heard in a long time. I have never heard a good reason for using a dollar coin, yet there are so many good arguments against switching to a coin from a bill.

I can't tell you how many times I have lost change in my pockets from just sitting down in my car and having it fall out without me knowing it.

But before the dollar coin, this wasn't a

big deal. I would be losing maybe 75 cents in a worst-case scenario.

I don't have to worry about dollar bills falling out of my pockets because they are made of paper and they don't fall out very easily.

If the dollar is changed into a coin, I could end up losing six dollars just by sitting down somewhere and not realizing that it fell out of my pocket into somebody else's seat cushions.

So if everybody is losing dollars as easily as they lose quarters, does that mean that the dollar will lose its value and become less important? Does that mean that prices for everything will end up increasing even more rapidly than they already are?

This would be ridiculous seeing that everything we pay for in our daily routine seems to already be on the upward rise toward "out

of sight."

Besides, I hate coins. They are just a nuisance, and I wish we could have bills for even the small change that we use on a daily basis. I realize that this would cause a problem as well, but the point is that I am satisfied with the status quo. I don't think that we should mess with something that works well in the first place.

Also, if we do successfully eliminate the dollar bill, then what happens to the first great leader of our country, George Washington? Don't you think the very first President of the United States should be

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recognized on our most fluent form of currency?

Does that mean he is limited to a silhouette on the quarter?

Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against Sacajawea, but shouldn't we give Washington a little more respect for not only being brave enough to take on the responsibility of being our nation's first president, but also for being the great war hero.

He is a man that took on an army of inexperienced, angry colonists who wanted to break free from the world's most powerful nation of the time and begin their own country from scratch.

We owe him a little more than the quarter, so by titling the dollar bill away I think we're neglecting to give him the well-earned respect that he deserves.

~Jeff Grever is a junior communication major.

While relaxing this summer, perhaps you might come across something to write about. This fall there will be positions available for writing, editing, etc.

Evan Desatnick discusses his "diverse" new album

PHILIP VOGT
Staff Writer

Hip-Hop isn't what it used to be. And while many would argue that its current mainstream popularity is a sign of success, there are those who feel that what rap has gained in prominence it has lost in artistic value.

Among those is WMC's own, senior Evan Desatnick, whose newly released CD, *Chill Rhymes 4 Ill Times*, recalls an era when rap was about more than selling records and catchy hooks.

"Now, Hip-Hop is basically about the hook and the chorus," said Desatnick, whose CD was released under the alias D-Ryme and is available in the bookstore.

He feels much of today's rap aims for a catchy or funny hook, which draws listeners but misses the point.

He feels that as a result, listeners only know the middle of the song and miss the importance of the words that surround the chorus.

Desatnick, who considers himself a long-time fan of Hip-Hop, wants nothing to do with that kind of songwriting.

"I was trying to get people to listen to the words," said Desatnick, who wrote all of his lyrics himself.

"It's easy to make money off a quick hit. It's a lot harder to do something artistic."

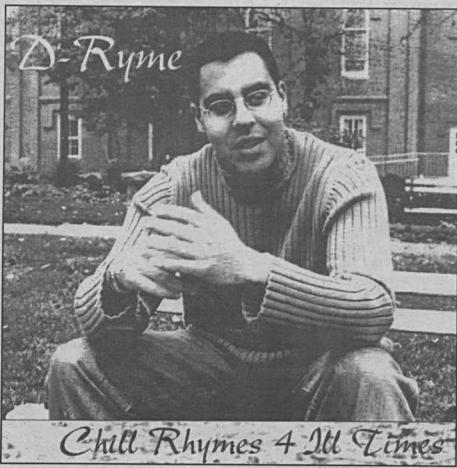
"Hip-Hop has lost its general ability to communicate in many different ways," he adds, fueling his desire to make an album that was not stereotypical rap.

"One of the great things about Hip-Hop [has been] that you have many different kinds of expression," he said, and he feels that his CD recalls that diversity.

"I don't want people to buy the CD just because it's me," he admits.

"I want people who don't know much about Hip-Hop to get it and learn something. I think there's something for everyone on it. One song is different from the next," he said.

The range of the songs becomes evident from a glance at the samples used. Desatnick



Desatnick, in front of St. Paul's Church in Westminster on the cover of his current album

borrowed from everyone from Carly Simon to Led Zeppelin to the Rocky soundtrack, as well as traditional loops.

The CD also features a number of special guests, including Carl and Raphael Taylor, John Lydon, and Eric Byrd.

Desatnick, who says he has been actively participating in Hip-Hop since sixth grade, began recording the CD last June, and finished up production over winter break.

He worked with Glen Caldwell who helped produce the nine-track disc. He also owes a debt of gratitude to the WMC Music Department, who helped him constantly throughout the CD's production.

He feels that considerable amount of time and dedication are absolutely necessary

to making a good CD. "You can't just say, 'Hey, I want to throw a Hip-Hop album together' unless you want it to be watered down," he warns, citing classic Hip-Hop acts such as Public Enemy and a Tribe Called Quest as being among the best at making meaningful, creative albums.

Desatnick believes rap has seen three distinct eras.

The first, which he labels "real old school," laid the earliest groundwork and included such legendary rap acts as the Sugar Hill Gang and Grand Master Flash.

He feels this era was succeeded by the era known as "Middle School" and the rise of politically charged rap and the emergence of gangsta rap.

Finally, rap entered the new era of global popularity and considerable monetary success.

It's clear from his enthusiasm that he is a true fan of the pure, meaningful rap of earlier artists.

He believes his own CD recalls the "free-spirited" nature of early ninety's Hip-Hop, and he hopes that potential buyers won't dismiss the CD just because it may be part of a genre they don't normally listen to.

"I think it's good proof that what people think they are going to hear isn't what they actually do," he insists.

He added that he hopes the added traffic in the bookstore during the buy-back period will generate greater interest and exposure for the release.

He is optimistic about the album's success, however, and feels that early sales have been very strong.

In fact, he has already had to send a second shipment to the bookstore.

Nevertheless, the senior communications major insists that music is simply a hobby and that while it has become more serious recently, and while he intends to continue making music, he doesn't necessarily see it as a career path.

While he admits that much of his future musical involvement depends on the performance of his debut CD, he says that either way he would be happy to simply continue making music just for himself or a small group of fans.

For Desatnick, financial success isn't an immediate goal, because for him, Hip-Hop isn't about the money.

And it isn't about writing the next big hit with a catchy hook and irrelevant lyrics.

Instead, it's about paying tribute to those artists who were his greatest inspiration and reclaiming the artistic value that big business has attempted to sell out.

And, in the process, maybe converting a few listeners to an equally appreciative view of the true potential and power of the words between the hooks.

Students see Matchbox 20, Everclear, Life House show

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Features Editor

In lieu of the usual spring concert, a group of students attended a show at the Baltimore Arena.

The number one thing I learned from attending the Matchbox 20, Everclear, and Lifehouse concert on April 24 is that you are never too old to be a groupie, as made evident by the women sitting near us.

Rob Thomas, if you are reading this for some odd reason, I just want you to know that there are two 30-year-olds in tight clothing that absolutely love you. I know.

"We love Rob! He is so hot!" is the last thing I heard before I completely lost my hearing. Personally, I think the Jason Wade, the lead singer of Lifehouse could dance circles around him--and I know that I am not

alone. So anyway, the show started off with Lifehouse, the opening act, who are the "next big thing"-as in you love them or you have no idea who they are.

Being in the first group, I was pretty impressed by their performance, although they only played five songs before they left the stage to the barrage of screaming girls.

Everclear was interesting as always. When we entered the arena after buying shirts, there were a few "interesting" fans dancing on stage with them.

This included an overweight bald guy who was of course, shirtless. There were also several high-school-aged girls, who must have returned just in time from chasing the members of Lifehouse with sun guns.

Lead singer Art Alexakis kissed a little a** by saying that Baltimore was one of his favorite cities to play in, adding that in 1994 they had played in Charm City before an audience of 20 people at a strip mall. "I like this better," he said to the semi-packed arena.



Matchbox 20

One high point was the song "I will buy you a new life" which he insisted is about love and not money.

Another was the final cut, the song "Santa Monica" about his birthplace.

He promised to take some beautiful Maryland women home in his van. Too bad I had class the next morning. Sigh.

Finally Matchbox 20 came out, after the lighting guys set up, had a smoke, and enjoyed a five course meal. I can't say I heard much of their set, considering the fact that the woman next to me had to constantly re-affirm the fact that yes, I too found the lead singer, Rob Thomas kind of cute.

But what I did hear sounded pretty darn good. Having just gone through a bitter breakup, I could relate well to Thomas's heart-wrenching lyrics such as the song "Rest Stop" about the dissolution of a relationship that took place during a long drive.

While introducing the song, Thomas admitted that it was based on an actual event

in his life. "Sucks, doesn't it?" he commented to a sympathetic crowd.

The band performed for almost two hours before Thomas finished the show with an acoustic cover of Cyndi Lauper's "Time After Time" which he dedicated to 29 year olds. This brought back sweet memories of childhood for all '80s kids in attendance, even though we were snubbed.

The encore was the song "Push" which was the band's breakthrough hit, again about a break-up.

Overall, the concert was thoroughly enjoyable.

The three bands worked well together, each adding a slightly different flavor of music. The show will be remembered by those in attendance for long after the cheesy bus ride back to campus.



Everclear



Life House

Former student shares his tales of life in the Peace Corps

CLAIRE ADAMS
Editor in Chief

After receiving a WMC degree, Jonathan Shacat left the quiet rolling hills of Westminster in 1998 to live in a mud house, sleep on a bed of bamboo, eat rats and learn about brutal reality in a completely foreign land by his own choice.

No, Shacat was not a "Survivor" contestant, but rather a Peace Corps volunteer.

He traveled to the third-world country of Gabon, on the west coast of Africa, where he made his home for two years as a Peace Corps worker. On Friday, April 27, Shacat returned to the Hill and shared his story with students and faculty.

"Initially, I was innocent and didn't know what I was getting myself into," Shacat said.

But, Shacat's plans to join the corps were not a last minute decision before graduation.

At the age of eight, Shacat was drawn to a commercial for the Peace Corps, he explained. The corps then stayed in the back of his mind until, as a freshman Spanish major and journalism minor, he attended a career fair, in which he met with a corps recruiter.

Shacat got an application and held onto it until the summer after his junior year, when he could finally send it in, he said.

Shacat's advisor, Terry Dalton, associate professor of English, explained that at first he had a mixed reaction to Shacat's plan.

"My main concern was that it

would take him away from journalism," Dalton said. "But, I was also happy for him because he seemed perfectly suited for the Peace Corps."

Nearly six months after graduating, Shacat said goodbye to his home in Washington Crossing, Pa. and was on his way to Gabon to become a fish culture agent.

"Naturally, my parents did not want me to go because they're protective," he said. "My mother can really realize now that I'm driven and that I know where I'm going."

For nearly two months, Shacat trained in the city of Oyem, learning French and the techniques needed in his position. Also, Shacat also had to adjust to his new home and culture.

Shacat explained that the most difficult adjustment was eating the food. "They have such bizarre food. It's only different when you haven't been around it."

Some of the dishes Shacat regularly indulged in were gazelle, antelope, porcupine, and palm rats, 2-foot long rodents who dwell in trees that Shacat found to be "really tasty."

But, while some things took a while for him to adjust to, many did not. "I was always really good at living simply," he said.

Just as Shacat was completing his training, tragedy struck when a woman in his training group was murdered.

So, for a week, plans were canceled and the trainees went to counseling, he said.

But, Shacat was able to move

on and traveled to Mbigou, a tiny village surrounded by dense rainforest and mountains, where he set up his permanent home and began working.

Mbigou had no running water or even a water pump. Shacat said, explaining that he collected rain. His small mud house was covered with a tin roof and furnished with a bamboo bed and a piece of foam for a mattress.

"I was living in a place where TVs don't even exist and cars are hard to come by," Shacat said.

Shacat explained that after getting into his new home, his first goal was to gain acceptance from the people of Mbigou.

"It is essential to be accepted in order to do the work," he said.

After being accepted, Shacat was able to reach his more important, second goal of teaching the people skills that were sustainable.

He taught them how to build ponds and raise fish, a technique that would bring more food to the

impoverished, hungry village and one that could continue after Shacat left.

One of the most unusual hardships Shacat had to deal with as a volunteer were ants.

He explained to the audience that during the dry season, droves of thousands of ants come through the villages and into the homes.

One night, as Shacat lay sleeping, he felt a pinching feeling in his ear and awoke to find his bed and body covered by the insects, he said.

Looking back on his experience, Shacat explained that while some aspects were trying, it was not all negative. "I think fondly of it all now," he said.

There was only one regret that Shacat explained he had while in Gabon.

He took the maximum of 80 lbs. of luggage, equivalent to three suitcases. "I realized that I wished I didn't have all that stuff. It made me uncomfortable," he said, ex-

plaining that it set him apart from everyone else.

Looking back now, Dalton explained that Shacat's experience could help him in the future.

"He will be able to see the world from a larger vantage point," Dalton said.

The thin, pony-tailed Shacat, who now works as a staff writer for the *Page News & Courier* in Luray, VA, explained to the group of students and faculty that he did learn some big lessons about life in his experience as a volunteer.

"One of the main things I realized is that there's a limit to everything," he said, pointing out that he now gets annoyed by Americans who always have to have fully-loaded cars and huge screen TVs.

He also learned about sacrifice, he said, but not until he had been in Mbigou for a while.

"You have to be willing to adapt to the situation and you have to be willing to give up everything you have," he explained.

Bon Appetite: a tale about dinner

JONATHAN SHACAT
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The smell of burning hair is in the air. I go to my mama's cuisine. It's a one-room mud brick building with a dirt floor and a tin roof that leaks when it rains. She uses it as her kitchen.

I enter. At eye level the air is full of smoke. I take a seat on a short wooden bench. It's low enough to the ground that at that level the smoke won't impair my

vision. In the middle of the floor is a small wood fire. Lying across the flames is the rear leg of an animal. The heat is singeing off any unwanted fur. The smell is obnoxious, but I get used to it. Beside the fire is Antoinette, my mama. She sits patiently on a bench similar to mine. On the ground in front of her is a bowl of water, a clean pot, and a machete.

We start talking about our day. She complains to me that overnight

some groundhogs had destroyed parts of her plantation. If they keep up at this pace they'll finish off her manioc plants and she won't have anything to feed her family. It concerns me but I know I don't have any solutions for her. These pests are always a problem and there is nothing to do about it.

She tells me that her nephew has tried repeatedly to trap them with a wire snare but he has never had any success. Today, however, he caught something in another trap, she says. A gazelle.

But the area of the forest where gazelles roam is far from the village and nearby plantation. It's such a distance that he doesn't check his traps regularly. And, unfortunately for us, sometimes he's too late and the animal, still dangling by its hoof, is long dead, bloated and already covered with flies or ants.

Antoinette takes the gazelle leg from the fire and, with her machete in hand, scrapes off the singed hairs. It's important that she clean the skin very well. After all, it's edible.

Then she takes the hairless limb, places it against a log and hacks it into several small pieces. She carefully picks up one piece of meat and caresses it in her hand. This is the nourishment she has craved all day.

She is thankful for what the forest provides and for what her nephew has caught. But she would need many pieces to make it all go around as there are a lot of people in the family who would eat dinner that evening. She cuts that piece into smaller pieces.

As she does so something moves on the skin. She pulls apart the flesh and inside are dozens of tiny maggots crawling around. She taps the meat against the wood log, knocking out the little yellowish-white insects. She puts it in the bowl, rinses it off, and places it in the pot.

The Hank's album features their unique style

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Staff Writer

Not many bands can make the low-tech, 8-bit techno of the original Super Mario Brothers theme come off like a jam-rock classic.

Then again, not many bands have tried.

Nevertheless, rockers The Hank have made the inexplicably catchy tune a staple of their already upbeat and entertaining live show.

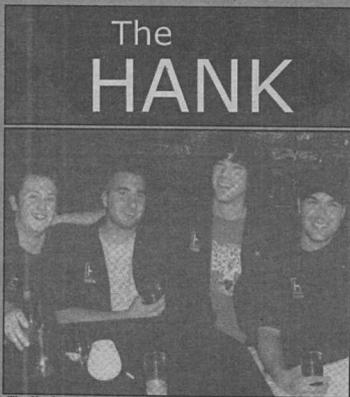
This should come as no surprise to fans of the relatively young band, whose diverse style often echoes but never imitates their equally diverse musical influences.

"Our music is high quality rock and roll," says drummer Greg Palmer. "We don't have hand-wide influences. Each of us bring in our own style."

Palmer credits everything from classic rock to jazz fusion, with such different musicians as Phish, Hendrix, the Beatles, and Miles Davis listed as influences.

Combined, each member's own unique style and taste blend perfectly on their debut CD, it just feels good...

The 14 track CD, released earlier this year, is available at the bookstore as well as Record and Tape Traders and Coffey Music.



The Hank members David Sparrow, Josh Haza, Greg Palmer, & Mike Blumberg shown in the photo on the insert in their album.

"We think it's great and it was loads of fun to work on," Palmer said. "We recorded it over a week and a half. We used almost all first-takes. We all turned out to be naturals in a studio."

Their success in the studio may have stemmed from the obvious chemistry the band shares.

Despite having formed The Hank less than a year ago, most

of the members have known each other for years.

Palmer had known guitarist Mike Blumberg and bassist Josh Haza since a freshman Jazz Combo group.

However, it wasn't until they discovered David Sparrow that The Hank was formed.

"Dave was Mike's neighbor," Palmer explained. "We heard

him sing and we knew he was our man. We tried other band but always needed a good singer. Dave was that guy."

With vocalist Sparrow at the mike, The Hank took shape and the quartet quickly began writing songs for their first CD.

As excited as the band is about their debut CD, they still put an obvious priority on live shows.

"[Playing] live is the most important thing to a starting band," Palmer insists. "More shows mean more CD sales, which means more fans, which means more shows. More shows mean more everything."

Much of the band's modest success can be attributed to their live performances.

The enthusiasm they have for their music is readily apparent, and it's equally obvious that they truly enjoy playing together.

Palmer is very optimistic about the band's future, perhaps rightfully so.

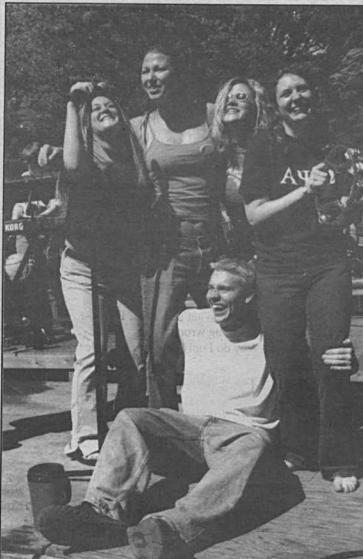
"We're going to take it as far as we can," he states. "I see big things in our future. Everything has been going really really well."

The Hank will be performing at the 8x10 May 17, The Vault June 7, and Main Street Music in Westminster June 15.

Students and others share in the fun of Spring Fling



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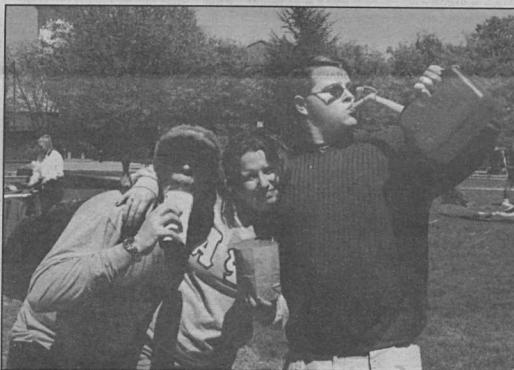
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STACEY GEORGE

(Above) Sophomore Chris Hickle plays basketball while tied to another student on the other side in the One-On-One basketball game, (Below) "Lemonade Anyone?" ask students Shaune Greenwood (L), senior Lori Schenck (C) who enjoys a bag of popcorn, and sophomore Dave Trader who found the ultimate beverage container in his garage, (Center-clockwise from top left- Nancy Grossman, Lauren Harrison, Kristen Lagana, Martha Tudor, and Jeremy Trammelle sing and dance to help the band.

(Above) Spring Fling attracts students and non-students alike, such as Dave who was here with several other non-students that stopped by to check out the festivities in the quad for the day. He is seen here strapped in preparing to spin upside down in the Gyro, just one of the many things to do. Others included wax hands, tie dying, pinata breaking, and water balloons. (Below) Ever wonder what it's like to be a bowling ball? It makes you dizzy. Sophomore Dave Trader finds this out the hard way.



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Students give great performances in Impossible Marriage



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Ellisa Morrison Benjamin played Floral Whitman and Mark Resch was Edvard Lant.



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Julia K. Keough portrayed the character Pandora Kingsley in the two-weekend show.

Ask Kitty: Good Advice and New Outlooks Given Here

CATHY PENDOR

Staff Writer

There is no quick answer to any problem, but sometimes a question, problem, or situation might come up where you just have no idea what to do.

Write a letter, send it to Kitty box 979, and maybe she can help you out. Maybe not professional counseling, but certainly a new way to look at your problems, and completely anonymous!

Dear Kitty,

My boyfriend of four years and I have been having some problems. I've been really stressed with my schoolwork and my finals.

All he does now is whine about how he misses me, his job, and how he hates living on his own. I want him to grow up and stop whining to me.

I've been fighting with him constantly and even when I tell him that his whining annoys me, he won't stop.

How can I make him see that he needs to grow up and stop whining to me about everything?
-Annoyed and Lost

Dear Annoyed,

It's good that you have been clear and told him how you feel, but that's pretty much all you can do.

You can't make him see anything he doesn't want to see or force him to stop whining. If you could, you probably would have done that already.

You can only be honest, maybe tell him that yes you want to be there for him, but just don't have time to hear the long version until school is over, (only two more weeks!).

Hopefully, he will understand, but even if he does not, you should not have to sacrifice your schoolwork and final preparation time. When you do have some time again, maybe have a talk and find out what is really bothering him.

Students share what they believe

Editor's Note: From afternoon naps to summer block parties, from 32-ounce steaks to the gift of vulnerability, WMC students share what thrills them in this column titled "I Believe."

What thrills you? Drop off your statements (100 words or less) at the information desk in Decker. Write across the top: The Phoenix: "I Believe."

I believe in doing what you want as long as it isn't hurting anybody. I believe in other worlds and realities. I believe in running through the snow barefoot and playing drums to burn off adrenaline.

I believe in lobster dinners, 32-ounce steaks, midnight street hockey games and summer block parties. I believe in taking afternoon naps by the "Pissing Rock."

I believe in Jesus, Buddha, and being the world's greatest

Your letter seems to imply that his "whining" is a recent development. Perhaps finding the root of the matter will help in finding a lasting solution.

Dear Kitty,

My roommate just recently broke up with his girlfriend and he's way down on himself.

He's mentioned suicide a couple of times and he talks about how there will never be another love in his life.

I also think he might resent me for having a girlfriend and being totally in love with her.

I don't know what to do. I feel bad for him but he's bringing me down. When the group of us go out anymore, he's always sighing and staring off into space.

What can I do to help him without overstepping my bounds and without getting involved in something I don't really care to get involved in?

-Just a guy with a girl

Dear guy,

It sounds like your roommate is going through a time of depression. You may not want to get too involved, but helping him is important and necessary, especially if he is mentioning suicide.

Talk about suicide is often a call for help, something that shouldn't be taken lightly.

Being there for him, especially during this period of loss, is certainly important, but I would suggest that he go talk to someone, like a professional counselor.

Counseling is available free to students on the second floor of Smith House at ext. 243.

You should encourage him and let him know that talking to an experienced counselor may help him sort out what he is feeling and probably help him feel better.

And although it may "bring you down," try to be empathetic. Think about how you would feel if you and the girl you are totally in

love with broke up.

He probably really needs his friends right now, be there for him.

Dear Kitty,

I've been dating this guy for 3 months. I'm 21 and he's 18 (a senior in high school). The other day he asked me if I could see myself marrying him.

I told him I wasn't sure, I didn't know him well enough. He said I don't need to know someone to marry them. I just need to love them.

I told him that made no sense to me, that I did love him, and that I just need more time. So he broke up with me and vowed to never get married. What's his deal? Did I do something wrong?

-Why do I only date crazy people

Dear Why do I only date crazy people,

I do not think you have done anything wrong, and I do not think that you think that you have done anything wrong.

You were being honest with him and it looks like he just did not like your answer. What can you do?

I don't know what his deal is, maybe he was scared, maybe he didn't understand, maybe he's hurt and doesn't know how to deal with it, or maybe he's just immature.

You can certainly ask him, but do not let him cause you to think you did something amiss.

You were telling him how you really feel, and it sounds like you were really nice about it.

You can certainly try to work things out with him, but if he insists on continually having a personal problem with your truthfulness and need for time, then maybe he should continue having that problem alone.

Kitty,

I'm really upset and I don't know what else to do. I feel like I might be unjustified in my upsetness, but several people have

believe that betrayal is the greatest sin. I believe in a punk rock attitude in a world that champions mediocrity and conformity.

And I believe that someday, somewhere in this silly world I'm going to meet some girl just insane enough to fall in love with a loser like me.

Kris Sevillena

I believe in the love of my family and friends and in giving to people because I have so much. I believe in warm weather and the life that was gone all winter. I believe in walking, talking and dreaming about how a perfect life should be.

I definitely believe that God is my guiding force in life. I believe in my grandparents, a clean room, and a good roommate.

Catherine Anderson

told me that I'm not.

Okay, here's the situation: I was sort of hooking up with this guy and we were always together and all. I knew he had a girlfriend, so I tried to get him to leave her for me. Well, to make it short, he wouldn't leave her for me but wanted to have me anyway.

I finally got over him and he breaks up with his girl and now I find out he's got a date with my friend.

Are you still with me? Anyway, my friend was always telling me how I was too good for this guy and all that crap and now she's got a date with him!

How am I supposed to take that? I'm quite offended by it, but I don't know what to do. I don't even know exactly how to explain what all I'm feeling..

Should I talk to my friend about it or just let her take her chances with him?

-A little flustered

Dear Flustered,

A wise answer may be "girl, you are tripping" but since I don't want to explain that, I'll just go into the longer alternate version.

I think it is certainly advantageous to figure out how you feel.

Are you angry; at your friend, yourself, the guy; are you worried:

about your friend, yourself, the guy; are you jealous, bitter, grieving, etc...?

You could be feeling a lot of different things right now, in many different directions. Try to recognize the multiplicity of your "upsetness."

My advice would be, before making a decision on a course of action, if any, try to understand your motivation.

What are you trying to accomplish? Would it work?

It sounds like who like your friend should know already what she is getting into. She did warn you after all.

Who knows what she is thinking or feeling right now. Why don't you ask her, or let her know how you feel, after you figure it out. She might not even realize you are upset.

This whole situation is amuck. None of the three of you are cast in a positive light.

You were messing around with someone else's guy, he was cheating on his significant other, and your friend is going on a date with someone she thinks is no good.

I'm going to end by saying these are all very unhealthy relationships, and everyone needs to stop and reevaluate what they are doing with their lives.

JSU Seder corrections

SHAUNA DOMINGUEZ

Features Editor

The story entitled "Annual JSU Seder full of lessons and traditions for all" that ran this past issue, on page 12, about the Jewish Student Union Seder had incorrect and missing information.

Amanda Cline is not president of JSU, but Alison Kleiner and Carole Ricklis are co-presidents. Also, Kleiner's father, Gilbert Kleiner, is not a Rabbi.

The story said there were 22 tables of guests, but in fact there were 23. Additionally, the staff from Sodexo Marriott served the meal, but did not make the food. Instead, the food was prepared by the families of the students involved with JSU.

Kleiner wishes to acknowledge some of the guests at the dinner: Provost Case, Dean Horneff, Dean Sayre, Bobbi Ward, Ira Zepp, Dr. Lemke, and Dr. Harlow, Dr. Becky

Carpenter, advisor to the JSU, was also in attendance. Many parents also joined the students and staff for the Seder meal.

Furthermore, in the photograph that appeared on page 10, the student on the far right of the picture on the right is Catherine Gold, not Katherine Briggs.

Finally, some credit should be given to those who deserve it. Alison Kleiner coordinated the JSU Seder dinner and credit to the students' families who prepared the food. Students involved with setup and decorations for the Forum, including the three posters mentioned in the story, include Alison Kleiner, Carole Ricklis, Jenifer Sirkis, Dave Stysley, Cara Jacobson, Melissa Blackwell, Gabe Shulman, Marcus Woods, Andrew Kern, and Lauri Gann.

The Phoenix apologizes for the mistakes made in the story.



bass player. I believe I am the world's greatest bass player.

Eric Brind' Amour

I believe in my main man Jesus Christ. I believe everything Mr. Rogers told me. I believe that we're one big family in this big crazy blue marble. I believe that if everyone followed their hearts the world would be A-OK.

I believe in raving until 8 a.m. I believe in blatantly breaking unjust laws. I believe that vulnerability is the greatest gift. I be-



Cadet Joseph Miller won four awards (the most of any student) at the annual ROTC awards ceremony including the Professor of Military Science Medal and the Assoc. of the US Army Military History Award.

BRUNOWEN

Senior reflects on experiencing four years on campus

KATE ESPOSITO
Features Editor

Well here it is, my very last article for the *Phoenix*. After spending countless hours in the cold, dark office, inhabited by who knows what, it is somewhat of a relief. However, it also sadly signals the end of my career at WMC.

Four years is a long time, but it's also a short time." I remember some random person telling me at freshman orientation.

Back then, in my day, we had 9:20 classes, the campus TV station showed movies, and there were napkin dispensers on every table at Glar.

I came here as a naive 17 year old, and I leave sagacious at 21. (See? I even know big words now.)

Do I feel old? Well, no. Every day I am told by someone that I still look like I'm 17. People see me at bars and ask, "How the heck did you get in?"

But I do feel ages older than when I got here, thinking college was like a big summer camp.

I'm just glad that I made every possible mistake my freshman and sophomore year, so that I could get them over with. I realized that going to class is not always optional,

and it sometimes takes more than one night to write a 15 page paper. It may take two nights even.

Also, if you try to take ten ice cream bars out of the dining hall, someone may chase you.

But somehow I've made it. Miraculously I have passed all of my classes. Since I have become a pretty decent student, the powers that be have of course decided that I don't need to be in college anymore. I have gotten way too good at it.

But they can't keep me from going to grad school.

So inevitably, I've danced at my last formal, gotten flung at my last spring fling, and will soon see my last sunset as a WMC student.

I'll miss those endless talks in the quad on warm nights, putting my life in my hands trying to cross the street to Walmart (before getting a car), and smuggling assorted food and non-food items out of Glar. (Good ones to try: entire pizzas or cakes, chairs, tables, the salad bar)

So what have I learned from all of the time I've spent at WMC? First of all, if you are between the ages of 10 and 35, you should not live in Westminster. Beauty is

only skin deep after all.

I am reminded of another popular saying, "It's a nice place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there."

I remember my letter from my first roommate, a Westminster native, telling me that I can cow-tip if I want, but that's pretty much all there is to do here.

I've also learned that Lawrence Grossberg has some interesting theories about communication, if only I knew what they meant.

I know how the Egyptians built the pyramids and that Michelangelo thought Moses had horns. I can write Chinese characters on rice paper and canoe in a swimming pool.

Will any of this help me in the real world? Probably not. But you never know when obscure knowledge may come in handy.

Maybe one day I'll get on that *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* show and show Regis a thing or two.

Besides, I am now officially a "liberally educated" person, which has always been my goal in life.

Speaking of life, that's what college is for in my opinion. It makes you see the world in an entirely new perspective. I don't need Loren Pope to tell me that four years here

has changed my life.

But what have I learned about life? Hmm... let's see. I've learned that your friends are your greatest asset and will stay with you far longer than any facts you memorized for a history class.

I've learned that first impressions aren't always right, but you should trust your instincts. I've learned that there is a cure for a broken heart. It's called time.

I've learned that no matter what your efforts, you will not please everyone, but that shouldn't stop you from trying.

I've also learned that there is such a thing as overstaying your welcome, and as much as I hate to say it, I am ready to move on.

To everyone who has touched my life over these past four years, I would like to say thank you. Each of you has taught me something that I will be able to hold on to for the rest of my life, making me a better person in the process.

I will not leave this place the same person that I was when I entered here back in 1997. To quote the words of a timeless classic, the theme song from the WB show, *Felicity*, "I have become a new version of me." Alright, this article is becoming way too sappy. Yea 2001!



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Interest in Soccer and lack of Intermural support sparks Quad Cup Soccer League

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Staff Writer

Without an intramural soccer league, WMC students who have a desire to play organized soccer, yet don't have the skills and/or time to play for the varsity team, didn't have any options until recently. That is until the Quad Cup league was created.

Quad Cup is a league that allows all kinds of students to play organized soccer, while keeping a low key pick-up game feel.

Sophomore Ben Neely founded the league. He said, "My friends and I used to play soccer in the quad.

It started to become more organized last fall when I started to take down phone numbers and call people."

The idea caught on, and more and more people became interested in the idea of playing relaxed format soccer. So Neely decided to put together a tournament this February. When he started asking around, he was hoping to get five teams of five. He got six teams of

six.

The league is all about fun, but there are some rules. Remember, there are no paid officials, so either Neely himself or another unbiased person has to keep track and call all of these rules. The primary rule is that the ball has to cross the goal on the ground and not in the air.

Also, some rough play is allowed, just not too much. Neely said, "It gets rough sometimes. Which is cool." Teams play with four players on the field, and the other two players are subs.

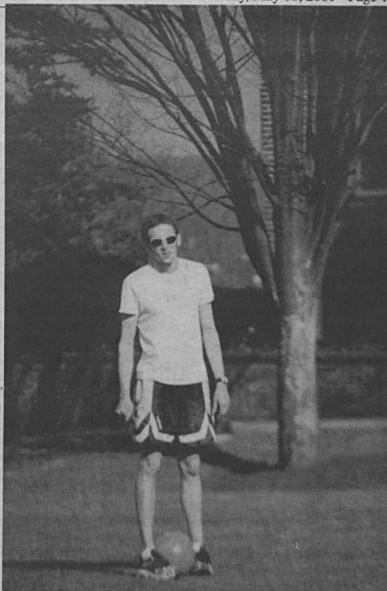
The regular season began in late March, and had each team playing 4 games. When the regular season finished the playoff tournament began in the last few weeks of April.

The team called Sexy B*tches FC defeated both Team 4 and Spida United to advance to the finals. Mrs. Wolfe is Hot also advanced to the finals. They had to defeat The Elton John Fan Club and It's the Water to make it to the cham-

ampionship game. Mrs. Wolfe is Hot's Andy Messmore said that the game against It's the Water was "like Caps hockey: Always intense." The final will be held on Thursday May 10th at 4:45 in, you guessed it, in the Quad.

There are plans to keep playing Quad Cup next year. Neely has decided to step down and let others take over the organization. Who will be in charge next year is undecided, but there are some ideas being kicked around for changes in the league. One idea is the concept of selecting a few general managers and letting them draft their own teams from a pool of players who want to participate. Nothing has been decided on for next year, except the fact that they want to play.

To help keep things organized and to help advertised, Neely set up a web-site for the league. It's a very in-depth page with photos, stats, and other news. It can be found at www.geocities.com/quadcup.



Brad Winder
Founder of Quad Cup Soccer, Ben Neely prepares for a game.

The Sideline View

Who is going to be the NL Comeback Player of the Year?

This is going to be one of the toughest awards to make a decision on when October rolls around. The decision is going to be between youth, experience, and flare.

The youngest guy up for this award is Chicago Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood. Wood has comeback from surgery on his pitching arm to make a big splash in one of the league's best pitching rotations. Wood has a 3.97 ERA and 53 strikeouts in only 6 games pitched. During his rookie season, Wood tied for the Major League record for 20 strikeouts in one game. It looks like he may be back to his original form.

When it comes to experience in the game, you can't find too many guys with more experience than Tim Raines. Raines has come back from lupus to play in the majors full-time for the first time since 1995. As a fan favorite on a young team, Raines serves as a role model for all of the younger guys on the roster.

His work ethic and approach to the game is one to be mimicked and admired. Raines was rumored to be the starting left fielder for the Expos in the beginning of the season, but he is currently on the 15-day disabled list with a strained shoulder.

As long as he comes back from this injury shortly, "Rock" should be in contention for this award based on his leadership performance alone.

Then finally you have the loud-est return to baseball in Deion Sanders. Deion came back to base-

ball in the first week of May, and he certainly didn't go unnoticed. Deion went 3 for 3 with a homerun and a couple of runs scored. Leave it to Deion for a huge entrance, but the decision here will depend on two things.

Whether or not he can keep playing up to this level that he jumped into in his first week, and ultimately it will depend on where his loyalties lie. If he wants to win the respect of the voters, he must



Jeff Grever

stay loyal to his baseball teammates when football season rolls around, especially if the Reds are involved in a playoff race.

Speaking of Comebacks, Who Shouldn't?

Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley. That's right, two of the greatest NBA players of all-time are starting to make "the comeback" seem like a routine. Well, this routine is getting a little redundant and very annoying.

Charles should give up because he is never going to win a ring, and he is ever does is look desperate and pathetic every time he tries to win a championship with a new team. He couldn't win in Philadelphia, Phoenix, or Houston, so what makes him think he is going to win it now in Washington?

Michael needs to take his title of "The Greatest Basketball Player of all-time" and be satisfied with it. He needs to give somebody else a chance to have the spotlight in the NBA. Just because he looks like a fool in the Wizards front office, does not mean he has to come back to prove he can still play basketball and win a championship. We already know what you can do on the court Michael. If you want to prove something else, show us what your recruiting skills are like and put together a winning team from the front office.

A championship team in Washington without a return by Michael Jordan, now that would be impressive.

Now what about Cal Ripken? All of you critics of Mr. Ripken need to sit down, take a deep breath, and get a clue. Sure Ripken isn't "as good as he used to be," but sure he is "washed up," but that isn't the point. You need to understand that the reason he is continuing to play baseball is for rebuilding purposes.

You need to have a role model for the young guys. Someone who can show them how much hard work and dedication it takes to be successful at the major league level. Someone who can show them "the ropes." And who better than a future Hall-of-Famer to teach your young players how to blossom into superstars.

So, yes Cal has been "washed up" for several years now, but he is certainly not a waste of time. Just ask the young guys that are playing all around him in the Orioles lineup.

Phoenix profile: Samantha Abrams leads by example

JEFF GREVER
Staff Writer

Even though the Western Maryland Softball team did not win the Conference title this season, there is one story this spring that cannot be overlooked.

Freshman superstar Samantha Abrams, a product of North East High School in Cecil County, has blown everybody away with her performance this season.

As a freshman, Abrams led the team in 17 categories, including games played, batting average, at bats, runs, hits, homers, walks, stolen bases, and stolen base percentage. But hitting .405 in 116 at bats and scoring 32 runs was just part of her overall production.

Abrams also happens to be the team's number one pitcher. She had a record of 18-5 with an ERA of 1.04 and 130 strikeouts. She hurled 23 complete games (every game she started), 10 of which were shutouts. Coach George Dix claims, "Sam is the best all-around player I have seen in the 13 years that I have been here." She is a quiet leader on the field, who leads by example, and is expected to lead this team for the next three years." She also led the Centennial Conference in many categories, and she was selected to the All-Centennial Conference First-Team for this season.

Abrams' versatility is what makes her so outstanding. In double headers, she would start the

first game at pitcher, and then start the second game at third base. She even made one appearance in left field for the Green Terror.

She also excels as a defensive player having made only one error in 34 games and boasting a .989 fielding percentage.

Abrams is up for the Centennial Conference Player of the Year, but she will have it tough because, "Nobody wants to give this award to a freshman."

The voting for the award took place this past Monday, and Abrams was the "best choice for the award," according to Dix.

Abrams, who could have easily gone to a Division-I level program, decided to come to Western Maryland to play for Coach Dix because, "I realized that I wasn't going to play softball after college, and I wanted to play sooner than Division I may have allowed me to." Abrams enjoys playing here at WMC, and she recognizes that, "WMC has a very strong program for the Division-III level."

Dix stated that she will be one of the team captains next season, which should give her the opportunity to harness her leadership ability and put it to use as a representative of the team.

Dix said that he hopes to be able to rely on Abrams' leadership for the next three years to take them far into the playoffs.

Women's Tennis says goodbye to departing seniors

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It has been a long season for the Western Maryland College Women's tennis team as they closed their season with a 4-9 record overall. The 2001 squad didn't play to the level of the great teams in the program's past, but they still competed to the end and never gave up their strong effort.

On August 21, the team played a road match against undefeated conference foe, Swarthmore College.

Unfortunately for Green Terror fans, the opposition dominated the contest from start to finish as they shutout WMC 9-0. Senior number one player Alethea Desrosiers lost her first singles match of the season by a score of 6-0, 6-1 and the team lost all of their matches on the day. Freshman Christine Mayne got her first match experience of the season, but lost to the more experienced opposition.

The next day, the Green Terror looked to get back on the winning track as they went on the road again to face tough conference opponent Muhlenberg.

Desrosiers regained her winning stride by taking a 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 victory at the number one position, but it would be the only win on the day for WMC as they fell again 8-1. The doubles team of Becca Lyter and Desrosiers fought hard in their match, but in the end they lost 8-6.

With the senior foursome of Desrosier, Lyter, Jamie Maxcy, and Jamie Connelly all graduating this year, the team will see many changes in the years to come.

Despite losing a lot of experience from this year's team, hopefully, the Green Terror can lean on freshman Christine Mayne, Katie Kalbaugh, and Jill King to lead a very young team to future success. "It is going to be important for us to step up next year, and hopefully the incoming freshman class can help us too," says Mayne.



Terror Sprinter Jamie Falcone (above) holds Centennial Conference records in the 100 and 200 meters. This Spring, she will be attending her fourth national championship event.

A salary cap is necessary in Major League Baseball

Matt Hurff shows that the surprises in baseball this year could happen every year

The Chicago Cubs are leading the NL Central...you may asking yourself if that is a misprint or something, but in actuality, that is quite true.

The Cubs along with the Twins and Phillies have been very successful in the month of April, beating out their high-payroll opponents such as the Indians, the Braves, the Mets and St. Louis. All of these teams have been successful by using young talent and solid pitching.

They have shown that it is possible to compile a strong group of players using a farm system, the way baseball teams would build pennant winners before free agency. So you may ask, what is the point?

Well, the whole problem is that with free agency, and no salary cap the many talented players such as Doug Mientkiewicz, Julian Tavaroz, or Pat Burrell that the Twins, Cubs and Phillies have brought will be soon lured away by the Yankees, Braves or Mets. So in essence, the small market teams have about a one-year window to place a pennant winning team on the field before it will disintegrate.

Terror Track tandem Groff and Falcone

MARCUS HELTON

Staff Writer

The Western Maryland Track and Field team has had a successful outdoor season, and two of the members playing an integral part in that success are seniors: sprinter Jamie Falcone and decathlete Jeff Groff.

A product of Glen Burnie High School in Glen Burnie, MD, Falcone is no stranger to the success she has had this season. She was named the 2000 Centennial Conference Outstanding Performer, and she holds Centennial Conference records in the 100 and 200 meters.

This Spring, Falcone will be competing in what will be her fourth Division III National Championships on May 24-26th at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. According to Coach Doug Renner, "She's the best female sprinter in school history. She's rewritten all the record books, and she's going to her fourth National Championships (three outdoors and one indoors). It's been rewarding for me to see how her hard work has paid off."

While Falcone has earned her success as a sprinter, Groff has gained his by doing just about everything. A product of Hempfield High School in Mountville, Pa, Groff set a conference record with 5,914 points earlier this season, which is a testament to both his athleticism and his determination. "If you look at the top ten of the Centennial Conference, there are probably seven events he's in the top ten in," Coach Renner said. "He's pretty versatile." Groff's teammates agree. "Jeff does whatever the coaches ask him to do," said junior sprinter Christian Hamilton. "It's always good to have a guy like him on your side."

The Green Terror Track program has been tremendously impacted by both of these athletes, and they will both be missed.

grate and the large market teams will have full reign again.

I'm sure that like most baseball fans, you enjoy surprises in the game, this season has definitely provided plenty thus far. That is why I would recommend that baseball resolve the impending labor dispute and implement the salary cap, so that the smaller market teams can keep their Doug Mientkiewicz's.

To see the benefit of such an agreement, one not need look further than the NFL.

The NFL has a salary cap, and I must say that the past few football seasons have been quite interesting, as teams that have not been competitive in the past such as New Orleans, St. Louis and Philadelphia have been able to put together solid teams to defeat the old guard of Dallas, San Francisco and Pittsburgh.

I would like to see the same sort of variety in baseball. Football has proven that it is possible and most importantly entertaining.

By the end of this season, there is a chance that there will once again be a strike over the salary cap issue.

In my opinion, if you are making over 1-million dollars a year, you have no room to

complain, but clearly MLB players will still find a way to.

Nevertheless, an agreement needs to be made so that the Twins, Phillies and Cubs will be able to pay for the players they have brought up through their system.

If such an agreement is made, who knows, in a few years we might see the Cubs finally win their first World Series since 1908. Probably not, you might say...but did you expect the Twins to be in first place in 2001?

Lex from pg 20

The Friday before that York victory was a disappointing 19-15 loss to the Washington College Shoremen in the first round of the Conference Tournament.

The loss, which took place at Gettysburg because they were the host of the tournament, eliminated the Terror's chances of reaching the NCAA playoffs.

The team now looks forward to next season. With only three Seniors graduating from this year's team, there's reason to expect big things from next season's Green Terror Men's Lax. Reitenbach said. "I'm very excited about the upcoming season. We had five freshman playing significant time this year."

The wrestling corner: Top WWF Finishers

Michael Jenkinson discusses the importance on a strong "finisher" for todays pro wrestlers

Any pro wrestling star knows that to be a popular and believable in-ring performer you need a wide repertoire of moves. However, even more important than a wide variety of moves is having that one killer-finisher move that lets everyone know the match is over. A good finisher is key to being a superstar. Different wrestlers use different moves to finish their matches. Some of these moves are better than others. What makes a "finisher" better than others?

First of all, a finisher has to look exciting and realistic. Realistically a punch to the face by a muscular 280-pound man is enough to knock anyone out, but it doesn't look as spectacular compared to glamorous other moves. On the other hand, if the move involves very little contact, then it doesn't succeed as a great move because it doesn't look like it would actually hurt. Secondly, the move cannot really hurt people. If something looks great, but is sending people to the hospital, then it's no good. This is the reason the WWF stars have ceased doing piledrivers. This move has caused several injuries, and is not worth the risk. So a great move like the Undertaker's Tombstone has been replaced with the safer, but still good Last Ride.

With these factors in mind, the best finisher in the business today is Triple H's Pedigree. The moves involves Triple H putting a wrestler head between his knees, jumping in the air, and driving the head into the mat, face first.

It looks like it would hurt a lot. Especially with the monster Helmsley pulling it off. It meets the other criteria too because I have never heard an injury report involving damage suffered by a pedigree.

Diamond Dallas Page's Diamond Cutter, a similar move to Steve Austin's Stone Cold Stunner, is probably the next best. His move can seemingly "come out of nowhere" and looks really painful.

It involves Page grabbing his opponent's head behind his shoulder, leaping into the air, and pulling the head down into the ground face first. Stone Cold's variation has the opponents jaw come down hard on Stone Cold's shoulder. Both of these moves are extremely popular with fans, can come at any time, and look flat out "cool".

Chris Jericho's Walls of Jericho submission hold, Taker's Last Ride, and The Rock's Rock Bottom are other exciting, effective finishers.

Some WWF stars are using weak finishers at this point. Former IC champ Jeff Hardy's finisher, the swanton bomb, looks exciting. Unfortunately it looks like it wouldn't hurt my grandmother. Hardy jumps off the top turnbuckle, does a 3/4 flip in the air, and has his head land on his opponent's chest.

Big Deal. It has little impact when it hits, and actually makes Jeff look like he's in more pain then his opponent.

Test is an extremely talented and exciting young wrestler. I expect big things from his future. But his finisher is terrible. Right now it is a kick to the face.

He cannot move to the next level with such a bland move. At one point, he used a pumphandle slam and an elbow off the top ropes, but both were discarded for one reason or another. Both were better then a kick to the face.

Scott Steiner's Steiner Recliner, Chris Benoit's Crippler Crossface, and Rhyno's Gore are other moves that just don't look very devastating to me. Hopefully these stars will learn from the best, and develop something new.

Baseball finishes strong for a 16-14 overall record

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It has been an up and down season for the Western Maryland College Baseball team as they have played well at times, but haven't consistently put together a streak of wins. The team finished the season strong to pull above .500 with a 16-14 overall record. Even though many seniors are graduating this year, the team has a strong nucleus for a championship season in their future.

In a recent game, the Green Terror hosted conference foe Haverford for a Saturday double-header. In the first game, the opposition jumped on WMC early scoring four runs in the second and fourth inning to take an 8-1 lead. The Green Terror picked up five runs in the seventh inning, but still took a 10-6 home loss. Senior outfielder Jeremy Merrell had a great day with two triples and a RBI to lead the offensive attack. In game two, both teams were matched up in a pitcher's duel as neither team could put a run on the board until the seventh inning. In the top of the seventh, Haverford finally got to WMC starter Brent Kahuda, as they put up four runs on the board. Down to their last three outs, the Green Terror responded by scoring five runs to take a come from behind 5-4 win. Sophomore second baseman Jack Griffith had a huge two run triple to start the rally and freshman outfielder Chris Seibert capped it off with a RBI single to win it in their last at bat. The victory raised the Green Terror's record to 12-12 overall on the season.

Trying to put together a late season surge, the Green Terror played a road game against non-conference opponent, Catholic Univer-

sity. The game was tightly played throughout as both pitching staffs dominated the offenses. WMC got a strong performance from senior pitcher Dan Elbaz as he only allowed 2 runs in six inning of work and the game was tied at 2-2 at the end of regulation. In the bottom of the 10th inning, Catholic hit a long two run home run to take a 4-2. It was a bitter loss for the Green Terror who pitched well throughout and had come so close to taking the game. Seibert had three hits on the night and Jack Griffith added two to lead the Green Terror attack on the night. Sophomore pitcher Justin Raynor took the loss.

Coming off a slim loss, the team looked to pick up a victory against another non-conference opponent, Messiah. The WMC offense had a great day as they pounded out 10 hits and took a 4-3 lead going into the eighth inning. In the bottom of the eighth, Messiah broke open a close game with a three runs WMC sophomore pitcher Jeff Starcher and held on for a 6-4 win. The Green Terror played well throughout, but left a crucial eighth men on base. WMC senior first baseman Kacy Jenkins had three hits, including a double and sophomore Todd Huber had three hit as well to pace the WMC offense. The team also received a strong pitching performance from freshman David Skoczlas, who allowed only three runs over seven inning, but the team couldn't hold the lead for him.

WMC put together a strong day when they returned for conference play against Ursinus on April 28th. Using strong pitching and hot hitting, the Green Terror took a home sweep of the bears. Game one was a pitcher's duel as both teams found runs hard to come by and at the end



David Skoczlas, a freshman from Germantown, Md, fires a strike against the opposing team.

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of the ninth, the game was tied at 1-1. It would stay that way until the 13th inning when the opposition made two huge errors to allow WMC to take a slim 2-1 win. WMC senior pitcher Drew Hershner pitched well in relief and picked up the win. In the second game, the offenses broke loose as both teams had big games at the plate. The game went back and forth until the eighth when WMC picked up a crucial run to take a 9-8 lead and received a strong inning of relief from Raynor to post a 9-8 win. Griffith had three hits on the night and scored two runs at the plate to lead the Green Terror on the night. The win improved the team's conference record to 9-9.

Coming off a strong performance, the Green Terror kept it going against Lebanon Valley on April 30th. WMC swung the bats well and used strong pitching to take a 6-1 win. Huber had a big day at the plate going 2 for 3 with an RBI and Griffith had two hits as well to lead the offense attack and

Kahuda shut down the opposition only yielding six hits and a run in eight innings.

Riding a three game winning streak, the Green Terror finished off their season with a bang against Villa Julie. In a makeup game because of weather conditions, the team put an offensive hammering on the opposition, scoring a massive 17 runs on the day. Senior designated hitter Paul Oakes had four hits and 2 RBIs and senior Jenkins had a three run homer in the last game of their careers. Huber picked up two hits on the game, stole a base, and scored three runs to help the attack on the opposition. The win allowed the team to finish the season with a four game winning streak and 16-14 record overall.

It was a bumpy season for the Green Terror, but the team finished the season strong and fans should expect a lot in the future. "We finished up really strong," said Griffith. Although the team is losing many key seniors, the late season play of underclassmen like Huber, Griffith, Skoczlas, and Starcher gives the program confidence that the future of the program looks very bright. "We are going to miss the seniors, but we have a strong core of guys returning for next season," adds Griffith.

Track, continued from pg 20 school record and won first place in the Centennial/Mid-Atlantic Division. On Friday, the women's 4x200-meter relay team set a new school record with a time 1:42.78, eclipsing the previous record by more than five seconds.

On April 21 at the Widener Invitational in Chester, PA, the Terror had four provisional qualifiers. Jill Krebs broke the school record and earned a qualifier berth in the 10,000 meters with a time of 37:55.4.

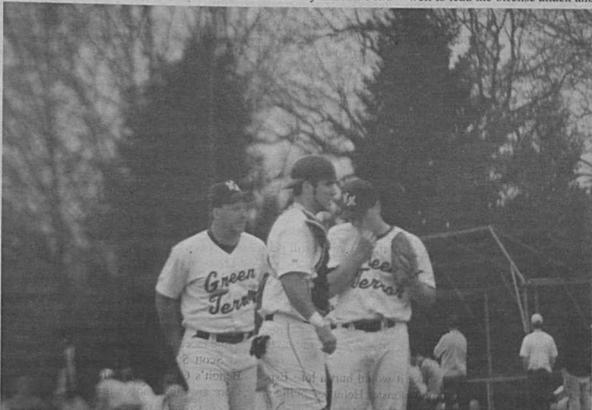
Jayne Karalow finished second in the 5000 meters with a time of 19:36.00, Jamie Falcone and Melissa Merson finished first and second in the 200 meters with respective times of 25.09, and 26.24, Falcone's time earned her provisional qualifier status.

The women's 4x100 team earned a provisional qualifier status with a time of 48.34, which was just two-hundredths of a second short of earning them an automatic bid to the Division III Championships.

On the men's side, Ifeanyi Ani set a new school and Centennial Conference record in the triple jump with his leap of 47'4 1/2", and David Hose finished third in the shot put with a throw of 46'6 3/4."

The Terror will have a few more chances to gain more qualifiers before the end of the season. There will be a Last Chance meet on May 12 (at a site yet to be announced), where athletes who have come close to qualifying will get a "last chance" to do so. Note: The progress of the track team at the Centennial Conference Championships on May 4-6 could not make this edition because of press deadlines.

Also, for clarification, provisional qualifiers are not guaranteed spots at the national championships. This term just means that they meet the requirements to race in the event. To automatically attend the championships, the runner must be an automatic qualifier.



Meeting at the mound: Western Maryland College finished out its regular season with double-header wins against Ursinus, 2-1, 9-8. While also winning games against Lebanon Valley, 6-1 and Villa Julie College, 17-6, to compile a 16-14 overall record.

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Phoenix Sports Trivia:

Which current Montreal Expos player has recovered from lupus?

Answer: Tim Lincecum

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Track heads into backstretch with confidence

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737 miles is the distance that separates Western Maryland College and Illinois's Millikin University, where the 2001 Division III Track Championships will be held. With several strong performances in the final few weeks of the season, the Western Maryland Track team is closer to sending several of its members to Illinois.

As of May 1, the Terror had five provisional qualifiers, and are hoping to add more in the season's final meets.

At the Terror Track Classic on April 28, the men and women both took second place.

On the women's side, Jamie Falcone met the provisional qualifier in the 100 (12.22) and 200 (24.99) meter dashes (with times of 12.22 and 24.99, respectively.) April Brown became a provisional qualifier in the 100-meter dash with her time of 12.41, Thea Bayly won the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 66.6, and Melissa Merson won the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.7. Additionally, the 4x100 meter relay team earned a provisional qualifier with a time of 48.74, and the 4x400 meter relay team finished first with a time of 4:13.3.

On the men's side, Ryan Melhorn (10:25.6) and Jimmy Thayer (10:36.2) finished second and third in the 3000 meter steeplechase. Ifeanyi Ani won the triple jump with a leap of 45'2 1/4" and the long jump with a leap of 21'10". The 4x400 meter relay team (Christian Hamilton, Teron Powell, Calvin Woodward, and Tyler Wright) finished second with a time of 3:27.8, and David Hose finished second in the shot put with a throw of 46'10 1/4".

The Terror Track Classic marked the end of a hectic week for the Terror, who just one day earlier had competed in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

At the Penn Relays on Thursday, the women's 4x400-meter relay team's time of 3:58.22 set a new



Freshman pitcher Samantha Abrams consults senior catcher Courtney Wunderlich. Read the profile on Samantha Abrams on page 17.

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Softball's stellar season ends on losing note in playoffs

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Two losses. After a regular season in which Western Maryland College rolled up a school-record 28 victories and a 15-1 league mark, the Green Terror softball team was bounced from the inaugural Centennial Conference Championships last Saturday with two consecutive losses.

No. 1-seeded WMC dropped extra-inning games to No. 4-seeded Gettysburg (6-5 in 10 innings) and No. 2-seeded Ursinus (4-3 in 9 innings).

In game one, Gettysburg's Sarah Stokes and Western Maryland's Samantha Abrams battled on the

mound through 9 innings of with the score tied at 2-2. The tie-break rule came into effect in the 10th inning, as each team began the frame with a runner on 2nd base. Gettysburg's Mandy Wilson roped a two-run double to right field to begin a four-run inning for the Bullets.

WMC rallied to plate three in bottom half of the 10th, but left two runners in scoring position as the final out was recorded.

This loss meant that WMC had to win its next game to stay alive in the tournament. Unfortunately, things didn't go according to plan, as the top-seeded Terror was eliminated from the tournament after a

second extra-inning heartbreaker. Ursinus' Jody Smith hit a leadoff triple in the top of the ninth and scored on Denise Cook's sacrifice fly for the game-winner. WMC tied the game at 3-3 in the bottom of the seventh on Selena Smart's sacrifice fly. Pitchers Denise Bozenski of Ursinus and Kim Camporelli of WMC both went a complete game with no walks.

These losses should not overshadow the enormous amount of success that the Terror enjoyed this year, as they finished with a 28-6 overall record. But for a team that had ultimately hoped to earn a berth into the NCAA tournament, it was a bitter pill to swallow.



Freshman Lauren Cramer takes a hack at the pitch offering of a Centennial Conference rival.

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Men's Lax finish strong in ECAC

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The WMC men's lax team rebounded from a disappointing conference finish to win two games, including the ECAC championship.

The ECAC championship game, which is usually an opportunity for teams that were on the bubble for making NCAA postseason play to have another game, was contested here at Scott S. Bair Stadium between The Terror and The Franklin and Marshall Diplomats.

The Terror won the game on the strength of the 18 saves made by Junior Goalkeeper and ECAC MVP Brian Nottingham. Of the MVP award Nottingham said, "It's the first thing I've ever won. I'm happy."

Nottingham wasn't the only person excited an proud of his performance.

Junior Attacker Tom Brown said, "He played excellent. He saved us today."

Head Coach Keith Reitenbach said, "Brian was tremendous. He's been a huge part of our success."

Also contributing to the game was Brown with four goals, Junior Attack Joe Ellis with three goals and an assist, and Senior Attacker Brett Sweeney with two goals and two assists.

The team was excited about playing one more game before the season ended when they learned about the opportunity to play in the ECAC. Sophomore attacker Joe Ellis said, "It's always great to play another game."

Head Coach Keith Reitenbach also liked the idea of an extra game. Of the extra game, Reitenbach said, "We were thrilled. We just love the game, we just love to play. It's not about winning and losing. It was an excellent opportunity to improve and practice."

The game followed a 27-7 victory against York College the previous Wednesday. The individual standout of the game was Tom Brown who tied a school record by scoring 11 goals in the game. The game against York was a makeup game from a rainout earlier in the season.

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